

King George VI Public School (Sarnia) Lambton Kent District School Board

December Newsletter

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Dear Students & Parents,

It is hard to believe we are less than a month away from Santa's visit. We are looking for the jolly old fellow to soon be on his way from the North Pole. People are beginning to get into the Holiday Spirit with house light decorations. Holiday shoppers are beginning to fill the stores. December marks a time of the year when we are blessed with many cultural celebrations and we are given the opportunity to understand one another better through the observances of our varied traditions. We look forward to reflecting on our successes and blessings from the year. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Parent /Teacher Interviews

The home and school connection is very important for the educational success of each and every student. We would like to say "thank-you" to all parents for checking their child's planners diligently on a nightly/daily basis and support home-work being completed. The curriculum is meant to both challenge and inspire children to be the best they can be.

Gr. One to Grade Eight will go home Friday, December 4th. Interviews are slated for Monday, December 7 from 3:45 to 7:00 and Tuesday, December 8 from 3:45 to 7:00. JK/SK students will have their own interview schedule set up by their teacher.



**Use your Student
Planner daily. It
is a life skill!**

Weather Reminder

Our bus zone is ZONE 2. In the event of inclement weather or black ice and busses are canceled please listen carefully to your local radio station for information. When busses are cancelled in the morning due to snowy and icy weather they are also cancelled for the afternoon at end of day. **Even with bus cancellation under most circumstances schools will remain open** unless a morning radio announcement is made indicating school closures. Information will be available by 7:00 a.m.

Fog Delay: Please be aware that **if fog conditions exist in the morning buses will be cancelled immediately.** There will be no bus delays. **Even when the morning buses are cancelled,** students will be bussed home in the afternoon. Please listen to the radio in the event of **FOG** or log on to: www.schoolbusinfo.com. The following stations will carry this news: AM CHOK (1070); The Fox (99.9); KISS (106.3).



SNOW DAYS

Students and Parents are reminded that when there are bus cancellations due to inclement weather conditions the school will often remain open for the day. The expectation is to continue with our regular academic program. Although new material is often not presented, review and extension of academic programs will take place. The expectation is for children who are able to SAFELY attend school to do so. After taking into consideration the weather as well as road and sidewalk conditions, Parents are responsible for making the decision whether to send their children to school. If your child is not going to attend on a "Snow Day" please call and leave a message.



SPORTS NEWS

Volleyball

Our girls and boys volleyball teams have begun their season. The boys' team members are: Trenton Lowe, Matt Rankin, Dawson Shackelton, Ethan Shackelton, Ty Espinola, Chris Simeonakis, Tim Mac Naughton, Easton Klaudi, Connor Black. The girls' team members are: Cassidy Crowe, Jenna Favret, Kyraith DeShane, Kayla Smith, Shelby Gibson, Caitie Brown, Katrina Barnard, Maddie Stewart, Alexa Leonard, Emily Sparham, Mackenzie Davis, Keely Roszell and Brooke Causley. Thank you to Mr. Miller for volunteering to coach the girls team and to Mr. Smith for volunteering to coach the boys team.



Christmas Assembly

On Monday, December 14th the Primary Division will have a Christmas Assembly for students at 9:30 in the morning and on Thursday, December 17th at 9:30 in the morning for the parents. Thank you to Mrs. Davison for organizing this event and to the Primary Division that participated.

On Tuesday, December 15th the Primary Division will be travelling to the Imperial Theatre to watch a Christmas performance. Thank you to Mrs. Davison for organizing this excursion.



We will be celebrating with our Christmas sing-a-longs for the students on Wednesday and Friday of this week.

Absences

If a student is going to be absent, **please notify the school at 344-2942. You may also choose to leave a message on our voice mail.** It is essential for safety reasons, that we are aware of when and why your child is absent from school. Communication between the home and school is very important for this reason alone. Our school secretary will be ready for your calls, beginning at 8:00 a.m. You may also leave a message on our answering machine. We will make every effort to contact the parent when a student is absent. If contact does not occur between the home and the office, please send a note to the classroom teacher upon the student's return. For students to be successful at school, good attendance and punctuality are very important. If a student is late, he/she is requested to report to the office before being admitted.



