



Oyster Pond Academy Newsletter

January 2021

Dates to remember:

Happy New Year!

- January 31 - Yearbook orders due if you want personalization
- February 1 - Primary registration begins for September 2021
- February 12 - Ice cream social
- February 14 - Valentines Day 
- February 15 - No School - Heritage Day
- February 26 - Last chance for yearbooks
- March 15-19 - March Break
- March 24 - No School - Assess and Evaluation Day

It's cold outside, and we are outside often so...dress appropriately



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available for purchase until February 26th ONLY. We will NOT be purchasing extra books this year. Order forms went home in the Fall. Yearbooks are \$25.00 with an option for personalization (\$5.00) and icons (\$3.00 each). Personalization is only available before January 29th. The cost of books jumps to \$30.00 per book (no personalization) after January 29th. For those of you familiar with last year...yearbooks can be purchased online at www.jostens.com. Simply choose Oyster Pond Academy and place your order. It really is that easy!

Primary Registration

February is registration month. If someone in your family or perhaps your neighbor turns five (5) on or before December 31, 2020 it is time to start thinking about registering them for school. Parents/guardians must present the child's proof of age (birth certificate, passport, Immigration papers or adoption papers), proof of residency (such as a current utility bill, lease agreement, etc.), health card number and expiry date at the time of registration. Please drop by the school to pick up your registration package on or after February 1st and don't hesitate to call if you have any questions 902-889-4300.

School Closures

With the weather getting chilly we have to consider "School Closures". We are the **Eastern Shore District High Family of Schools**. Cancellations are typically made as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible and posted on the School Board website. You may also call 464-4636. Mid-day closures are rare but they do happen. Before elementary students are dismissed, in a mid-day closure, the school will contact an adult for every child to confirm arrangements.

Contact Information

If any of your contact information changes at any time throughout the year, please contact the school. It is very important we have accurate records of your contact information. We are using email and phone message systems more and more, but without the proper contact information in the system you may miss important OPA news.

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found is piling up. Please ask your children to check it regularly for lost mittens, hats, snow pants, lunch bags etc. We even have a few winter coats! A photo of our Lost & Found can be found on our Facebook page as well.

Safe Arrival

Please don't forget to call if your child is absent or plans to be absent 902-889-4300.



Community Health

The Community Health Teams are a joint partnership between the IWK Health and Nova Scotia Health. Please find the promotional material attached. Here is what we are currently offering:

- **My Child is Anxious. Should I worry? - 2 week program**
 - **Screen Time in my Family - 1 week program**
 - **Self-compassion for parents – 1 week program**
 - **Incredible Years Parenting Program - 12 week program for parents of 6-12 year olds and 14 week program for parents of 3-6 year olds (Pre-school)**
 - **NEW Parenting your Teenager: Walking the Middle Path – 6 week program**
 - **NEW Handle with Care- 8 week program for parents of 0-6 year olds**
- Parent/Caregiver 101 Series offered by IWK Pediatric Dietitians & Occupational Therapists - Behaviour 101, Mealtime 101, Toileting 101**

To register, please call **1-844-460-4555**

Please have your child's health card number on hand during this call.



IT'S COLD....DRESS WARM!