



# NEWSLETTER

December 2023

## Principal's Message

December is always a busy month! Excitement is in the air and students are looking forward to the Holiday Break. Regardless of beliefs and values, family is always at the heart of any celebration. The St. Norbert Immersion school community is a great family to belong to. We take care of our own! If you know someone in need, please contact me to discuss in confidence, how the school could help.

As the calendar year ends, I would like to thank all school community members for the engagement and support that you give to the ESNI family. Not all school communities are as strong, vibrant and accepting as this one. It is wonderful how individual and collective goals are reconciled. It is also incredible to note how collaboration and working in good faith permeated everything that occurs at ESNI. For this, I am thankful!

I look forward to seeing you at one of our concerts (Band or Winter). I also want to take this opportunity to wish you Happy Holidays. I hope you enjoy time with family, relax and stay safe.

Warmest regards,

*François Rémillard*

## Elder

Elder Kipling has agreed to work with our students and share his knowledge. One of the many focuses for our work with Elder Kipling is to learn about the ecology and the power of plants in our environment. His indigenous knowledge will be shared in classrooms and with small groups of students who wish to learn more. We are thrilled to welcome him to the school! Miigwech!

## Band & Winter Concerts

The concerts are fast approaching and students have been preparing diligently. A letter outlining the ticket system for the K – 4 Winter Concert was emailed on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to numbers and Fire Code restrictions, each family will have the opportunity to obtain three tickets to the 7:00 pm presentation on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all those



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who can, to attend the afternoon presentation (1:00 pm) to free up some space for the evening show.

All are welcome to the Grades 5/6 and 7/8 Band/Choir Concert December 14<sup>th</sup>, (1:00 pm & 7:00 pm). Tickets are not necessary for admittance to these presentations.

## **Christmas Hampers**

St. Norbert Middle Years students are spearheading a collection of food, toys and money for Christmas Hampers to help four families from the community. A list of specific items has been sent to prevent the accumulation of too much of one food type. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and generosity!

## **Parent Advisory Council/SNIAC**

It is the start of a busy time for the ESNI parent advisory council. It is busy preparing recurring hot lunch options for students. It is also actively engaging in fundraising and supporting school initiatives. Parent and caregivers are central to a child's education. Your involvement is important.

Join us for our next meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the conference room. An agenda with discussion topics and a link to the meeting will be sent out prior to the meeting. Free childcare will also be available. We hope to see you in person or online!

## **Volleyball**

It's been a fantastic volleyball season thus far. They made fantastic progress throughout the year. The 7/8 girls ended the year by losing a close game in the A side quarterfinals. The Grade 7 boys team ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the A division and the Grade 8 Boys team ended up 1<sup>st</sup> and winning the divisional banner. The Grade 8 boys' team will represent our division at the Provincial Grade 8 championships at the beginning of December. Good luck!



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## ESNI Clothing

Our Online School Apparel 2023 store. The store will close on December 11<sup>th</sup>, so orders must be in before then. All orders will be done online through the link provided. No samples sizes are available to try this year. There is a sizing chart on the online store. Please follow the link bellow. A delivery date for merchandise will be determined by the supplier and communicated by Mr. Berard.

<https://esni2023.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

## Panther's Closet and Community Pantry

The Panther's Closet is open to all members of the community. The generous amount of donations allows us to provide students and children with winter apparel (jackets, ski pants, boots, mitts and toque, etc.) if needed. We also have a variety of clothing (pants, tops, etc.) available. Feel free to contact the school if you wish to take advantage of this service or if you know someone in need.

We are also working on a community pantry for those families need support. Please feel free to contact the school to talk to M. Rémillard (204 261-4430 or [Francois.Remillard@srsd.ca](mailto:Francois.Remillard@srsd.ca)) to access clothing or food. Privacy and confidentiality are assured.

## Odds & Ends

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| December 14 <sup>th</sup>  | - Grades 5 - 8 Music and Band/Choir Concert |
| December 19 <sup>th</sup>  | - K to 4 Winter Concert                     |
| December 23 <sup>rd</sup> to January 7 <sup>th</sup> (inclusively) | - Winter Break                              |