



# VINCENT MASSEY P.S. JANUARY NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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JANUARY 2024
◆ 1 Kwanzaa African-Canadian and African-American
† 1 New Year's Day ●
* 1 Temple Day
† 6 Epiphany
† 7 Christmas (J)◆◆
♾ 13 Lohri
♾ 13 Maghi
† 14 New Year's Day (J)●
♾ 15 Makar Sankranti
◆ 15-18 Thai Pongal
♾ 17 Birth of Guru Gobind Singh●
† 19 Epiphany (J)
◆ 21 Lincoln Alexander Day
◆ 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day

## Dates to Remember:

January 8 – Welcome Back  
 January 10 – BHS Gr. 8 Information Night  
 January 17 – School Council Meeting

## Message from the Office



Welcome back to school, and a happy new year to each and every one of you! I hope this message finds you well-rested and ready for the exciting opportunities that the new year holds for our students.

As we return to our academic routines, I am grateful for the support and involvement of our dedicated parents and guardians. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and it contributes significantly to the success of our school community.

Our commitment to creating a positive and nurturing learning environment remains steadfast. If you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas to share, please feel free to reach out to us. Your feedback is essential, and we value the collaborative spirit that makes our school a special place.

Wishing you a wonderful January,

Peri Dowsley

## BHS GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHT



Grade 8 students and their families are invited to Bowmanville High School for an information evening at the school.

Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Kindergarten Registration Information for September 2024

Your child can attend school in September 2024 as follows:

- **Junior Kindergarten** – your child will be four years of age by December 31, 2024
- **Senior Kindergarten** – your child will be five years of age by December 31, 2024

Please bring a birth certificate or other proof of age, proof of address, and current immunization record when registering your child. Registration forms are available at each school and **online at the KPRDSB website.**

## Outdoor Play + Warm Clothing = FUN!

Having fun and learning to play games in a fun and cooperative manner is something that children need to learn and practice!

With the cold weather upon us, we ask that you ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather and prepared for outdoor play. Students are outside for all recess and lunch breaks unless the weather is inclement. Although we encourage the students to stay dry and away from puddles and wet, muddy areas, an extra pair of socks/underwear/pants in the backpack is always a good idea!

### VINCENT MASSEY MADE A DIFFERENCE THIS SEASON!

We donated over 1300 items to the Bowmanville Salvation Army and Bethesda House.

Our holiday tree was falling over with the hats, mittens, and socks.



**Vincent Massey ROCKS!**

### **Grade 8 Transition Meetings**

If you have a child in grade 8 with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), transition meetings will be held January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. These meetings will include the homeroom teacher, special education teachers from the high school, the parents, the principal, myself, and the student. Letters with more information will be mailed out in mid-January. If your child will be attending a different high school, please let us know so we can set up a transition meeting with that school. We look forward to helping the grade 8's as they transition to high school.

**Lauren Crawford (Special Education Resource Teacher)**

### **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 the final say on whether they wish their children to attend school on those days.

If your child rides the bus, please ensure that you have created an account with STSCO so you will receive cancellation/delay notifications.

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