Hello Clayton Park Junior High Families,

It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of February and there are only 4.5 weeks of school left until the Holiday Break.

Attached you will find a copy of the What’s Happening that will be sent to families quarterly throughout the year. These submissions are from teachers and allow families to understand the work that teachers are doing with students in their classrooms. I hope you find this information useful.

**School/Bus Cancellations and Delayed Openings**

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE’s website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca" \t "_blank), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\_NS](http://www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS" \t "_blank) , recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and Pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 10:55am. If Stock Transportation is operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at there regularly scheduled times. Students will go directly to their 3rd block class at 10:55am for O’Canada and Announcements and remain in this class until lunchtime. This is their regular scheduled class.

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it’s always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan for child care when school is cancelled. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit: [https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather](https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather" \t "_blank) .

Further information on School/Bus Cancellation and Delayed openings can be found at <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>

**Course Selection Information Session for Grade 9 Parents and Students**

Course Selection Information Presentation for Parents / Guardians will be held at Halifax West High School on Dec 5 / 19 @ 6:30 pm in the Bella Rose Theatre Halifax West

* + Halifax West Counsellors will provide an overview of the course selection process for parents, and families. After the general information session our International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator will present information on the grade 10 pre-IB program and the IB program for interested parents / guardians. Our Options and Opportunities Coordinator will also present information on the Options and Opportunities program for interested parents / guardians.

**Parent Teacher Interviews & Report Cards**

Students will be receiving report cards on Wednesday November 27th.   Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday November 27th from 6-8pm and on Thursday November 28th from 1:30-3:30pm.  There is no school for students on Thursday, November 28th, 2019.  In the morning there is professional development for staff.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on a first come first served bases and meetings will be 5 min in length.  There are no appointment times for parent teacher interviews. If you feel that you need more than 5 min with the teacher or have any concerns please contact the teacher at any time.

**Drop Off and Pick Up**

We continue to have parents / guardians trying to access the bus loop in the morning and after school. We require the bus loop to stay free of vehicles for access of buses and the safety of our students. Students will need to be dropped off or picked up on the sidewalk in front of the school. We thank you for your cooperation with this in keeping our students safe.

Have a great week!

The Staff and Administration of Clayton Park Junior High