



# December 8th, 2015

## **\*\*REMINDERS\*\***

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of this week are all strike days; therefore there will be no school for Sutton School students (Both VDC & ETSB) on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>.** \*\* The Daycare will also be closed for these 3 days.

## **\*\*CONSUMABLES, SUPERVISION & FUNDRAISER REPLACEMENT FEES:**

If you have not already sent in payment for your child's fees or have not yet made payment arrangements, **please do so ASAP**. A formal letter will be sent home soon to those in arrears. The Eastern Townships School Board financial department will also receive a copy of the letter.

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## **WINTER OUTERWEAR:**

Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and have a warm coat, hat, mitts & **winter boots**. Snow pants (or nylon pants while there is no snow) are also required for **ALL** students in Kindergarten through to Grade 3. The students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 must wear snow pants if they are sliding or playing in the snow.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER AT SCHOOL:**

The Christmas dinner for the students will be **served on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. You received the sign-up sheet last week. The **deadline to sign up and pay is Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you want your child to have the Christmas meal, please make sure you do NOT miss this deadline. After the 14<sup>th</sup>, it will be too late...NO EXCEPTIONS!!

## **STUDENTS' "INFORMAL" CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT SCHOOL:**

Sutton School students will be performing a very informal Christmas concert at 1:00 PM in the school gymnasium on **Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>**. ALL parents are invited to come and watch the show if they would like, but we won't be "rolling out the red carpet" (*or should we say...the cold metal chairs*), although we will indeed be "pulling out the blue gym mats" for parents to sit and relax on. We also ask attending family members to please bring a non-perishable food item for the Sutton food bank as an "admission fee".

## **BREAKFAST BUFFET IN PYJAMAS AT SUTTON SCHOOL:**

**Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Sutton School staff and students will be enjoying breakfast in pyjamas. You will find out next week what each student will be asked to bring in for this buffet brunch. Each grade will bring in a different item.

\*\*Because of this large breakfast, the cafeteria will only be serving a light lunch on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, which will include a choice of 2 soups, sandwiches, drink & dessert. *No other hot, main meal will be offered.*

## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:**

Please take note that the students will be on holiday from Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, until Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, inclusively. Classes resume on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Daycare will be open on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, for those who have signed up for that Pedagogical day.

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**LIBRARY BOOKS:**

All library books must be returned and/or renewed **before Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015** to avoid late fees over the Christmas holidays.

**LOST & FOUND:**

The lost & found items will be sent to the church basement sale on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. If you think your child has lost something, please come and check our lost & found boxes **before the end of the day on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**SUTTON FOOD BANK:**

Please don't forget to send in some non-perishable food items for the Sutton Food Bank Christmas baskets. We have boxes sitting outside our office that are still looking very sad & empty. Thank you for your generosity.

**BOOK FAIR:**

The Sutton School Book Fair was a huge success. The Family Event Door Prize was won by Estelle Dandenault and her Grade 3 teacher, Sandy Ross. Both Estelle and her teacher were entitled to \$25.00 each, in free books. Congratulations! This year, we sold for over \$2100.00 in books, so each homeroom teacher received over \$100.00 in free books. WOW! Thank you to Stacey Richardson, Sandy Ross, Noreen Tansey-Lee, Robyn Meyer, Jennifer Harrison, Lynn Chapman and Elizabeth Anderson, who all helped organize and manage the book fair.

**IMPORTANT:**

If you drive your child to school in the morning, please make sure that they have actually entered the building. A couple times already this year, we have "discovered" little children patiently waiting outside the locked door downstairs. The bell rings at 7:55 AM, so as of about 8:00 AM, that door is locked, therefore latecomers must enter by the main door upstairs. With cold weather fast approaching, we don't want any students left out in the cold.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY:**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Christmas Party for children aged 0 to 8 on **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 PM** in the Sutton School gymnasium.

**GOVERNING BOARD NEWS:**

- *November 9th at the school's first Governing Board meeting of the school year, several parents voiced their preoccupations with regard to the little amount of time our students spend doing physical education activities/classes every week as part of their regular schedule. They also added they would like the school to increase the minutes of physical education classes within the students' regular daily and weekly schedule.*
- *Several days later, our three Kindergarten teachers Anne, Jeannette and Sarah along with our Physical Education teacher Patrick, got together and found a way to increase the number of minutes for Kindergarten students. They found a way to double the amount of time from 30 to 60 minutes a week. This new addition of minutes has been in place for several weeks now. 😊*
- *For the elementary levels, the governing board will work on this dossier this winter to see what is possible within the legal Framework.*

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**