

PARIS CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | EDITION 2 - DECEMBER 2023

Important Dates To Remember

Dec 7	Junior Co-Ed Volleyball
Dec 8	JK/SK to Myrtleville
Dec 20	School Holiday Concert
Dec 22	School Assembly
Dec25-Jan5	Winter Holidays
Jan 8	School Resumes
Jan 22	PA Day – no school
Jan 23	Parent Council Meeting
Jan 26	School Assembly
Feb 12	Report Card
Feb 19	Family Day Holiday
Feb 23	School Assembly
Mar 11-15	March Break
Mar 26	Parent Council Meeting
Mar 28	School Assembly
Mar 29	Good Friday

Dear Paris Central Families,

It was nice to see so many of you at our parent-teacher interviews. If you were unable to attend the interviews and you have questions or concerns about your child/children, please know that you can reach out to us anytime during the school year.

The Ministry of Health and Safety requires schools to conduct practice fire drills, practice lockdowns, and practice hold and secure drills throughout the school year, so students are aware of how to safely follow procedures in case of an emergency. Staff are always given advance notice so they can prepare their students for it. Our next practice lockdown is scheduled for January 2024, next set of three fire drills will be practiced in the months of May and June 2024, and our hold and secure practice drill is scheduled for April 2024. We encourage you to discuss the importance of these practice drills with your child/children. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to contact me.

As colder temperatures begin to set in, please be sure to send your children bundled up with their winter gear so they are dressed appropriately during outdoor recess. Please do remember to have an emergency back-up plan in place for weather-related, early school closures. Childcare arrangements at home or riding the bus back home should be made, well in advance. Our board transportation procedures for early dismissal can be found below in this newsletter. Please take a few moments to read them.

On behalf of the entire staff of Paris Central, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season! We hope to see you on December 20 for our school Holiday Concert.

Kind Regards,
Latha Reuben

Kindergarten Registration is Open



If your child will be turning 4 in 2024, Grand Erie is ready to welcome them to Kindergarten in September!

For everything you need to complete the registration process, contact the school or visit: granderie.ca/kindergarten



Holiday Concert

Paris Central School will be hosting our annual Holiday Concert on December 20 in the school gym.

Every student will be contributing to the concert in one way or another.

There will be two shows on **Wednesday, December 20**: one **at 12pm**, and the other **at 6pm**. The two show times are to accommodate work schedules of families and to abide by our building fire code requirements. Tickets will be limited to 2 per family and any family wanting more than 2 tickets will be considered after all families have received their first 2 tickets. Please bring your ticket to be permitted to the show.





Student Council News
10 Days of Winter Fun at Paris Central
December 11-22

Student council has organized fun school spirit activities for the 10 Days of Winter Fun for December!



Week 1

Monday, December 11 - Hat Day
Tuesday, December 12 - Jersey Day
Wednesday, December 13 - Wreath Making
Thursday, December 14 - Silly Sweater Day
Friday, December 15 - Red and Green Day and School Kahoot Day

Week 2

Monday, December 18 - Scavenger Hunt
Tuesday, December 19 - Blue and White Day
Wednesday, December 20 - Snow Flake Day
Thursday, December 21 - Fancy Day / Winter Ball (Dance for grade 5-8)
Snacks will be sold at the dance
Friday, December 22 - Comfy Day and/or Winter Movie Day

Let's have some fun and show our school spirit together 😊

Mrs. Steckle and Miss Renton
Student Council Advisors

Holiday Food Drive

Our school Holiday Food Drive runs from December 4 until December 15. Please help us support our community by bringing a non-perishable food item and/or new winter mittens and hats.

Paris Central School is a small school with a BIG HEART!



Pizza Days at Paris Central

Pizza Days started on December 1. Students will be able to enjoy pizza every Friday at second recess. You can order slices for your child/children on cash online.

Bus Ridership Policy

Grand Erie has a strict ridership policy which speaks to students only boarding their regular buses and only getting off at their scheduled stop. 17,500 students are transported on approximately 400 school buses locally which makes for a lot of moving parts. These rules are in place to maintain safety and minimize the chance of any student being misplaced.

When the scheduled services offered by the Board does not meet the needs of a family, we do require families to put in place alternative services, such as picking up your child/children at the school at the end of the school day.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND BUS AND SCHOOL IMPACTS

As temperatures dip, Grand Erie is reminding families about school and bus cancellation processes for when hazardous winter weather hits.



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What you need to know:

- The decision to cancel school or student transportation services for the day is made by 6:30 a.m.
- There are two cancellation options:
 1. Closure of all Grand Erie schools
 2. Closure by zone. If the cancellation is for a specific zone, the notifications will identify which zone(s).

- If there is a cancellation, it will be posted on the board's website, and Twitter account (@GEDSB). Grand Erie will also share the information with local media.
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk will communicate closures on Twitter (@STSBHN) and share information via its phone line (519-751-7532).

What zone am I in? We are Zone 3

For transportation purposes, Grand Erie is organized into four zones: Norfolk County (Zone 1), Haldimand County (Zone 2), Brant County (Zone 3) and City of Brantford (Zone 4). Grand Erie students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are included in Zone 2. Each student should be coming home from school with a postcard that identifies the zone your school is in. You can also see a chart on our website. Grand Erie's Inclement Weather Policy also allows for the option to cancel transportation services when there is extreme cold weather. In this case, student transportation services would be cancelled, but all Grand Erie schools would remain open to students and staff. Extreme cold weather is defined as -30 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill) at 5 a.m. or a high risk of frostbite (10 minutes or less) as of 5:45 a.m. If schools are closed on inclement weather days, students will have the option of accessing asynchronous learning activities online through Brightspace, posted by their teacher. Thanks, and stay safe this winter!

Bus Drivers Wanted

Are you or anyone you know interested in part-time employment supporting education, schools and students?

The organization that manages student transportation in Grand Erie connects friendly, positive individuals who enjoy children and might be interested in becoming a bus driver (free training provided) with the bus companies that serve students in our district. It's an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in your community through a flexible but regular part-time role. [Click here](#) for more information and to indicate your interest.

Student Information Package



All families received a Student Information package for each child who attends Paris Central School. If you have not completed it, please complete the required forms, and return it to the school as soon as possible. It is extremely important that we have your current information on our school file system. Thank you to all the families who have done so already.

Parent Council News

Come and join our Parent Council Committee. All parents/guardians are invited to attend our in-person Parent Council Meetings. If you prefer to join us virtually, please let us know.

*Our next meeting date:
Tuesday, January 23
at 6:30 p.m.*

Hope to see you then!