

The Eagle News

Irwin Memorial Public School

JANUARY 2020



Principal: Ian Patterson
Office Administration: Kim Reuvekamp

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Trustee: Bruce Reain
Superintendent: Dave Golden

Important Dates

Gr. 7/8 Hidden Valley Skiing
Jan 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Jan 14th—Power School opens for September Gr. 9 registration.
Gr. 8 **Pathways Night** at HHS—7pm

Jan 14—Parent Council Mtg
3:15pm

Jan 22nd—Gr. 8 graduation photo day

Jan 24th—Gr. 9 course selections are due

Jan 24th & 30th—Gr. 1/2 skating
1:20—3:00

Jan 31st—PA Day—**No school**

Weather:

It's cold and wet outside! Please make sure your child has warm clothing, including hats, mitts, snow-pants as well as extra socks and mitts in their backpacks. If your child needs new boots or a new coat and the expense may cause financial hardship, please contact the office for details.



Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, **please call our safe arrival line before 8:30 am.** If a student arrives after 8:35 am, they are considered late and **must be signed in by a parent/guardian** and receive a late slip.

705-635-1661

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Happy New Year!

All the best to families for 2020! I would like to begin with a big thank-you to the Student Leadership Teams for all you do at Irwin. The holiday events and the concert would not have been the same without you! The gift baskets raised over \$1,000.00 for the school, well worth your efforts Ms. Kruithof. Parent Council also held the best bake sale ever before the holidays, community support for Irwin is unbelievable.

Despite the falling temperatures and snow, our yard remains a happening place. Recess sees many students cross country skiing, sliding, playing hockey and fort building. We will soon be strapping on the skates to take advantage of our local rink.

Ongoing labour negotiations will impact events that take place away from Irwin, even if it is during the school day. During this time of uncertainty, staff are doing their best to make sure Irwin remains the best school in the board. Please monitor the TLDSB

website for labour updates, there may be school closures due to rotating strikes.

Please reach out with any questions, we welcome your feedback.

Thank you again to all!

Ian

KINDERGARTENS WANTED!

Kindergarten Registration for 2020/2021

It's hard to believe that it's already time to register your little ones for kindergarten!

To register online <https://ereg.tlidsb.ca>

Paper registrations are also available in the office from 8:30am to 3:45pm Monday thru Friday.

We look forward to meeting our newest students!



Bus Safety ...

Parents/Guardians who pick up their children from school are kindly asked to **wait in the foyer or just outside the front door of the school.**

This ensures a safe and orderly dismissal routine for all students.

Early Pick Up ...

If you should need to pick up your child early, please call the office and let us know first. Report to the office and sign your child out. The office staff will then contact the class and have your child meet you at the office. **However, we do wish for students to stay**

at school to the end of the day, if possible. Early dismissals can affect the classroom learning time.



We send out information to families and the community in a variety of ways:



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Pizza Orders Now Online!

Every Tuesday is Pizza Day at Irwin. You can now order pizza weekly or monthly by using our school cash online program. It's fast, easy and you will never forget to send money for pizza day! You may have heard that we have switched our pizza vendor to Pizza Hut. So far it's been a huge hit! Each slice of pizza is \$2.50. No more forms! Cut off date for online purchase is Sunday before Pizza Day and for cash purchases, Monday before Pizza Day. We cannot guarantee your child will receive pizza on Pizza Day if it is not preordered.

Milk Orders

Starting November 1st, Irwin will be selling white and chocolate milk daily in the lobby for \$1. Kinderland will still have their milk orders delivered to their classrooms.



SKC Lounge

Thank you to everyone who donated milk bags. We met our quota and are grateful to help out local volunteers with this project.

The SKC Program will be inviting the Muskoka Health Unit this month to discuss mental health, focusing on stress relieving exercises as well as coping mechanisms. We are hoping to start some yoga sessions with an instructor.

The students are enjoying handing out daily compliments from our "Compliment Box" to staff and students. What a joy!

N. Caracciolo
Program Leader

Gr. 8 Pathways Evening

HHS is holding a Pathways night on January 14th at 7pm. This event gives grade 8 students and their parents/guardians an opportunity to explore the high school, talk to teachers and listen to course options. Course selection for September will be open online.

Course selection is due Jan 24th.



Need Assistance?

FREE non-perishable food to anyone in need. Most Sundays, 1pm—4pm from December to April. Dwight Community Centre, 1014 Dwight Beach Road. Food is confidentially distributed on site.

HOW TO HELP

Donate non-perishable food items and toiletries at: **Dwight Market & Pharmacy, Dwight L.C.B.O., Dwight Library, Erika's Bakery and Irwin Memorial PS.**

Monetary donations are welcome! Contact: dwightwinterpantry@gmail.com or call 705-635-9310

Society of St. Paul De Vincent has implemented an assistance program to students and families attending schools in the area. If you or someone in your family needs financial assistance, you can make a confidential call to **705-789-0008** for more information.



School Council

Thank you to all bakers who shared their delicious treats with us to sell. We were overwhelmed by both the amount that was baked and the incredible quality of treats. Thank you to the Beacon for donating coffee and the fixings again this year. To all families who purchased these goodies, a big thanks to you as well. We raised \$375.00! Thank you to this amazing community for your constant support and generosity.

Our next school council meeting is on Tuesday, January 14th, 3:15 in the library. There are students to watch younger children, if needed. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. We post our minutes and treasurer's report online. You are also invited to make suggestions and ideas, even if you aren't able to make the meeting. Email them to Emma shelbear@gmail.com or Sarah wwsarah@hotmail.com

We will be hosting our 3rd annual Family Outdoor Fun Night this year (weather dependent). Stay tuned for the date. We could use volunteers to help out, please let us know if you are able.

School Council is excited to share that we have purchased for the students some snow shovels, cross country ski poles, and an Omnikin ball for fun and gym class.

Dwight Public Library

The Dwight Public Library will be having a "Winter Family Story Walk" on Saturday, January 25th @ 10:30am. The activity will include a short outdoor story walk, followed by skating and hot chocolate. All ages are welcome! Be sure to bring your skates and helmets.

After School Club will be on Thursday, January 30th from 3:15 to 4:15pm. This month we'll be making a yarn bird to perch on your windowsill. This activity is free of charge. The program is for children from grades 1 through 6 and children will be escorted by an adult from Irwin to the Library.

For information and to register for both of these programs, please contact the Library at 705-635-3319 or email, dwight@lakeofbayslibrary.ca



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