



Skeena Middle School

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This Week at SMS – Dec. 2 to Dec. 6

First Trimester Report Cards

Our First Trimester Report Cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, December 10th.
Our Parent/Teacher Night will take place on Thursday, December 12th 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 20th and Thursday, November 21st, 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 12th from 5:00 to 7:00.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Band Concert

Thank you to Mr. Clark and all of our Grade 7, Grade 8, and Grade 9 Band students for a wonderful concert last week. All of our bands and solo performers sounded amazing. Thank you for sharing your talents with all of us.



Food Drive

We are planning our annual Food Bank collection of non-perishable food items from Dec 2-13. Students are encouraged to bring in whatever food items that they are able to donate to support our local food bank.



Robotics Club Fundraiser

The Robotics Club is selling Smencils at lunch outside the office from Wednesday, December 4 to Tuesday, December 17 and during Parent Teacher Interviews on Dec. 12. The Smencils will be sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Students can buy their own pencils and/or send a Smencilgram to a friend. The delivery days will be on Wednesday, December 11, **and** Wednesday, December 18 during Block 7. See the attached poster.

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 holidays, please encourage your child to clean out their locker before their last day.

PAC Meeting – December 5th

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!!



Lost and Found

There are a large number of clothing and other items in the Lost and Found. All items will be on display soon 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 before Winter Break.

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, December 11th, a number of students from our Grade 8 classes will be selling a selection of crafts and other items as part of a Career project on entrepreneurship. Students are responsible for developing and pricing their products. The prices of the different items will vary depending on the item.

Our "Craft Fair" will be a fantastic opportunity to support some of our Grade 8 classes and find some wonderful gifts for the holidays.

Pick Up and Drop Off of Students

As everyone knows, our parking lot is often very busy and crowded in the mornings and at the end of the day.

For Parents/Guardians who drop off students in the morning or 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.

Please **DO NOT** drive through our bus area in the mornings before 8:50 or before 4:00 PM after school. **The lane closest to the building is reserved for buses** during these times.

Block Rotation – Dec. 2 to Dec. 6

Mon., Dec. 2 – 3-4-5-6-7

Tues., Dec. 3 – 8-1-2-3-4

Wed., Dec. 4 – 5-6-7-8-1

Thurs., Dec. 5 – 2-3-4-5-6

Fri., Dec. 6 – 7-8-1-2-3

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.

