



Skeena Middle School

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Relationships - Respect - Honesty - Responsibility - Perseverance

This Week at SMS – Dec. 16 to Dec. 20

First Trimester Report Cards

Our First Trimester Report Cards were sent home with students on Tuesday, Dec. 10, if you did not receive a report card, please contact our office and we can ensure that you get a copy.

If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher at our Parent/Teacher Interviews on December 12th, please reach out to them via email or by phone to connect about your child's progress so far this year.



Winter Break

The Last day of school before the Winter Break is Friday, December 20th.
Our First day of school in January will be Monday, January 6th.

On behalf of all of our staff, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2025!



School-Wide Movie

To recognize and show our appreciation for our students' hard work throughout the first part of the year, we will be gathering in the gym on Thursday, Dec. 19 after lunch to watch a movie together as a school. We will give students the choice of The Grinch or Despicable Me 4.

Both these movies are rated PG, as such, if you do not wish your child to watch either of these movies, please let us know and we will make alternate arrangements for them.

Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for your generosity during our Food Drive over the past two weeks. We have collected and donated over 1100 non-perishable food items to help those in need in our community. Thank you for supporting our Food Drive this year.



X-Block

We will be having our first X-Block of the year on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 18th.

X-Block is an activity when all the students in the building have an opportunity to sign-up for one of over twenty different enrichment activities organized by the SMS Staff. This allows students to follow their individual interests in sessions planned by the staff at SMS. Choices for this X-Block include skating, crafts, bowling, and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, to name a few. X-Block is a fantastic opportunity to build our school culture. All students signed up for X-Block on December 11.

Locker Cleanout

Prior to the Winter Break, all students will take some time to clean out their lockers. All students will be encouraged to take home gym strip, water bottles, and food containers for the break.

If your family is leaving early for the holidays, please encourage your child to clean out their locker before their last day.

Spirit Week – December 16 to December 20

Next week from December 16 to December 20 will be our next Spirit Week of the year. The Spirit Days will be:

- Monday, Dec. 16 - Teachers dress up as students and students dress up as teachers
- Tuesday, Dec. 17 - Decades Day
- Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Twins Day
- Thursday, Dec. 19 - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday, Dec. 20 - Ugly Xmas Sweater Day

All students are encouraged to participate in our Spirit Days.

Leadership Fundraiser – Photos with Santa

From Tuesday, Dec. 17 to Thursday, Dec. 19 our Leadership Group will be doing a fundraiser to raise money for student activities such as student dances. They have organized pictures with Santa. At lunchtime in the Open Area students as individuals or in groups can take a photo with Santa. The photos are instant and are \$4.00 each.

Lost and Found

There are a large number of clothing and other items in the Lost and Found. All items will be on display this week in the Open Area for students to look through.

Please remind your child to look through the Lost and Found items when they are on display and take home anything that they may have lost at school.

All items not collected will be removed from the school and donated on Thursday, Dec. 19.



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.

Grade 8 “Craft Fair”

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, our Grade 8 students held their annual Entrepreneur/Craft Fair in the Gym. We would like to thank all of our Grade 8 students for sharing their amazing and creative ideas with the school and community. A special thank you to all our families and the entire school community for joining us to support their amazing projects and this event.



Student Absences

If your child(ren) is going to be away from school, please call the office at 205-635-9136 or send an email to let us know of their absence.

If the absence is going to be for an extended period of time (e.g. for more than one day), we can put out a homework request for teachers.



Block Rotation – Dec. 16 to Dec. 20

Mon., Dec. 16 – 5-6-7-8-1
Tues., Dec. 17 – 2-3-4-5-6
Wed., Dec. 18 – 7-8-1-2-3
Thurs., Dec. 19 – 4-5-6-7-8
Fri., Dec. 20 – 1-2-3-4-5

**Have a SAFE and
HAPPY Holiday!**