



# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 7	Grade 8 Graduation Pictures
February 15	Valentine's Dance
February 19	Heritage Day—No School
March 8	Assessment Day—No School
March 11-15	Spring Break—No School
March 28	PD Day—No School
March 29	Good Friday—No School
April 1	Easter Monday—No School
April 8	Fluoride Treatment—Grades 5&6

### Principals' Message

Welcome back to all our students! We hope the holiday break provided you with the perfect mix of relaxation and festive celebrations.

December was a whirlwind of joy, starting with a delightful holiday brunch that was enjoyed by everyone. A special thank you to everyone that helped organize the Brunch. The festive spirit continued with spirited theme days, showcasing the students creativity and enthusiasm. We're so proud of the positive energy they brought to the halls during those spirited celebrations. The students also skated at the Trenton rink, danced it up at the holiday dance, as well as enjoyed a movie in the gym. A huge thank you to the Home & School for providing treats for the Movies and hosting the dance.

As we look forward to the upcoming winter months, please ensure your child has proper footwear, coat, hat and mitts. We try and get the students outside for fresh air on a daily basis, weather permitting.

Shane Pitts, Principal

**We are still accepting donations for the Back Pack Program.**

**A big thanks to all the donations that have been brought in!!**



**WINTER FUN!**





# Grade 5 & 6's Random Acts of Kindness



## Student Lounge

**We recently opened up our Student Lounge.  
Thanks to the help of staff & students for  
making this happen!!**





# HOLIDAY BRUNCH & SKATE



## Breakfast Program

Our student breakfast program is available for ALL students when they arrive at school.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. The program is in place to help students have a healthy start to their day and is certainly needed.



**Online Registration for Girls at Bat After School Program is now open. This program is available to all female-identifying individuals at Trenton Middle School.**

**Girls at Bat will be held Monday(s) from 2:30-4:00pm and will be FREE to all participants.**

For questions or additional information, please contact [emily.morton@trenton.ca](mailto:emily.morton@trenton.ca)

Click the link below to register online!

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#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Girls At Bat is an introductory-level baseball program designed to reduce some of the biggest barriers anyone identifying\* as a girl may face when accessing or participating in sport. Some of these barriers include but are not limited to, sports being too competitive, having a perceived lack of skill, limited access to opportunity, and low confidence.

Girls At Bat works to remove these barriers by creating spaces that empower and centre the leadership and voices of girls and provide opportunities for them to learn and play sports in a resilient and inclusive community. The program changes the game for girls by focusing on four key pillars: connection, courage, leadership, and love of sport.

Schools and community organizations implement the program with the goal of increasing participation and retention in sports and play.

#### PROGRAM DATES

**MONDAY(S)**

**JANUARY 15TH – MARCH 4TH 2024**

**2:30-4:00PM**





# **SURF SMART**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY FOR KIDS & YOUTH**



**Parents and Caregivers are invited  
to attend an info session!**

**Date: February 1st, 2024**

**Time: 6:00-7:30pm**

**Location: Trenton Middle School**

**Light refreshments will be provided.  
Door prizes to be won!**




This poster was created thanks to the collaboration of the above Pictou County Organizations

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## **Surf Smart Parent Info Sessions**

SchoolsPlus will be hosting a series of information sessions for parents and caregivers of pre-teens and young teens, at various schools in Pictou County. These sessions will provide attendees with tools and skills which promote positive mental health outcomes for youth navigating the world of social media.

The Surf Smart program developed out of a Pictou County Mental Health Roundtable discussion about issues impacting the mental health of youth in our community and is based on extensive research by leading experts in the field.

Attendees can expect information and statistics about the mental health impacts of social media use and misuse on adolescents, tips for engaging youth in a healthier relationship with technology, and opportunity for discussion, as well as access to print and digital resources to help support you and the kids you love on this journey.

Childcare will be provided by SchoolsPlus staff, and there will be a draw for a door prize at each event.

## Winter Weather is Coming: Inclement Weather Process

Occasionally, weather conditions can impact school bus service and school operations—especially in the winter. When it is stormy or road conditions are poor, CCRCE Transportation Services staff will determine if we will maintain bus and school operations as usual, maintain bus services on paved roads only, or close schools. Separate cancellations and closures may occur for each of our four families of schools (Celtic, Chignecto, Cobequid and Nova).

### What to do if it is stormy or road conditions are poor:

- Check if your school is open and buses are running before you send your children to the bus stop or bring to them school. Set up text notifications by visiting [CCRCE.ca](http://CCRCE.ca) under Parents and click Inclement Weather. Click the link and add your cell phone number.
- Find out if buses are cancelled or if schools are closed by monitoring your local radio or television stations or check CCRCE's website: [www.ccrce.ca](http://www.ccrce.ca), Twitter feed (@CCRCE\_NS) and Facebook page: @CCRCE.CCRCE makes every effort to post information to our website/social media and contact local media by 6:30 a.m.
- We ask that parents, guardians and students avoid calling schools on storm days, whenever possible.

If there are cancellations within the region, the green “schools open” button on our website will be changed to red and will read “schools closed”. By clicking on this button you can access up-to-date information regarding closure and cancellation information.

### School Closures During the Day

CCRCE rarely cancels school mid-day due to weather or road conditions. However, there may be other factors, such as power outages, that may result in a school closing unexpectedly during the day.

For the rare occasion CCRCE closes school early, we recommend parents and guardians keep their contact information up-to-date with schools and have alternate arrangements in place for their children. Should a mid-day closure occur, parents/guardians will be notified either directly (in the case of elementary schools), via local media, our website and social media.

- Some schools may also choose to send an “Alert” email or text message to parents and guardians, announcing early dismissal.

Questions about the early dismissal pilot can be directed to school principals, CCRCE Student Transportation at 902-897-5561 or CCRCE's Operations Department at 902-897-8930.