

Principal's Message

What's My Paw Print?

December is upon us and there are only 15 days left before we begin our Christmas Break! These next three weeks are hectic as High School Courses start to wind down in preparation for January exams. These are demanding times at school, and your continued support and communication with your child's teachers is critical. This is a great time to go on to Parent Portal with your child, and discuss their progress, assignments, and grades. Our first Diploma exam, ELA 30-1/2, is January 14th.

There are lots of important dates to remember this month. December 6th will be our second Parent/Teacher Interview evening this school year. Grade 1-12 interviews will be held in the gym. Start time is 4:30 p.m., and they end at 7:30 p.m. December 14th is a Professional Development Day, so there will be no school for students. December 20th is a big day! We will be holding our annual School wide Christmas lunch for all of our students and staff. Then on the evening of December 20th, we will be holding our Christmas Concert, start time is 6:30 p.m. Finally, December 21st, is our last student day, and we begin our Christmas Break at the end of the day. We return on January 7th, 2019!

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas to everyone.



Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Dec. 4 – Mini Dunkers – 3:40 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Grade 4 to 6

Thursday, Dec. 6 – Parent/Teacher Interviews - 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 7 – Popcorn sale

Wednesday, Dec. 12 – Subway Sale

Friday, Dec. 14 – Professional Learning Day – no school for students

Thursday, Dec. 20 – School wide Christmas Lunch

Thursday, Dec. 20 – Christmas Concert – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21 – Last Day of classes before Christmas Break

Monday, Jan. 7 – First Day of classes after Christmas Break

Tuesday, Jan. 8 – School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – Subway Sale

Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Last day of classes for Grade 10 – 12

Thursday, Jan. 31 – Teacher Directed Day – no school for students

Friday, Feb. 1 – Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews - no school for staff or students

Thursday, Feb. 7 – Ski Trip – Grade 6 to 9

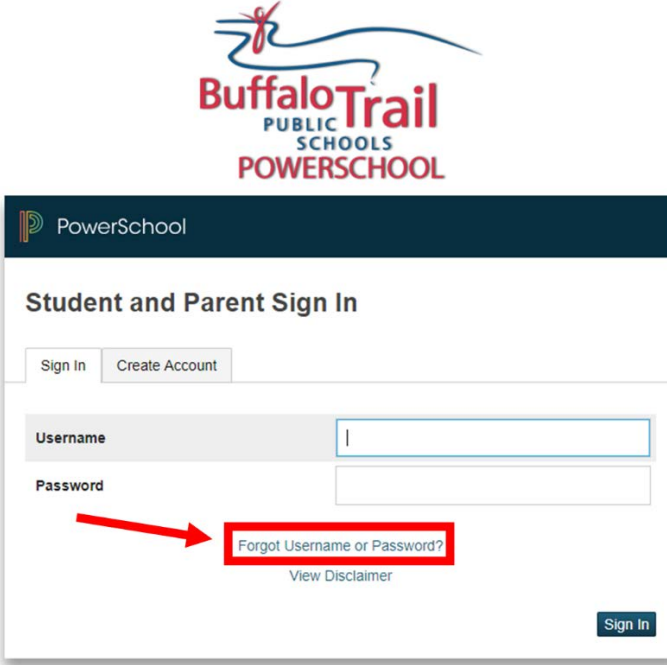
Please see further in the newsletter for January's Exam schedule.

Classroom Champions

Grade 2 and 4 Classroom Champions are hosting a Food Drive! For each non-perishable food item students and staff bring, they will earn a point for their Panther Pack. They hope community members will join them in gathering items for this worthy cause. Food items may be dropped off to Mrs. Jago at the PPS Library in the mornings only. The deadline for food items is Thursday, December 13. 'Tis the season for giving!

Parent Portal

Online access to attendance and marks for your children is available. – The BTPS Parent Portal is what you need!! Whether you are creating an account for the first time or adding a new child to an existing account, contact the school and we can get the necessary information emailed to you. Perhaps you have an account, but are unsure of the username or password --- go to the BTPS Parent Portal log in page and click on Forgot Username or Password and you will receive an automated email with the info you need.



