

## Skeena Middle School

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# This Week at SMS - Nov. 18 to Nov. 22

# 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.

# **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

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



## PRO-D Day – Friday, Nov. 22

There will be NO School for students on Friday, November 22. This is a Professional Development Day for Staff.



## **Volleyball Season**

With our Grade 7 tournament on Saturday, our Volleyball season is now officially over. We would like to congratulate and thank all of our players at the Grade 7, 8, and 9 levels for their dedication, hard work, and efforts over the course of the season. They all played well, represented our school and community well, and had fun!

A huge <u>THANK YOU</u> to all of our volunteer coaches for their time and dedication coaching our volleyball teams. Thank you, also, to our parent/caregiver drivers for volunteering to drive to out of town playdays. Without our amazing volunteers, we would not be able to have teams. THANK YOU!

#### Basketball

We had sign-up for all our basketball teams on Friday, November 15 at lunch. If any students did not have a chance to sign-up, they will need to see Mr. Ewald as soon as possible. We will be starting basketball practices very soon.

We are still looking for coaches. If you are interested, please call Mr. Ewald or email to joel.ewald@cmsd.bc.ca.



#### Winter Weather

The weather outside is getting cold and we are seeing more rain and may soon see some snow. Please make every effort to send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather. We would like to remind all parents and students to check the lost and found for any missing clothing. To ensure the safety of our students, making and/or throwing snowballs on is not allowed at any time.

#### PAC Meeting – December 5<sup>th</sup>

Our next PAC meeting is on Thursday Dec 5th at 7pm in the Skeena Middel School library.

Meetings are usually pretty quick (30 min or so).

The principal or vice-principal are there and it's a great opportunity to engage with other parents, ask questions and find out what the PAC is able to support with.

Did you know that each year if a PAC executive can be formed then we can submit for gaming money? That money is then used to support teachers with the clubs they lead outside their own work. Without this money, those clubs would have to fundraise on their own.

All parents of Skeena welcome!!



# **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.



# **December School Spirit Activities**

We are planning our annual Food Bank collection of non-perishable food items from Dec 2-13.

We are planning Christmas grams, holiday messages between students. These will be sold from Dec 2-6 and handed out on Dec 19.



We will have another Spirit Week from December 16 to 20.

### **Band Concert**

Our Fall Band Concert is on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the REM Lee Theatre.

Everyone is welcome to come and hear some great music and support our SMS Bands.



## Block Rotation - Nov. 18 to Nov. 22

Mon., Nov. 18 – 6-7-8-1-2

Tues., Nov. 19 – 3-4-5-6-7

Wed., Nov. 20 - 8.-1-2-3-4

Thurs., Nov. 21 - 5-6-7-8-1

Fri., Nov. 22 - No School

## **Winter Break**

The Last day of school before the Winter Break is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our First day of school in January will be Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

