



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

## December 2019 Newsletter

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### **A** from the Music Room

December will be a busy month!

#### **Friday, November 29th**

Grades 5-8 Noon Choir: O Canada at the Steinbach Pistons Game

#### **Thursday, December 5th**

Middle Years Christmas Program

Location: Blumenort School Gym, 2:00pm and 6:30pm

**\*\* Please note the updated time for the evening program!**

Students Involved: **all Grade 4-6 Students** will be performing the Musical **"Snowed In!"** with special appearances by the Grade 5-8 Noon Choir, and the Grade 6-8 After School Band Club!

#### **Saturday, December 7th**

Grades 5-8 Noon Choir:

O Canada at the Manitoba Moose Hockey Game

\* Bus leaves from the school parking lot at 4:15pm.

\*\* Students should wear dark bottoms and shoes with good grip. Bengals Music t-shirts will be provided.

\*\*\* Watch Parent Portal for the Permission Slip

#### **Tuesday, December 10th**

Grades 5-8 Noon Choir is going on "Choir Tour"!

10:15am - Steinbach Credit Union (live on AM1250)

11:00am - Bethesda Place

12:00 Lunch at Steinbach EMC (bring a bag lunch)

1:00pm - Excerpts from "Snowed In!" for the Senior's Fellowship Christmas Party at Steinbach EMC

2:00pm - Pat Porter Seniors Centre

\* Singers should wear dark bottoms and dark shoes; the school will provide Bengals Music t-shirts. (Thanks, PAC!)

\*\* Watch Parent Portal for the Permission Slip

#### **Thursday, December 19th**

Early Years Christmas Program

Location: Blumenort EMC Church, 2:00pm and 6:30pm

Students Involved: **all Grade 1-3 Students** will be performing the Musical: **"Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies"**.

... and then we will enjoy a quiet Christmas vacation!

We look forward to seeing you in the audience this month - be sure to invite all your friends and fans to celebrate our students' hard work!

*Take note..The Hanover School Division has limited, or no control, over photographs and videos taken by news media and others in public locations, or at school-sanctioned events open to the public - such as sporting events, performances, concerts, and similar events. When members of the public are invited/permitted to attend an event, those in attendance may choose to take student photographs, videos, and/or publish identifying information without requesting consent. In these instances, HSD cannot enforce or protect stated permissions.*

Mrs. Shannon Sawatzky

## **Bengals Merchandise**

A reminder that we have opened an online store to offer our families our Bengals Merchandise. This will give you the opportunity to pick from a variety of items and have them shipped directly to your home. To find out more, please visit <https://blumenortschool.entripyshops.com/>

## **Blumenort PAC Update**

**Pizza Party** - The PAC is pleased to be providing a school-wide pizza party on **December 17th!** Each child will receive up to 2 pieces of pizza, a cookie and juice. This is our way of saying "thank-you" for all your continued support! You should have already received an email regarding this, but stay tuned for further details.

**Gift Card Fundraiser** - Pick-up of gift cards will be the first week of December. We will notify you via email as to the exact date and time.

## **Best Wishes to Mr. Whitehead!**

We would like to wish Mr. John Whitehead, one of our bus drivers, all the best in his upcoming retirement at Christmas!

## **Season's Greetings from all of the Staff at Blumenort School!**



## **Lunch Hour Reminders**

We would like to remind our families about our lunch hour procedures. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Students are invited to remain at school over the lunch hour and those who choose to do so have the following expectations...**

- Lunches are eaten in the classroom (except for special privileges).
- Students remain in their desks until the bell.
- Students leave the classroom tidy and clean.

**Students are allowed off school grounds for lunch if...**

- Town students have a note at the beginning of the year saying they will be going home for lunch during that school year. (If you have not yet provided the office with a note, please do so as soon as possible).
- Students who do not regularly go home for lunch bring a note on the specific day.
- Parents have made arrangements with the office.

## **A Message from the Honourable Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Education**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

As I am sure that you have noticed, the use and popularity of e-cigarettes and “vaping” has been increasing in Manitoba. These trends come after years of decreasing smoking rates across the province, particularly among youth.

This trend is concerning as the use of e-cigarettes is not without risk, with evidence emerging around addiction potential and harmful chemicals contained in the vaping liquid. Therefore, as a province, we want to ensure we are being proactive and that tobacco use is not simply being replaced by e-cigarettes.

My office has provided a reminder to all schools that the use of e-cigarettes (as with conventional cigarettes) in any enclosed public space, including schools, is prohibited under The Smoking and Vapour Products Control Act. This prohibition is important to ensure that smoking, be it tobacco or e-cigarettes, is not normalized or thought of as a risk-free activity.

As e-cigarettes are a relatively new technology, we want to ensure that parents are also able to access clear and balanced information to be able to talk to their children. We know that nobody is more influential on a young person’s decisions than their parents and would therefore like to encourage you to explore the resources available from

**Health Canada -**

[www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/healthy-living/talking-teen-vaping-tip-sheet-parents.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/healthy-living/talking-teen-vaping-tip-sheet-parents.html)

Please take the time to examine this information and to share it with others.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable school year.

Kelvin Goertzen  
Minister  
Education

**Get your flu shot!**

**STOP**

**The spread of the flu!**

The pediatric residents of the University of Manitoba want to encourage all children 6 months and up (and their families) to get their flu shot during the 2019-2020 flu season

### Why?

- Influenza (“the flu”) outbreaks happen every year
- The flu shot helps protect you and the people you love from getting the flu! Influenza is different from a common cold or stomach flu and in some cases can cause you to get very sick.
  - Last flu season over 200 people were hospitalized with influenza and almost half of these patients were children
- The flu virus changes every year - so you need to get a new shot each fall, even if you got it last year
- The flu shot is safe! Almost everyone over 6 months can get it - even people who are pregnant, allergic to eggs, or have a cold!

### Where?

- Pharmacists can give flu shots to anyone age 7 and up.
- For those younger than 7 you can get your flu shot at your doctor’s office, nursing station or visit a flu clinic. To find your nearest flu clinic visit:  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/where.html>

### Can I get more information about the flu shot?

Of course! We encourage you to visit these trusted resources to get more info!

**Government of Canada** → [www.fightflu.ca](http://www.fightflu.ca)

**Canadian Pediatric Society** → [www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/influenza\\_vaccine](http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/influenza_vaccine)

**Centre for Disease Control** → [www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/flu-guide-for-parents-2018.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/flu-guide-for-parents-2018.pdf)

**Government of Manitoba** → [www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/flu/index.html)

### You can also follow us on Social Media 😊

**Instagram** → @mbpeds\_flufighters

**Twitter** → @mbflufighters

Signed, Dr. Lexa Fraser, Dr. Suzanne Robinson, Dr. Jonathan Ripstein, Dr. Duncan McGuinty, Dr. Linda Ding, Dr. Robyn McClelland, Dr. Flora Shan, Dr. Karen Ballinger, Dr. James Johnston, Dr. Habeeb Alsaeed, and Dr. Jessy Burns

R3 Pediatric Residents, University of Manitoba



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# Holiday Tour

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**7:30pm, Steinbach Mennonite Church, 345 Loewen Blvd  
Tickets \$28|\$12**

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or call 204.346.1077 for details**

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