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Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In Create Account

Username

Password

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Sign In

Once you have an account, you may also be interested in using the PowerSchool Mobile app which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. To log into the app, you will need our district code which is GFST.

BTPS Electronic Reporting of Information FAQs

Please click the link below for more details:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/181RWJld2iKnk_lz2hfkSI4-9ESkuk-JUstKwYv3NCXI/edit?usp=sharing

Snack Attack

If anyone is interested in helping with Snack Attack in the morning to please contact the school at 780-753-6824 and Terri will get back to you.

Transportation

TEMPORARY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

Please be advised that it is a BTPS administrative procedure that bus drivers receive direct (written unless it is an emergency situation) permission from both the sending and the receiving parent before they will be able to transport an unregistered child on their bus. For example, if a child was having a birthday party and wanted a friend or two to come on the bus home with them, the child's parent who is attending the party and the parent hosting the birthday party would be required to give the bus driver permission for the child to ride the bus. We ask this for two reasons, one to make sure there is room on the bus, and two to make sure both the sending and the receiving parents are aware of the plans their children have made. We have had situations where one parent knows and the other doesn't and the child was not supposed to be going to that other child's house or the child doesn't show up at home and that parent is in a mad panic. Temporary transportation services becomes a transportation to caregiver service if it is requested more than four times a year. After the 4 trips, a fee will be assessed. Our bus drivers are responsible to transport registered children to and from school, not to provide a taxi service. Every extra student is an added responsibility that the bus driver must attend to, so please respect this procedure. For more information you can review the administrative procedure [here](#).

WINTER ATTIRE ON THE SCHOOL BUS:

It is important to have children dress appropriately for the cold weather. We know it's hard to look cool when you are wearing a pair of ski pants and winter boots (although some of the outfits I have seen this year are pretty sweet), but they become so important in keeping students safe and warm if a bus was to break down in an area of poor cell service. They don't have to wear it on the bus, but they do have to carry it with them. They can ask their bus driver if they can leave it on the bus during the week so they don't have to drag it back and forth from home, but they need to have it with them. If a bus driver does not feel a child is properly dressed and does not have the proper winter attire in their back packs or with them, they can refuse them transportation as long as they make direct contact with the parent. Please make sure your child is prepared for the cold weather on the bus and at school (i.e. outside recess, outside gym, etc.). Thank you for your help.

SLAC Subway Sale

Thursday December 13th

Thank you for supporting our fundraising initiatives!

All subs **must** be preordered!

Orders are to be handed in no later than

9am on December 10th.

Elem: Please complete the order form and return to homeroom teacher

Jr / Sr: Please turn in order form and payment at office

Please complete **ONE FORM** per 6 inch sub.

Substitutions will not be filled! Thanks!

