

December 2019

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.*



Happy Holidays!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the very best for this upcoming Holiday Season. Please note that this year's Holiday takes place with the last day of classes being Friday, December 20nd, 2019, and classes resuming on Monday, January 6th, 2020. On behalf of all staff, we wish you a **Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday!

Congratulations to our Intermediate Volleyball Teams!

Our 7/8 Boys' and Girl's Volleyball teams devoted many early mornings and late afternoons to their practices in preparation for this year's tournaments. Our Boy's team was one win away from making the Board-wide competition, and our girls' team participated on the KPREEA board-wide finals on December 13th. Thank you to Coaches Ewert and Peach for an awesome season!

Grade 8 Transitions to Courtice Secondary School

On January 8th, 2020 at 12:00 pm our grade 8 students will have a session with high school staff to cover course selection with presentations by guidance, administration and student leaders. A second session will take place for the online course selection at Courtice SS January 27, 2020 at 12:00 pm. For students and parents, Courtice Secondary School will be hosting an Open House and Information Session on January 16th, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for students entering grade 9 in September. Parents, guardians and students are welcome to attend.

Thank You School Council!

Thank you to all members of our school council and volunteer team for helping to organize and run our hot lunch days and events such as our bazaar, dances and our walking taco & spaghetti days!

Festive dates this week: Tuesday is Red and Green Day, Wednesday is Ugly Sweater Day, Thursday is Wacky Hair or Hat Day, and Friday is Pajama or Holiday Twin Day!

Dental Screening

Circle your calendar if you are a parent of a JK/SK & Grade 2 or Learning and Life Skills student for our annual Dental Screening Service provided by the Durham Region Health Unit on January 15 & 16, 2020.

Seasonal Clothing and Footwear

With the colder temperatures now upon us, it is time again to ask parents to ensure all students come to school dressed with appropriate warm clothing. Students also require indoor shoes for use at school. We kindly remind you to please use permanent marker to clearly label all items with your son/daughter's initials. This is especially important for black snow pants☺

The We Tree

Thank you for your contributions of non-perishable food items, personal care items and warm mittens, hats and scarves to our We Tree collection for the Holidays.

Please Help Us Collect Pop Tabs for Wheelchairs!

We are happy to support the Royal Canadian Legion's campaign to collect pop tabs. The tabs we collect are sold by the Legion for their aluminum content to raise funds to provide wheelchairs and other equipment for those in need. If you are able to collect tabs at home in a small ziplock baggie, your child(ren) can bring these into the school office to add to our collection jar. Thank you.

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" will be out as a friendly reminder. Thank you :)

Courtice North P.S. is a Nut and Scent Aware School

Please ensure that your child does not bring food to school that may contain nuts, and please also avoid the use of strongly scented products.

Volunteering and School Entry Process

We strive to make Courtice North Public School a safe and inviting place for students, parents and staff. If you are visiting or volunteering in the school, we thank you in advance for ensuring that you sign in at the office during all visits, and that our volunteers all have a current police record check (these need to be renewed annually). All exterior doors are locked during the school day. Should you need to enter the school, please ring the buzzer, introduce yourself, and our office staff will unlock the door for you.

We Want You - as a Volunteer

Police checks must be updated each year to ensure that you will be able to join in school activities such as field trips and assist as a classroom volunteer! If you are visiting or volunteering in the school, we thank you in advance for ensuring that you sign in at the office during all visits, and that our volunteers all have a current police record check. Please stop by the school office to pick up a volunteer letter signed by the principal to initiate this process.



Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday

