

Christmas Concert

Please come out to see our Christmas concert which will be held on December 17 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm in the school gym. Our students have two performances so that we can accommodate everyone who would like to attend. Please join us for the afternoon performance if you are available. More detailed information will come home with students. We will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as toys. Donations can be dropped off at the school until Tuesday, December 17 so we can have time to distribute them. We will be having a Christmas Raffle during the evening Christmas concert. You do not have to be in attendance to win! All proceeds will go to local families in the community. If you have any items to donate for the raffle we will be collecting them until the morning of December 17.

Food Hampers/Toy Donations

Students and staff will be collecting items for the food hampers and toy donations from December 3 to December 17 for house league points.

School Bus Service Cancellations Due to Weather and/or Road Conditions

If weather and/or road conditions are bad, or predicted to be bad, the Director of Student Transportation for Northern Gateway Public Schools in consultation with some local bus drivers and the Superintendent of Schools will make a decision whether to cancel bus operations. In making the decision, contact is also made with Environment Canada to check for potential weather conditions. The decision is made, with consideration for student safety being given top priority. Based on the best information available, the Director of Student Transportation makes a decision whether the buses will be running or not. From here the bus drivers are notified and the fan-out lists are engaged. You should receive a phone call from your bus driver's fan out, on these occasions. Please contact your child's bus driver if this does not occur. If buses run on a day when parents feel they should not, it is always the parent's choice to keep their children at home. If your child/ren are not in the busing area, a phone call will be made.

All division bus cancellations are posted on their website at www.ngps.ca. or our school website at www.darwellschool.ca. As well some radio stations are notified.

A bus driver can also make the decision that their bus will not be operating based on weather and road conditions. They notify the Director of Student Transportation and invoke their parent fan out list to inform you. **If buses are not running, ALL field trips and special activities will be postponed.**

Winter Weather = Winter Clothing

All students should have the appropriate clothing for the bus ride to school and to go outside for recesses: snow pants, mitts, touques, boots, and coats. Students without proper winter gear will not be allowed on the hill.

Snowbusters

Still looking to purchase Christmas gifts for your child/ren? Snowbusters, a skiing and snowboarding program at Rabbit Hill, is being planned for January 10, 17, 24, and February 5 for students in grades 4-7. This would make a great gift or students may want to earn their trip by helping out around the house. Registration packages will be sent home shortly with students who are interested. Please complete the registration forms and have all paperwork and payments made to the school by Friday, December 20. Please note, all students planning to attend must have their technology fee paid by December 20.

Parent Council and Betterment Group Meeting Information

Please make note that the Darwell School Council and Darwell Betterment Association meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 21 starting at 6:30pm..

Lunch by the Bunch

Lunch date for this month is Thursday, December 5. **PLEASE NOTE there will be no tuck available that day.**