

November 29th, 2023

Hello parents and guardians,

In an effort to continue to keep you informed of events going on in the school, we are endeavouring to send out our "TIGER NEWS - The Abridged version" on Fridays. This will be a digital letter/email that we send out to parents on Fridays with important reminders for the next week, and that will have a calendar on it for the month. We hope that this information will prove useful for families. We will still put out monthly newsletters, which are often used to celebrate our student successes as well as give parents information about community groups.

As always, the best place to go for the most up to date information is the <u>School Website</u> and the <u>Calendar</u> page.

December is going to be a very busy month here at Hay Lakes School. Our Student Vision group is busy planning activities for all students, and we hope that everyone can find something in which they can take part.

On December 14th, our students will be presenting "Star Bucks: The Musical" - our annual Christmas Concert and variety show. We will once again be having two shows on that day - the first showing at 1:00pm and the second at 7:00 pm. We will be sending out a video link to parents for the evening showing for you to share with family members who may not be able to attend in person. Our Band Program will be fundraising for their upcoming band trip during the shows by selling tickets for the "Best Seat in the House" as well as hot chocolate, hot cider, and other refreshments.

Keep your eye out for our upcoming theme days! Students from all grades are encouraged to participate in these theme days and show their school spirit! We are also planning a "Winter Carnival" day to take place during an afternoon on the last week of school before the break.

We will once again be collecting food for local families this year during our "10 Days of Giving" starting on Friday, December 1st. You are encouraged to send non-perishable items to the school, and there will be theme days which will be shared next week. Parents will also be able to donate online for the cost of items for the turkey dinner that we try to provide to the families. We are thankful to the Town of Hay Lakes for donating the turkeys for this cause.

Finally, our Junior and Senior High Students are invited to the HLS Winter Semi-Formal Dance on the night of December 15th in our school gym. The Junior High dance will be from 6pm to 8:30 - students must arrive by 6:30. The Senior High dance will be from 7:30 to 10:30 and students must arrive by 8:30. Students will be allowed to invite one guest from another school who must be preregistered at the school, and must be in the same grade as the student. We are asking that these students provide a school ID when they arrive as well. If this is not possible, please reach out to Mr. MacKenzie before the 15th. There will be a concession for the dance, as well as a games and activities room for students. We are in need of parent chaperones for this event, so if you are able to help out for a portion of the night, please let Mr. MacKenzie know.