

# James Strath Public School News

## Focus on Success



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### **From the Office...**

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday and that you're ready for all of the excitement and opportunity that awaits in 2019.

As we move into the new year and approach the second term, we look forward to not only continuing the success we've achieved so far, but to the exciting learning that is still to come.

We wish the entire James Strath community a Happy New Year filled with health, happiness, and success.

Glen Payne – Principal

Matt Gennings – Vice Principal



### **Inclement Weather Information**

On winter mornings, inclement weather and poor road conditions may lead to the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. On such days, bus delay and cancellation information will be posted on the [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) website. Local radio stations and media outlets will also be provided this information to broadcast. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the afternoon as well.

If your child rides a school bus and it's cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence. If your child does not ride a school bus, you still need to inform the school if they are absent on an inclement weather day.

If buses are cancelled on a day when students would receive their hot lunch order, the order will be rescheduled, with the new date posted on the school website. Students will need to bring their lunch with them on a day when buses are cancelled.

### **PA Day – February 1st**

Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is a PA Day for all schools in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. There is no school for students on this day.



## Scent Sensitive School

We have a number of members of our school community who are highly sensitive to smells and scents. Exposure to certain scents may result in severe headaches, difficulties with breathing, or asthma attacks. As such, bringing or wearing cologne and perfume to school is *not permitted*.

Aerosol deodorant is discouraged as students often spray it at their locker, creating a dangerous situation in our hallways. Scented hand sanitizers are also an item that we ask remain at home.

Thank you for your co-operation and consideration to help ensure the health and well-being of all members of the James Strath school community.



## Character Council

Once again, James Strath has proven their incredible generosity! Thousands of tickets were sold for the holiday raffle baskets and there were 30 happy winners leading up to the holiday break. We raised \$2734 for Canadian Feed the Children and collected over 700 personal care items to donate to the Youth Emergency Shelter (Y.E.S)

Throughout January and February, the character council will be brainstorming other fundraising initiatives to further add to Canadian Feed the Children, buying needy families goats, chickens and pigs to develop a sustainable living.

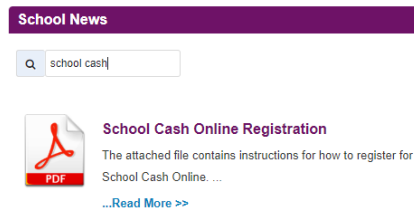
## School Council

The next meeting James Strath School Council meeting takes place on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the school library at 6:30 pm. The meeting is open for community members wishing to attend. We hope to see you there! The February School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## Online Ordering for Sub Lunches

For our upcoming Subway lunch orders, we will be fully transitioning to orders and payments being made through School Cash Online.

If you have not yet done so, we ask that you register for School Cash Online now at <https://kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. It's fast, simple, and secure. Information regarding how to sign up is available at the office and can be found on our school website by typing in "school cash" in the search bar below School News.



Once you have registered for School Cash Online, you will receive e-mail reminders regarding due dates and upcoming orders. All ordering options are available online, such as sandwich filling and topping preferences.

At James Strath, we are continuing to transition to all school fees, field trips, team fees, and items being paid for online. Please contact the office if you require any additional information or support with School Cash Online.

## January Sub and Pizza Day Dates

Upcoming Subway Lunch Dates:



Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Pizza Hut Lunch Dates:



Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

### James Strath School Council Executive – 2018/2019

**Chair:** Karen Smith [karen@kest.ca](mailto:karen@kest.ca)  
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## **James Strath Choir**

Mr. Shadgett and Ms. Adams were very proud of the the James Strath Choir, who walked to Kawartha Retirement Home before the holidays to sing for the residents there. The choir was made up of 65 grade 4-8 students. Our choir season has been very successful and we wish to thank all students who participated and enjoyed singing.



## **Hip Hop Club**

About 35 grade 6-8 students participated in Hip Hop Club before the holiday, meeting weekly to learn choreography for a stunning presentation at the Holiday Showcase. The truly remarkable thing about this club is that it was 100% student run. Huge thanks go to Jenna Filipowitz and Ally McHattie for their dedication, creativity and fantastic effort that led to such a great outcome!

## **Cold Weather Guidelines**

As the weather gets colder, it's important that our students dress appropriately according to conditions. Layering is recommended and students are reminded to wear their outdoor gear to cover the ears, nose, fingers, toes and head. The school will make decisions as to the appropriateness of outdoor play in accordance with School Board guidelines (i.e. avoid going outside when the wind chill is -26 C or lower).



## **Grade 8 Grad Picture Day**

Grade 8 students are reminded that graduation pictures are scheduled for Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Kenner IB Application Due Date**

The deadline for applications for the Kenner IB program is Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **James Strath Sports Update**

James Strath had a great volleyball season this year! There were eight teams in total this year representing the Colts.



The season started with the three junior volleyball teams playing tremendously well at the recreational and competitive tournaments. The junior teams demonstrated great growth over the course of the season and represented James Strath with great teamwork and sportsmanship.

The intermediate girls represented J.S.P.S. extremely well, with the competitive team winning the Peterborough area tournament and the recreational team going undefeated at their tournament. The intermediate girls' coaches were pleased with the effort the girls put into practices throughout the year and the tournaments demonstrated that hard work does pay off.



The intermediate boys had a great year as well with the competitive team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Peterborough area tournament and the recreational team had a great showing at their tournament.

Finally, the season finished off with the mixed intermediate team taking home the title of the Peterborough area tournament as well. All of the James Strath teams demonstrated great skill but most importantly even better character. The teams all represented our school in true Colts fashion, and all the coaches are extremely proud of all the effort and dedication the teams demonstrated throughout the season.

January brings basketball season to James Strath. Junior and intermediate students are encouraged to listen to announcements for information about tryout dates and times.

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