

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 2020.

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
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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 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 – January 31st

Friday, January 31st is a PA Day for all schools in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. There is no school for students on this day.



School Council

The next JSPS School Council meeting is Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:30 pm. Meetings take place in the school library and are open for community members to attend. We hope to see you there!

Next month's School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30 pm.

James Strath School Council Executive – 2019/2020

Chair: Karen Smith karen@kest.ca
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Sub and Pizza Day Information

Upcoming Subway Lunch Dates:



Tuesday, January 14th
Tuesday, January 28th
*Monday, February 10th
*Monday, February 24th

Upcoming Pizza Hut Lunch Dates:

Friday, January 10th
Friday, January 24th
Friday, February 7th



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).



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Grade 8 Grad Picture Day

Grade 8 students are reminded that graduation pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th.

Clubs and Teams at James Strath

The James Strath Choir finished their choir season by performing in the Holiday Showcase assemblies and walking to the Kawartha Retirement Home before the holidays to sing for the residents.

The school choir was made up of 65 grade 4-8 students. We would like to thank all students who participated and thank Ms. Adams and Mr. Shadgett for their time and effort conducting and accompanying the choir.



The James Strath Band and Drumline performed in our Holiday Showcase assemblies and will continue with their practice schedules for upcoming performances.

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

The Junior Boys' tournaments take place on Wednesday, January 29th with the Junior Girls' teams competing on Thursday, January 30th. The Intermediate teams will participate in their respective tournaments in late February. The JSPS Intramural Basketball Leagues will also be starting this month, with games taking place during recesses.



Character Council Update

The Character Council wishes to sincerely thank the James Strath community for their generosity once again this year in our basket raffle. We had 31 amazing baskets and 31 very excited winners! The community raised a whopping \$3287.55 to be donated to helping youth in Peterborough and over 500 personal care items were donated to the Youth Emergency Shelter. To quote the worker at Y.E.S. who helped bring in all the personal care items, "This is a BIG deal!" Thank you all for your support and generosity!