



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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## DECEMBER 2023

- † 3 First Day of Advent
- ◆ 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- \* 8 Bodhi Day
- ☆ 8-15 Chanukah
- ☾ 13 Birthday of Imam Aga Khan
- ⊗ 21 Yule/Winter Solstice ●○
- † 25 Christmas◆
- ◆ 26-Jan 1 Kwanzaa African Canadian and American
- ◆ 26 Boxing Day
- ✦ 26 Zarathosht-no-diso (FC)
- \* 29 Amitabha Buddha's Birthday

Dec 4 – Int. Boys Volleyball at Clarke Food Drive & Hat and Mitten Tree begins. Bus Safety Presentations  
Dec – 5 Poinsettia Pick Up 2:00-6:00  
Gr. 8's to BHS Dance Show  
Dec 12 – Band Winter Concert 6:00  
Dec 14 – Food Drive & Hat and Mitten tree ends.  
Dec. 18 – Face Painting  
Gr. 8 Course Selection Presentation  
Dec 22 – Last day before Winter Break  
Jan 8 – Welcome Back!



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Students will be on Winter Break beginning Friday, December 22nd, at the end of the day and resume on Monday, January 8th, 2022. Many of us at Vincent Massey will recognize and look forward to various holiday celebrations and traditions. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza or different cultural practices or no cultural practice, we all share the common values of goodwill towards others and the importance of family. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season as you spend quality time with family and friends. All the best in 2024!

**Reminder to Share Your Feedback:**  
**School Boundaries – Northglen**  
**Neighbourhood and Area Schools**

To share your thoughts and questions about the proposed boundaries for the new Northglen Neighbourhood school and boundary changes affecting other nearby schools, [participate in the online Thought Exchange](#). Please provide your feedback by November 5, 2023.

A copy of the meeting presentation, a Background Study, with further information on enrolment projections, and proposed boundary adjustments for the New Northglen Neighbourhood school and other area schools, are available on the dedicated [Student Accommodation Planning web page](#) for Northglen and Elementary Family of Schools - Bowmanville High School/Clarington Central Secondary School, also accessible from the home page of [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca)

A second meeting for families will take place **December 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at Clarington Central Secondary School.**

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT**  
**VINCENT MASSEY**

With the holiday season upon us Vincent Massey has a couple of traditions to support our community.

**HAT, MITTEN, AND SOCK TREE**

Help us decorate our holiday tree. Send in new hats, mittens or socks to hang on the tree. The students love to see it change from empty to full.



**WINTER WONDERLAND BASKETS**

Each homeroom has been given a basket to decorate with the theme of Winter Wonderland. The best decorated classroom basket will win an ice cream party.

Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies, and/or new toys to fill up their baskets.

These items will be donated to the Salvation Army of Bowmanville.

**DONATIONS EXCEPTED FROM MONDAY  
DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> UNTIL THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

**Inclement Weather**

On inclement weather days when buses are cancelled due to poor weather and roads, **KPR schools will remain open for students and staff.** As always, families have final say on whether they wish their children to attend school on those days.

In the extremely rare occasion of the school being closed we will inform families in several ways, including local news media, on [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca), through our social media channels (@kprschoools on Twitter and Facebook), and by email or text from School Messenger.

**POINSETTIA PICK UP**

Please remember poinsettias must be picked up on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 and 6:00

**A little note from your School  
Community Council,**

SCC has been up and running since September and with regular monthly meetings we have been able to make some decisions on school activities for the New Year, like a Jungle Sport Day and having the famous Break Dancer Jimmy Chapman in! We are excited to see the school come out and participate in these fun days!

These days are not possible without your help and We **Thank-you!** for your ongoing support through pizza days, hot lunches and the Poinsettia Fundraiser. The New Year will bring more fundraising opportunities such as a Popcorn Fundraiser and a Cookie Dough Fundraiser! So, look out for those! We are continually brainstorming new ideas to raise money to be able to assist the school and students in any way we can. Just recently SCC was able to say “YES” to Mr. Hall’s request for funds to repair or buy new instruments for the school; this was possible because of you!

SCC will adjourn until the New Year. The next meeting will be on January 17, 2024, at 5:30pm. Come out and introduce yourself; meet some great Parents, Kids and Staff and share any ideas or thoughts you might have.

See you then!

Your Community Council