Canned Food Drive

We are entering a time of the year where it is important to think of others less fortunate. The Christmas season is a time of giving. If you can spare dried goods or canned goods, please send it in with your child. We intend to make a donation on behalf of the students and staff of King George School. The food drive will run **from Tuesday, December 1 until Monday, Dec. 16.** We intend to make a donation to the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Our can food drive will be displayed in our front foyer and we encourage families to contribute as much as they can.

NEW JK/SK Registration 2009-2010

It seems early to be thinking about the fall, but it is time. Kindergarten registration will take place in the new year. Please contact Mrs. Robbins if you have a child that may be eligible for JK in September 2010.





**GRADE 8 TO 9
HIGH SCHOOL
INFORMATION NIGHTS**

St. Clair Parent Information Night

There will be a meeting held on **Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.** for parents of students in Gr. 8 that plan to attend St. Clair in Sept. 2010.

Northern Parent Information Night

There will be a meeting held on **January 27 at 7:00 p.m.** for parents of students in Gr. 8 that plan to attend Northern in Sept. 2010.

Alexander MacKenzie Parent Information Night

There will be a meeting held on **Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.** for parents of students in Gr. 8 that

FEAST FIT FOR A KING

Thank you to all parents and friends of King George who supported our Domino's pizza night on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009. The next Feast Fit For A King was Wednesday, December 2nd and we earned \$130.00.



Next School Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th
6:30 p.m. Library

Community News

The Olympic Torch Celebration Event for Sarnia is scheduled for Thursday, December 24th at the SSEC Centre. The flame will be arriving to the Olympic Stage and carried by Mrs. Norma Cox. The midday celebrations will focus on a Free Family Event including entertainment, cultural dancers, games, activities, mascots, free skating, etc. The Olympic Torch Committee is also trying to promote "Paint the Town Red" and encouraging everyone to wear red to the event in honour of the Olympic Torch arriving to our town.



Our own Kim Davis will be participating in the Torch Celebration and she will be carrying the Olympic Torch in her hometown of Corunna.




Principal's Holiday Message:

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to let you know how proud I am of the many accomplishments that our school has made this year. The community of King George VI has always quietly gone about doing the right thing for our students. This year we have seen many changes from the start of a healthy snack program, to the rethinking of our student government to be more inclusive, to hundreds of other smaller acts of kindness.

Our staff and parents have continued to provide support to our kids in so many ways beyond academics. Our belief in developing character as well as intellect is seen in the way our community believes in inclusion, interaction, understanding and acceptance of all in our community.

We still have our challenges, but it is my belief that with our caring attitude and our spirit of cooperation there is very little we cannot accomplish together.

Happy Holidays!

Adam and Kerry, Hala and Zoe (and Jack and Pepper too!) 



BUS SAFETY RULES

The safety of all our students at King George is important to us and recently a number of concerns have been raised with students who ride our buses. With winter weather upon us, we feel it important to let each household know of the concerns on our buses and the rules that should be followed :

1. **“Follow directions the first time they are given.”**
2. **“Your behaviour will not cause harm to any one in anyway.” (This also includes distractive behaviour as it may cause the driver to have an accident and injure the others.)**

Bus drivers do give out warnings before they issue a report, but when a bus driver and the bus company do report an incident to the school, the typical action plan is as follows:

1. **One discipline report = student visit to the office and parent is notified**
2. **Two discipline reports = a letter is sent home reminding parents of the consequence if a third report occurs**
3. **Three discipline reports = suspension of bus privileges for a period of time.**

Parents, we would appreciate your support in speaking to your children about their behaviour on the bus and let them know how important it is to sit in their seats quietly especially as the roads become snow covered and icy. If you have any questions you would like addressed, please feel free to contact the school.

Bus Bay Traffic and Safety

Parents are welcome to use the bus bay parking lot anytime before or after busses arrive and leave. Please do not drive and move your vehicle while students are boarding in the bus bay loading area. This is an issue of safety for our students. Your help would be greatly appreciated. This will ensure the safety of students boarding the bus or being dismissed to walk home.

Parking Lot

Parents using the south parking lot to drop off and pick up their children before and after school are reminded to please follow the parking lot regulations. This includes not parking in **NO PARKING ZONES**, blocking other vehicles in and double parking. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Break – OUR LAST DAY IS Dec. 18 2009 and we will return to classes on January 4, 2010.

