



Skeena Middle School

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Relationships - Respect - Honesty - Responsibility - Perseverance

This Week at SMS – Dec. 9 to Dec. 13

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.



THANK YOU

On behalf of Ms. Vossen and all of our students, we would like to express our thanks to Mr. Frank Gratton of Lake Drive Lumber for the incredibly generous donation of wood to our Woodwork Program. Our students have been using this wood to create projects since late last year.



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 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 the following Spirit Days

Leadership Fundraiser – Photos with Santa

From Monday, Dec. 16 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 early next week.



X-Block

We will be having our first X-Block of the year in 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.

Block Rotation – Dec. 9 to Dec. 13

Mon., Dec. 9 – 4-5-6-7-8

Tues., Dec. 10 – 1-2-3-4-5

Wed., Dec. 11 – 6-7-8-1-2

Thurs., Dec. 12 – 3-4-5-6-7

Fri., Dec. 13 – 8-1-2-3-4

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.



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.

The Craft Fair is open from 3:30 to 5:00 for Parents/Caregivers/Families.