Good Evening Clayton Park Junior High Families,

**Assessment and Evaluation Day**

This Friday November 20, 2020 is an Assessment and Evaluation Day where teachers will be working on report cards. There is no school for students.

**Picture Re-Takes**

Picture Re-Takes will take place on Wednesday November 25th in the morning from 9-11am. Any students wishing to have re-takes taken should have their proof form with them from the first picture day. Any students who were absent on our first picture day will have their picture taken on the 25th.

**School Opens at 9am**

Parents and guardians are reminded that the school does not open for students

until 9am when supervision begins. Please do not drop off students any

earlier than that and walking students should not be at school until 9:15am. This will be particularly important when the weather becomes colder and rainy.

**Masks**

All students are expected to bring their own mask to school every day. While we have been handing out masks every day for those who have forgotten them, we are now very close to running out. To date we have passed out just over 800 masks to students and staff.

**Busses**

Students and families are reminded that students are not to able to take another bus other than the bus that they are registered to take. We have a number of students who ask to take the bus to a friend’s house everyday, which we are not allowing. It is important that students take their registered bus for tracking purposes and to remain in their cohorts. This is very important for contact tracing purposes if a case of COVID takes place.

**Isolation – Traveling Outside of the Atlantic Bubble**

Just a reminder that Dr. Strang announced last week that students must self-isolate for 14 days, if someone in their household has travelled outside the Atlantic bubble. Please contact your child’s teacher so we can support their continued success at CPJH while at home.

**School/Bus Cancellations and Delayed Openings**

Attached is an infographic that explains the process the HRCE uses when making decisions regarding school operations during inclement weather.

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) , on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\_NS](http://www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS) , recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to 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 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 would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 11:20am. If school buses are operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our dismissal time will remain at their regularly scheduled time. All students lunch hour will be from 12:20 – 1:20pm on days that we have a delayed opening. Students third scheduled class will begin at 11:20am, lunch for all students will take place 12:20 – 1:20pm, fourth period 1:20 – 2:20 and fifth period 2:20 – 3:20pm.

In the event of early dismissal, bussed students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time and all students lunch hour will be from 12:20 – 1:20pm. Student’s third period class will be 11:20 – 12:20pm.

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> .

**Remembrance Day**

 Our school recognized Remembrance Day with the production of a Covid friendly, virtual observance. A special thanks is extended to Ms. Conrad, Ms. Houston-Goudge, Mr. MacKenzie, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Broughm, Mr. Huskins and to all of the students who performed readings in their homerooms and to the band students who performed pre-recorded music for the ceremony.

 **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

This year, we are not able to conduct parent/teacher interviews in person. We will send information to families early next week regarding how and when interviews will take place.

**Community News**

**We are offering a 5 week Black Youth Lacrosse Program to give the sport of lacrosse a try. READ MORE for registration details.**

FUNSports and Lacrosse NS is introducing an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Program, in an effort to introduce black youth to lacrosse, Canada's oldest organized sport and it's official summer sport. This program is supported by Jumpstart Sport Relief Fund.

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!!**

*-We are offering 5 free sessions

-Each participant will receive a lacrosse stick and ball to keep.

-This program requires minimal gear that will be provided.

-Start date is Sunday November 15 and ends Sunday December 13.

-It will take place at the Gray Arena in Dartmouth,

-12:00-1:30pm ages 7-11
-1:30-3:00 pm ages 12-17*

**Register as a new registrant and the participant's information should be entered in the registrant section of the form.**

[Click to Register](https://site1734.goalline.ca/register.php?reg_form_id=37627)

**Upcoming Dates**

 **December 2** – Report Cards will be distributed electronically

**December 3** – PD Day in the morning / Parent-Teacher Interviews in the afternoon (no classes)

**December 22** – Last day before Christmas Break

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through this school year.

Sincerely,

Staff and Administration of Clayton Park Junior High