

# Happy New Year!

January 2019

We trust that you have all had a joyous Christmas and that you and your children have enjoyed the holidays!! It is a joy to welcome them back and see their eager smiling faces. Most children really enjoy settling back into routines again, and to be honest most of us grownups do too! January looks to be an exciting time of learning and discovery.

## MEMORY WORDS:

“Do unto others as you would  
have them do to you. For this sums up  
the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 7:12

## JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Chapel with Pastor Layne at 8:50
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic book orders due
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Skating – see note below!
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Hotdog Lunch
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- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Skating
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Hotdog Lunch
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Skating
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Crazy Hair Day!
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Booster Juice Lunch (Pre-orders for this are due on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – No School P.D. Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Edworthy Park Field Trip 8:50 – 11:30 a.m.  
Discovering WINTER !! (weather permitting)  
Volunteer [SignUp Here](#)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Hotdog Lunch
- Feb. 7 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-8p.m.)
- Feb. 12 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-7:30p.m.)

## LANGUAGE LEARNING

Many of you did some reading over the break! Students were excited to share their reading accomplishments at school today. This practice is essential to building fluency and confidence. Please help your child to read each day. Practicing sight words and reading strategies is also very valuable. Contact your child's teacher if you want more information.

Using **INVENTED SPELLING** (writing the sounds we hear) is a valuable practice as we work on recording our thoughts and ideas. As we begin formal spelling activities in January, the expectation is that the children will spell "Word Wall" words in their everyday writing the "conventional" way. The rest of their spelling is invented, building on their phonetic knowledge.



### REMINDER...

Just a reminder that when the temperature outside is – **20 or colder** with the wind chill there will be no patrols to help the students cross the road. If your child is still walking to school, please remind them of the safety rules when crossing the street. Thank you.

As a connecting point for our Senses Unit, the Grade One students will be collecting old eye glasses that can be used again by those in developing countries. The organization where the donations will be delivered is the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center ([CLERC](#)). Please consider asking family and friends in the upcoming days if they happen to have any old glasses that can be donated to this cause. Your child can bring them right to school to our collection box. Our hope is that through this project we can bless others who may not have optimum vision, while God also opens our eyes to see the gifts that we have right in front of us.

# 2019 CCS Skating Program

Grade 1 will be participating in our annual skating program. The program will take place at **George Blundin Arena**.

Dates: January 15, 17, 22, and 24th

Time: Grade 1 9:30 - 10:15 am

All students are required to bring:

- CSA approved helmet
- Skates (hockey or figure skates)
- Socks
- Gloves



Volunteers are needed to make this program a success.

Please click here to volunteer [SignUp Genius](#)

We are in need of:


- On-ice teachers for various skill levels
- Help with tying skates
- Drivers to help transport equipment to and from the arena
- Walkers to accompany each class to and from the arena




Noteworthy recommendations:

Snow pants are highly recommended for novice skaters. **No bicycle helmets allowed.** While on the ice, students must wear mitts or gloves, conducive for picking up items that are used in lesson activities. Please ensure that your child has long warm socks for inside their skates.

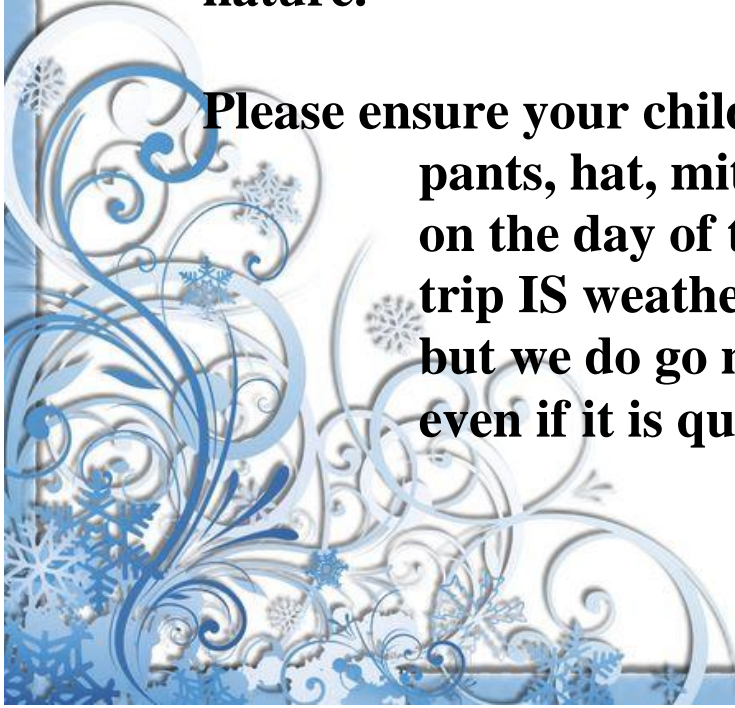
\*We would like to stress that skates and helmets need to be secured in a sturdy bag that CLOSSES or TIES, so that skates do not fall out or cut through the bag material. Many thanks!!

<p>January 25</p> 	<p>Crazy Hair / Crazy Hat Day</p>	<p>Come to school sporting the craziest hair-do or the craziest hat to show school spirit!</p>
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**Winter Field Trip Information:**  
**On Wednesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, we are returning to Edworthy Park to look for signs of winter! We have room (and need!) lots of volunteers. Sign up via the signup genius [SIGN-UP](#).**

**This is an OUTDOOR field trip, so students must be adequately dressed to spend the morning exploring nature.**



**Please ensure your child has snow pants, hat, mitts, boots, etc. on the day of the trip. This trip IS weather dependent, but we do go most years, even if it is quite cold.**