-----Please tear off and hand in bottom only-----



Name _____ Class _____

Subsale Date _____

Return Forms By _____

Choose your 6 inch Bread \$5.00

- Italian White
- 9 Grain Wheat
- Wrap

Choose Your Sandwich

- Ham
- Pizza Sub
- Cold Cut
- Turkey Breast
- Veggie

Choose your Cheese

- White Cheddar
- Natural Cheddar
- None

Choose your Side \$1.00

- Add Chocolate Chunk Cookies

Choose your Veggies

- Lettuce
- Tomato
- Cucumber
- Pickle
- Green Pepper
- Onion
- Other _____

Choose your Sauce

- Mayo
- Mustard
- Sub Sauce
- Ranch
- Pizza Sauce
- Other

Total \$ _____

Sub = \$5.00 Sub & Cookie = \$6.00

Achievement, Diploma & Final Exam Schedule January 2019

Monday, Jan 14	Tuesday, Jan 15	Wednesday, Jan 16	Thursday, Jan 17	Friday, Jan 18
9:00-12:00 ELA 30-1 Part A 9:00-12:00 ELA 30-2 Part A	9:00-11:30 Social 30-2 Part A 9:00-12:00 Social 30-1 Part A			
Monday, Jan 21	Tuesday, Jan 22	Wednesday, Jan 23	Thursday, Jan 24	Friday, Jan 25
Last Day of Classes for Gr.12	Last Day of Classes for Gr.10-11	9:00-12:00 Math 30-1 9:00-11:30 Social 10-1, 10-2 9:00-11:30 Math 20-3, 30-3 9:00-12:00 Math 30-2	9:00-12:00 ELA 30-1 Part B 9:00-12:00 ELA 30-2 Part B 9:00-11:30 Math 20-1 9:00-11:30 Math 20-2	9:00-11:30 Physics 20 9:00-11:30 Science 10 9:00-11:30 Social 30-2 Part B 9:00-11:30 Social 30-1 Part B
Monday, Jan 28	Tuesday, Jan 29	Wednesday, Jan 30		
9:00-12:00 Biology 30 9:00-11:30 Chemistry 20	9:00-10:20 Social 9B PAT 9:00-12:00 Chemistry 30	9:00-12:00 Physics 30 1:00-4:00 Science 30		

Colour-Coded Legend	
Blue	Diploma Exam
Red	Course Not Taught This Semester
Green	Grade 10 and 11 Final Exam
Purple	Grade 9B PAT

Provost & District Chamber of Commerce kindly invites all students and their families to the Countdown to Christmas events happening in December.

- *Breakfast with Santa*
Saturday, December 8 at Crescent Point Place in Provost from 9-11:30 am.
Join us for breakfast and a make a craft with the Girl Guides or have your face painted by the Provost SLAC group while listening to the Provost Public School Band.
- *Free Matinee Movies Sponsored by Bozco Enterprises Ltd.*
Saturday, December 8 and 15 at 2 pm at Reel Entertainment
- *Readings with Santa*
Wednesday, December 12 & Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 at the Provost Municipal Library.
Pre-register by calling the Provost Library at 780-753-2801. For children 6 year or under, come in your PJs to make a craft and have some milk and cookies while Santa reads to you!
- *Free Public Skating*
Every Saturday and Sunday (*Please check the arena for scheduled times)! Compliments of the Provost Kinsmen Club.
- *Countdown to Christmas Chamber Draws*
Shop locally between December 1st through to the 20th and enter to win a chance to win up to \$1500.00 in Chamber bucks!



Provost Music Festival

March 24th - 29th 2019

SPEECH • STRINGS • INSTRUMENTAL • PIANO • VOCAL

Calling all musicians, artists & performers!

Dear Parents, Students & Teachers-

It is with great enthusiasm that the Provost Music Festival Association announces the dates of the 2019 Music Festival. This exciting week long festival showcases an impressive array of local talent. All participants are professionally adjudicated in non-competitive classes and considered for awards or competition advancement.

Don't miss this important opportunity to share, inspire and grow!

Entry forms available November 14, 2018

Registration deadline: January 25, 2019

Questions? Find us online!
provostmusicfestival@gmail.com
provostmusicfestival.com



Christmas Shopping with DAD

Date: Tuesday, December 18

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Provincial Building
Conference Room

Please come through EEOC doors

**Come buy &
wrap a special
gift for
Mom/Grandma**

All \$\$ will be
donated to the
Christmas Hamper
Project

All gifts
under \$5



All Dads can ENTER to WIN a RAD DAD T-shirt



Learn

Community is the topic for both November and December. Your child's athlete mentor will share how to be a good member of a community, how doing well in school strengthens communities, and how to contribute to a community.

Service projects are encouraged — showing students the impact they can have on their communities motivates and inspires them to become good leaders and improve decision-making skills.



Ask

- What is a community?
- Why is being a part of various communities important?
- How can kids contribute to their communities?
- How can you help others feel welcome in your communities?

Classroom Champions showed a reduction of bullying by 63% compared to national norms.

97% of teachers reported Classroom Champions improved their classroom culture.

Share

Discuss the communities to which your family belongs, whether they are based on geography, hobbies, or common interests.

Describe communities that you belonged to as a child.

Your family could also choose to participate in a service project!

www.classroomchampions.org

