



School Newsletter  
December 2020

On behalf of the Bloomsburg staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. May you enjoy lots of love and laughter during the holiday season!

**10 Days Before Christmas/Winter Break**

Dec 7 - Christmas/Winter Sweater Day



Dec 8 - Crazy Sock Day

Dec 9 - Classroom Colouring Day - Each student will colour a Christmas/Winter theme page

Dec 10 - Unlearn Day (a classroom activity)

Dec 11 - Pyjama Day

Dec 14 - Christmas/Winter Toque Day



Dec 15 - Red, Green, and White Day

Dec 16 - Christmas/Winter Craft in the classroom

Dec 17 - Christmas/Winter Movie in the Classroom

Dec 18 - Christmas/Winter Festive Classroom Activities

Dec 19 to Jan 3: **Christmas Break – school is closed**



**\* Dismissal on rainy/cold days does not change for walkers/pick-ups – they are to exit at 3:05 pm through the east doors. Parents are to wait outside for them.**

Thanks for your support with this as we strive to keep our school safe!

## January is Kindergarten Registration Month!

Parents: starting Kindergarten is a big deal – for your little one, and you! There’s so many new things to learn and explore. There’s new routines to start, new friends to make, and new teachers to meet. We understand it’s a big step, and a major milestone. But, when you’re ready to let them go, we’ll be here to welcome them!

Grand Erie District School Board’s Kindergarten classrooms are inclusive, fun environments, committed to setting your child up for success. Kindergarten begins this fall for students aged four or five years old by **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

January is Kindergarten Registration month at Grand Erie. Get yourself, and your little one ready by visiting [GrandErie.ca](http://GrandErie.ca)

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## A little outside fun after our first snow fall



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## **Brightspace**



Brightspace is our virtual classroom learning environment. You might hear it by other names: D2L or the VLE. They all refer to the same online place. All classes have a classroom in Brightspace that students are able to access and use. This will ensure that if we need to support students while they are at home or if we move to a remote model, students, parents and teachers are familiar and comfortable with the online classroom. Please make sure you are able to access your child's Brightspace account and keep the login information and password in a secure spot at home. Lots of teachers are posting work/assignments on Brightspace daily! It is also a great way to stay on top of things if your child needs to be away.

<https://gedsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/home>

### **Updated COVID Student Screening Tool**

You must screen for COVID-19 every day before going to school. If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school before 9am and indicate the reasons for absence. Please use the screening tool daily: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

### **Media Release:**

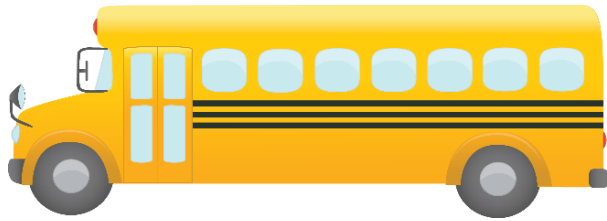
Grand Erie Finalizes Transition Deadlines for Elementary and Secondary Students Planning to Switch Modes of Learning

Families wishing to make the change from in-class to online, or vice versa, can expect communication from their child's school, with a link shared in order to provide a final declaration. The deadline for secondary students is January 6, to begin classes in the new mode of learning for the start of Quadmester 3 on February 2. The deadline for **elementary** students is **January 13**, with a February 16 start date in the new mode of learning.

Return to school:

# **MONDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

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## HELP WANTED

### Support Our School & Your Community

Attention parents & grandparents! Our school bus transportation providers are looking for drivers to safely and reliably provide home to school transportation to our students. If you've been looking for a new opportunity, or wanting to learn a new skill, then school bus driving may be what you have been looking for! Each company offers free in-class and behind the wheel training. Apply today to start making a positive difference in the lives of students in our communities. Contact information for our local bus companies include:

Bus Company	Areas of Need	Contact Phone #	Contact/ Email
First Student	Dunnville, Cayuga, Caledonia, Brantford	905-522-3232	<a href="mailto:dee-ann.hermiston@firstgroup.com">dee-ann.hermiston@firstgroup.com</a>
Sharp - Brantford	Caledonia, Hagersville	519-751-3434	<a href="https://sharpbus.com/school-bus-driver-application/">https://sharpbus.com/school-bus-driver-application/</a>
Sharp - Simcoe	Norfolk, Haldimand	519-426-0050	<a href="mailto:jschut@sharpbus.com">jschut@sharpbus.com</a> <a href="https://sharpbus.com/school-bus-driver-application/">https://sharpbus.com/school-bus-driver-application/</a>
Voyago	Caledonia, Cayuga, Hagersville, Scotland, Vanessa & Waterford	226-237-3431	<a href="https://vworx.ca">https://vworx.ca</a> <a href="mailto:soha.khalaf@voyago.ca">soha.khalaf@voyago.ca</a>





# IMPORTANT INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

**MY SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN ZONE:**



## What happens if there is inclement weather in Grand Erie (e.g., snow, ice, freezing rain, etc.)?

- \* A decision on whether schools will be closed for the day will be made by 6:30 a.m.
- \* If schools are closed, the decision will be posted on the Board's website [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca) and Twitter account (@GEDSB). It will also be shared with local media.
- \* Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk will also communicate the decision to riders, post on Twitter (@STSBHN) and share on their phone line: **519-751-7532, ext. 7.**
- \* There are two options for school closures: All Schools **OR** Schools by Zone:
  - \* Grand Erie has four zones: **Zone 1** – Norfolk County; **Zone 2** – Haldimand County; **Zone 3** – Brant County; **Zone 4** – City of Brantford
  - \* Grand Erie Students from Six Nations of the Grand River or Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are located in **Zone 2** – Haldimand

## NEW!

## What happens if there is extreme cold weather in Grand Erie?

- \* If outdoor temperatures reach -30 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill) at 5 a.m. **OR** there is a high risk of frostbite (10 minutes or less) as of 5:45 a.m., transportation will be cancelled. **All Grand Erie schools, however, will remain open.**
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  - \* **Your School is located in: Zone 1 – Norfolk County**
- \* For information on Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk, visit: [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca). For delays or cancellations, visit: [www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations.aspx](http://www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations.aspx)