



East St. Margaret's Elementary

Monthly Newsletter

November 2024



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NOVA SCOTIA LUNCH PROGRAM – BEST PRACTICES

Our Lunch Program is off to a great start! As a new ordering window opens TODAY, we'd like to share some best practices with you so you can help us keep things running smoothly. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to the ESM office.

1. Ordering Windows for November: November 1-6 (noon) for lunches November 11-22; November 15-20 (noon) for lunches November 25-December 6; November 29-December 4 for lunches December 9-20.
2. There is no way to place or cancel an order after the ordering window has closed. Please remember to order during the specified times.
3. There are no refunds. To make up for any missed meal, you can pay nothing for a meal in the next ordering window.
4. Please make sure all Diner Profiles are set up in your student's names as our Lunch Monitors may not know the names of parent, guardians, or other adults who may be placing the order on behalf of your student.
 - a. Pre-Primary: PPLO
 - b. Primary: PRCB
 - c. Grade 1: 12CU
 - d. Grade 2: 12CU
 - e. Grade 3: 34SP
 - f. Grade 4: 34SP
 - g. Grade 5: 56MAC
 - h. Grade 6: 56MAC
5. Please make sure you indicate your student's class in their Diner Profile to ensure proper delivery of meals to your student.
6. If leftovers find their way home, please remember lunches should not be consumed more than 2 hours following the school lunch period.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

What a great month we had in October! We celebrated Thanksgiving together at the beginning of the month and ended with our annual Halloween Parade. In between, we learned fire safety with Fire Station 55 in Seabright and taste tested apples thanks to Agriculture in the Classroom. And we can't forget the fun we had together as a school community at our Halloween Dance! Thank you all for making this community a great place to learn, live, and work.

We also saw the start of the NS School Lunch Program in October, and we anticipate great success with the program in November. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I'm looking forward to November and the start of the holiday season, which is always an exciting time in our schools. It's hard to believe we are already looking toward the end of 2024.

Yours in Education,
Mr. O'Brien



THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 1-6

Lunch Ordering Window OPEN

NOVEMBER 7

Home & School General Meeting
VIRTUAL @ 6:00 PM - [JOIN HERE](#)

NOVEMBER 8

10:45 AM - Remembrance Day
Ceremony

NOVEMBER 11

Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 13

Photo Retake Day

NOVEMBER 15-20

Lunch Ordering Window OPEN

NOVEMBER 22

Assessment & Evaluation Day
NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 6

Lunch Ordering Window OPEN



November 8 is
Indigenous
Veterans
Day

Halifax
Regional Centre for Education



DID YOU KNOW?

The SchoolMessenger app is a great tool for reporting student attendance! Download the app to your smart device, create an account, and find your student. When your student is absent from school for illness, appointments, or oversleeping, report the absence from the app and avoid the SafeArrival call. The app is also a great resource for accessing messages sent from ESM.



Look for this icon on your favourite app store, and download the SchoolMessenger app TODAY!

FUNDRAISER ALERT!!!

East St. Margaret's Elementary School HOLIDAY GRAND IN HAND

Beginning November 12, ESM will be selling 200 squares at \$10 each. The winning square will be drawn at the Holiday Concert on December 11, and one lucky person will take home \$1000 - just in time for the holidays! The ESM Home & School Association will use the other \$1000 to fund student initiatives at the school. Past initiatives include Chromebook purchasing, the Swimming and Skating program, school supply purchasing, and more!

Stay tuned for further details and don't miss your chance to WIN!!!

SAVE THE DATE! GREEN CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 18, 2024

We had so much fun at last year's Green Christmas thrift store, we've decided to do it again! The students loved shopping for their families, and we know the families enjoyed opening their presents on Christmas.

We can't have Green Christmas without inventory! If you're planning on decluttering ahead of the holiday season and New Year, please keep us in mind when discarding gently used items. We are currently collecting items (housewares, home decor, toys, unopened beauty supplies, tools, fashion accessories, etc.) in the ESM office from now until December 18.

We also need volunteers! Our volunteers last year were ESSENTIAL in making Green Christmas a success. If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to Lauren in the school office, and she will make sure you have everything you need to volunteer in the school.