



# COURTICE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Character Trait for DECEMBER

### INTEGRITY

**I behave in an ethical and honourable manner even when no one else is around.**

**I am genuine, in that my actions consistently match my words.**



From your administrative team,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the very best for this upcoming Holiday Season.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year! Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday!

The last day of classes is Friday, December 21st, 2018, and classes resume for the winter term on Monday, January 7th, 2019.

## Getting Ready for Grade 9

Courtice Secondary School invites Grade 8 students & their parents/guardians to their Grade 8 Information Session and Open House on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

### Bethesda House - Food & Toy Drive

Starts December 3

Our Annual Toy & Food Drive helps brighten the holidays for families in need. (Please remember all toys should be new, in packaging. Make sure food donations are not expired.) Please place items under our Christmas tree in the foyer. Mitts, scarves & slippers are welcome items on our tree.

## Proposed 2019-20 school year calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2019-20. Please review the proposed calendar and comment using the online survey available on the home page of [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca) by Monday, Dec. 10, 2018. The dates being proposed for Winter Break next year are Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, to Friday, Jan. 3, 2020. Last day of classes before the break would be Friday, Dec. 20, 2019, with students returning to class Monday, Jan. 6, 2020. First and last days of school, March Break and PA Days can all be viewed on the proposed calendar.

## DATES TO REMEMBER in DECEMBER

Vandermeer Nursery Fundraiser - Pick up in gym 2:50-5:30 pm	5
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Kernel's Popcorn	7
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Kindergarten Christmas Concert - 9:00 am	13
Primary - Christmas Concert - 11:30 am	

Girls KPREEA - Volleyball	14
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Boys KPREEA - Volleyball	18
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Holiday Popcorn	21
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Christmas Holidays	21- Jan 4
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## LOOKING AHEAD in JANUARY

Grade 8's meet with Courtice Secondary Guidance Staff for Transition	9
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Jr. Volleyball at CCSS	11
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**SAFE ARRIVAL**  
To report your student(s) absence call:

**1-844-434-8119**

or go to:  
[studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://studentabsence.kprdsb.ca)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Staff and Students raised **\$245.00** for the ME TO WE Foundation. Good Job Everyone!!

- Ms. Ewert

Please refrain from sending your child to school with any Nut products (also Coconut, Sesame and Seafood in Kindergarten).

Thank-You!

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT:  
[courticenorth.kprdsb.ca](http://courticenorth.kprdsb.ca)

**Bethesda House Annual Toy & Food Collection:** Our Annual Toy and Food collection for Bethesda House has begun. Bethesda House is a local shelter for women and children. Toys and food items collected help brighten the holidays for families in need. Collection will begin December 3. Items such as: Hairdryers, curling irons, cards, dice, lip gloss, make up and gift cards are great items for older kids. Colouring books, markers, books and toys of all kinds are excellent for the younger kids. Any festive food items (stuffing, canned gravy & cranberries) are always appreciated along with baby food, wipes, and treat items. Please drop off all items in the foyer, under the tree until Dec 18. **We are also wanting to decorate the tree in the main hall with scarves, hats, mitts and slippers. Please remember that all toys should be new, in packaging. Make sure your food donations are not expired. These donations are going to help those in need, so we want to make sure we are giving them the absolute best.**

**Me to We - Rafiki Sales** will take place December 3-6. - Ms. Ewert

**Math Club** runs every Thursday from 2:50 to 3:50 p.m. for Grade 7's & 8's in Mr. Dewell's classroom. Children are responsible for letting their parents know about their plans to stay after school and to make alternate arrangements to be picked up, if required. These arrangements need to be agreed upon the day before Math Club.

- Mr. Dewell

**Healthy Hunger Lunches:**

Tuesday - \* Subway

Wednesday - Lunch Lady

Thursday - \* Little Caesars Pizza

Friday - TBA

\*Note: Subway/Little Caesars Pizza are all ordered via:  
<https://www.healthyhunger.ca>

Lunch Lady orders via: Lunch Lady website or drop off order forms in the box on the counter, in the office.

School Council will also offer Special Treat Days throughout the year. Their most recent spaghetti and salad lunch provided our students with a delicious dining experience!

**Parking Lot**

Our East Lot is a very busy area. Many young children enter and exit our school yard and building daily in this area. Please drive very slowly and carefully in our parking lot, especially as you pass parked vehicles and when reversing. Our bright, lime-green "Eds" and orange pylons will be out as friendly reminders. Thank you :)

**Playground Closed for Season:** Our playground is now closed for the winter and will reopen in April. During cold weather conditions playground equipment cannot be use safely

**Ear Buds in Baggies?**

Yes, with the ever increasing use of technology in our classrooms it can very helpful for students to have his/her own very inexpensive pair of ear buds to keep in a small, labeled baggie for personal computer use.

**Supervision**

Please note that supervision begins at 8:15 each morning. Do not leave your children unattended before that time or after school hours. While you may see adults on the yard before 8:15 am, these are YMCA staff who are supervising only those students who attend their on-site daycare. Our playground is designed for use by children ages 5-12 under adult supervision. **The playground is now closed for the season.**