

LMST Newsletter Summary

December 2016



Winter Clothing Season has Arrived

The flurries and the layer of snow that fell last weekend certainly took us out of our reverie and reminded us of what's to come in the next few months. The cold has certainly been upon us already and we have noticed that some students are not dressing warm enough for the weather. A gentle reminder at home would help us here to make sure they can enjoy their time outside at recess and lunch.

On that same note, the playground is very slippery with black ice and frost in the morning. The caretaker has been applying gravel and salt when he arrives, but it is difficult to hit every area. Please be very careful on the playground in the early mornings.

Intersection at Walnut and Watt

I have been working with a small group of parents in trying to make the intersection at Walnut St. and Watt St. much safer for our students. It is an involved process with the city and the police department, as well as our councillor Waye Mason. Headway is being made but it is unknown what the end result will be; crosswalk, 4 way stop or crossing guard. I have also been in touch with the gentleman who installs the crossing flags that you see around the city. I was turned down for flags at that crosswalk due to criteria for flag placement.

In the meantime, please ensure you are not crossing Watt Street at that intersection with your children. Please walk down the sidewalk to cross with the crossing guard, Steve. We need to model safe behaviour. I have asked the students to only cross at the crosswalk and not use the doors close to the intersection at Walnut and Watt so they won't be tempted to cross Watt St. We have had 3 near misses in the last few weeks and the mandate is to keep the students safe. We need your assistance and gratefully thank you for helping us.

The Holiday Concert is that was scheduled for December 14th at 7:00pm at Gorsebrook Junior High has been cancelled.

Nutcracker Field Trip is cancelled. That did not involve all classes.

Parent/Teacher Interviews take place in the afternoon from 1 to 4 and evening from 6 to 8 pm, tomorrow December 1st. There is Professional Development on assessment for staff in the morning, therefore no school for students.

Lunch Supervision will continue with the help of volunteers being organized by our Home and School association. Please see separate e-mail or the website for further details and/or to volunteer.

All **Band and Strings Classes** will continue as usual.

Breakfast with Santa will be on December 3rd at 6145 Chebucto Rd. St. Antonio's Hall. It will start at 9:00am. Information was sent home and can also be found on website.

The **Nourish Your Roots** boxes of food will be delivered on December 7th in the morning. Parents will be available to hand our orders outside the parking lot door in the playground that day.

Wreaths that were ordered will be delivered outside in playground on December 4th. Please arrange to pick up your wreath on the 4th. There is no room in the school to keep wreaths that weren't picked up. Space is extremely limited. Thank you.

LMST Clothing Orders are due Friday, December 2nd. To download an order form or for more detailed information, please visit our website.

In short:

Dec. 1 – PD in am/Parent/Teacher in pm

Dec. 2 – LMST clothing orders due

Dec. 3 – Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 7 – Nourish Your Roots pick up in playground next to parking lot door

Dec. 21 – Last day of classes before Holidays

Please note: *If you are looking for more information on Breakfast with Santa, Nourish Your Roots, Wreaths, or LMST Clothing Sale please see the school website. The Website has the most up-to-date information and it's usually posted there before it comes home via email. We recommend that you check it regularly for your information.*