

# James Strath Public School News

## Focus on Success



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

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Katrina Manis, Ms. Allison McMillan, Mrs. Ceilidh Rae and Ms. Courtney McDonnell to the James Strath team. Ms. Manis is a member of our Kindergarten teaching team, Ms. McMillan is teaching Grade 3 as a part of our Primary division, Mrs. Rae is teaching Grade 7 in our Intermediate division, and Mme. McDonnell will be teaching French to students in our Junior and Intermediate divisions.

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).

As we enter the final month of 2019, it's a time to reflect on the past year and look ahead to the all of the opportunities that 2020 will bring. We wish you and your families a safe, restful, and relaxing holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year and new decade!

Glen Payne - Principal  
Matt Gennings - Vice Principal

### **Holiday Performances**

On Monday, December 16th, the James Strath Kindergarten classes will be holding their Winter Showcase. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend, with the performance beginning at 1pm and lasting about a half hour in duration; please be mindful and attentive to all performances and to our young performers. Each class will perform one or two songs celebrating winter, friendship, and a variety of fun themes.

The JSPS Holiday Showcase is an annual event that shines a spotlight on students from throughout the school. It will be held this year on Tuesday, December 17th. Classes and clubs will be performing and this year we will have two performances. Please check with your children to see which one of the shows they will be taking part in: 10:35 am or 1:00 pm.

We respectfully ask that, if possible, you stay for the remainder of the performance so that all students can enjoy an audience.

### **Classes Resume Jan. 6th**

The last day of school before the holiday is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and classes will resume on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## James Strath Annual Basket Raffle


Basket raffle time is here once again! JSPS has a proud history of raising money and collecting essential items for those in need at holiday time. This year, we are supporting the Youth Emergency Shelter. Say YES to YES!

Students are being asked to donate items to their class basket by early next week (December 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>). Then, students will have a chance to further support the cause by buying tickets (3/\$1) or bringing in personal items to donate for tickets to enter into the basket raffle.

Prizes will be awarded at the Sing Along assemblies at the end of December. Please watch for more detailed info coming home (electronically or on paper) soon. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Sub and Pizza Day Information

Upcoming Subway Lunch Dates:

 Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Pizza Hut Lunch Dates:  
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>



## School Council

The next JSPS School Council meeting is Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

### James Strath School Council Executive – 2019/2020

**Chair:** Karen Smith [karen@kest.ca](mailto:karen@kest.ca)  
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## Clubs and Teams at James Strath

The James Strath choir will be continuing their practices this month in preparation for our Holiday Showcases and an upcoming visit to Kawartha Retirement Living. The JSPS Band and Drumline are also continuing to prepare for the Holiday Showcases and upcoming performances.

In sports news, the James Strath volleyball teams are wrapping up their schedules. The Intermediate Girls' Recreational team played extremely well in their tournament, finishing with a winning record and demonstrating enthusiasm and leadership. The Junior Mixed Recreational team displayed a positive work ethic and were great representatives of the school, finishing their tournament with five wins.

The Intermediate Boys' Recreational tournament is on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Intermediate Girls' Competitive tournament is on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Intermediate Boys' Competitive tournament takes place on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all of the players for their hard work and dedication and thanks to our coaches Ms. Kristensen, Ms. Peers, Ms. Killen, Mr. Mendler, Mrs. Turkington, Mrs. Richardson, Ms. Martin, and Mr. Brisson.



December also brings the end of the intramural floor hockey season. Thank you to all participants and to Mr. Oltean for his efforts in organizing the league.



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