

### Skeena Middle School

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# This Week at SMS - Nov. 11 to Nov. 15

#### **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

Thank you to Mme. Carter for organizing the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday. It was fantastic. Thank you as well to our honored guests who joined us for this important occasion. A special Thank You to all of the Grade 7, Grade 8, and Grade 9 French Immersion students who participated in the ceremony and to Mr. Clark and our Band for playing O' Canada.



#### **Band Fundraiser**

Our Band Program is currently doing a Scoops Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. All orders are due back to the school by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> with orders ready for pickup by Friday, December 6th. Please see the attached order form. Orders may be dropped off in the Band Room.



## **First Trimester Report Cards**

Our First Trimester Report Cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our Parent/Teacher Night will take place on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00.

Our report cards go home later this year as we have extended the length of our First Trimester reporting period to even out the three Trimesters for the year.

#### **Early Dismissal Days**

On Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will dismiss one hour early, at approximately 2:19. All buses will run one hour earlier than normal at the end of the day.

Please note that our Parent/Teacher interviews will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00

#### Thank You

On behalf of all of our students and staff, we would like to pass on a huge THANK YOU to Ashley and Charis Whittington from Northcoast Health & Fitness for their generous donation of a commercial benchpress to our weightroom here at the school.

This is a fantastic addition to our equipment for students to use as part of our school-wide PE program.



#### **Winter Safety for Students**

With the arrival of winter, it is important for us to review expectations for student conduct to ensure their safety. For students who walk to and/or from school, it is important to walk on the sidewalk and make safe use of crosswalks when crossing streets. Please make every effort to send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather

A reminder to all parents/guardians and students that the doors to the school will not be opened until approximately 7:45 AM. Please ensure that students are not dropped off or sent to school earlier than 7:45 AM, especially on cold days.

For Parents/Guardians who pick up students after school, it is important to follow all signs in our parking lot and to follow the direction of our crossing guard at the end of the day.



## **Illnesses at School**

If your child becomes ill during the day, we may put them in the medical room to see what develops. If things appear to be more serious, we will contact you to come and take your child home. For this reason, it is important that you keep your home, work, and emergency phone numbers current with us.

In fairness to all, please do not send your child to school if there are definite signs of ill health in the morning. We have neither the facilities nor the personnel to care for sick and injured children. Good health is necessary for effective learning. Students who are ill should receive proper medical attention and not return to school until their health is reasonable and they are not contagious. Please ensure that the school is aware of any absence from school.

#### **SMS Clothing**

As you begin to think about Christmas gifts, SMS Clothing is a fantastic gift choice.

We have a number of t-shirts, hoodies, and jogging pants available.
All orders can be placed through Mrs.
Banville. Please let her know if this is a surprise when ordering.



# **Accidents and Injuries at School**

We have a certified First Aid person on duty here at the school, although we cannot guarantee that this person is available at all times. We also have additional staff with training that can help out on an "asneeded" basis. When accidents occur on school grounds or within the school building that involve injuries, they must be reported to the office as soon as possible so that we can get proper treatment started. After any such incident, an official Incident Report Form is filled out detailing what happened and what was done by our First Aid attendant. Please note that we will call parents/guardians anytime an injury involves the head. If necessary, you will be contacted to pick up your child. If our First Aid person determines that immediate medical attention is required, and if we cannot get in contact with you or your emergency contact, we reserve the right to call an ambulance. We will always err on the side of "better safe than sorry".

#### Block Rotation - Nov. 11 to Nov. 15

Mon., Nov. 11 – No School

Tues., Nov. 12 - 2-3-4-5-6

Wed., Nov. 13 - 7-8-1-2-3

Thurs., Nov. 14 – 4-5-6-7-8

Fri., Nov. 15 – 1-2-3-4-5

## **Visitors to the School**

All visitors – including parents and caregivers - to Skeena Middle School must report to the office to check in/sign in.

If a visitor is going to a classroom or elsewhere in the school, they will be given a visitor badge to wear during their time at SMS.