

# Gulf Shore Consolidated

## November 2024

### Dates to Remember

<b>November 1</b>	Professional Learning Day- NO CLASSES
<b>November 5</b>	Remembrance Day Assembly
<b>November 6</b>	Take Your Kid To Work Day
<b>November 7 &amp; 8</b>	PEITF/CUPE Convention- NO CLASSES
<b>November 11</b>	Remembrance Day – NO CLASSES
<b>November 20</b>	Report cards sent home
<b>November 21</b>	Parent Teacher Conference (pm)
<b>November 22</b>	Parent Teacher Conference (during the day) – NO CLASSES
<b>November 21 &amp; 22</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>November 28</b>	MADD Presentation @ 1:00.
<b>December 4</b>	Band Concert- Grades 7-9
<b>December 11</b>	School Christmas Concert for Elementary- 1 & 7:00 pm
<b>December 20</b>	Last Instructional Day 2024
<b>January 6, 2025</b>	Frist Instructional Day 2025

### Safe School Policy:

We ask that all parents/visitors and guests coming to the school or the Early Years Centre, please check in at the office when you enter the school. At no time are you permitted to walk through the school without checking in at the office and getting a visitors badge. At end of day, if students are being picked up, we ask that you please remain in your vehicle and your child(ren) will meet you at their designated area outside. Parents are not permitted to go down to your child's classroom to retrieve them after school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The parking spaces in front of the school and in the back parking lot are for visitors and staff.

**Please do not park on the side of the road or on the grass near the school. When our buses are parked in front of the school, at the end of the day for dismissal, please do not drive past the buses.**

### Parent Teacher Conferences:

In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school.

On Nov. 21 & 22 our first set of Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at Gulf Shore. Please make every effort to attend these important sessions with your child's teacher. As in the past, you will be able to sign-up online for a preferred time with your child's teacher.

### Book Fair:

Our Annual Book Fair will be held from November 21-22. It will be open during parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 21 & 22. This is always a very important fundraiser for our school library. By supporting this fundraiser, you will be helping our school as well as getting some great books and maybe a head start on your Christmas shopping.

**Student Learning Reports:** will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

## **Phys. Ed News**

### **GYM REMINDER:**

A reminder to all students that as the weather changes outside it is important to **only wear your indoors** in the gym. Please ensure you have both indoors and outdoors each day in case we decide to go out or stay in.

### **Soccer:**

It was another exciting fall on the soccer pitch with our Gulf Shore Intermediate A Soccer teams. Special thanks go out to the parents and volunteers who helped make it a successful season, especially to girls coach Beth Wainwright and boys coaches Mark MacGillivray and Tyler Murphy.

A reminder to all soccer players that your jerseys must be returned to the PE Office as soon as possible (if you haven't already done so).

### **Sharks Int. A Boys Soccer**

The boys squad wrapped up their season earlier this month after a loss in their first round playoff matchup vs the undefeated Montague Intermediate boys team. Their regular season record of 1-2-1 earned them 4<sup>th</sup> place in the central division. We thank the boys for their hard work and strong play this fall.

### **Sharks Int. A Girls Soccer**

Our girls team wrapped up their season with a hard-fought battle in the first round of the playoffs vs. their perennial rival, Souris Spartans. These tenacious players racked up a 4-2 regular season record to earn 3<sup>rd</sup> seed in the central division (only 1 point from being in a 3 way tie for 1<sup>st</sup>). Congrats on another successful season, girls!

### **Cross-Country Running (Pre-Novice, Novice, Bantam, Intermediate)**

We would also like to thank and congratulate all the runners who competed this fall in PEISAA Cross-Country Running. We had a great turnout at the Zone 3 Meet at the Terry Fox Complex in Cornwall with teams competing in all 4 divisions across Pre-Novice and Novice, as well as 4 runners who competed in the Bantam/Int. Zone 3 Meet at Charlottetown Rural. These runners made Gulf Shore proud and were great ambassadors while representing our community.

### **Provincial X-C Running Results:**

Congrats to Sydney Clark, Brooklyn Clark, Jaxson Pineau, Kaden Gallant, and Kenan Boudreau on their strong performances at the provincial championships in Mill River earlier this month. It was a cold run for them, but they pushed through and made their school very proud.

### **Upcoming – Boys & Girls A Basketball**

We are currently gauging interest in PEISAA Boys & Girls A Basketball, and are still looking for volunteers to fill the head coach position of the Boys and Girls Teams. There are currently some part-time volunteers available to help the teams in an assistant coach role, but the head coach role is still currently vacant for both teams. Anyone interested in this can email Logan Roche ([lroche@edu.pe.ca](mailto:lroche@edu.pe.ca)) (candidates must have NCCP "SafeSport" and "Making Headway" certifications complete; both of which are free and available online via the NCCP website).

### **Music News:**

As part of our school's Remembrance Day observance, our students will view a slideshow featuring photos of Gulf Shore School family members who are currently serving or have

previously served. This adds meaningful context for all of our students. If you have submitted photos in the past, those will be included again this year. If you have a new photo to share, please send a scanned copy with the following details: the individual's name, rank, and years of service. Please send this information to Ms. Syndi at [slmaceachern@edu.pe.ca](mailto:slmaceachern@edu.pe.ca) by November 8th. Thank you!

### **Band Rehearsal:**

Grade 6 Band will continue on Wednesday mornings for November. They are doing great.

Grade 7, 8 & 9 band will do rehearsals on Wednesday after school.

### **Band Concert**

Grade 6-9 Band students and their families are asked to reserve Wednesday, December 4th, at 7 pm for our Christmas Band Concert.

### **School Christmas Concert**

This year's elementary Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 11/2024 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### **Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025**

- Parents are asked to register their children for kindergarten prior to or during the week of November 18 – 22, 2024.
- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, to be eligible for kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to come to the school to register their child
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of government issued ID verifying proof of child's age such as a birth Certificate, PEI health card or passport.
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held in the spring of 2025.

### **Early French Immersion Registration**

If you are in the Gulf Shore zone for school but want your child to be enrolled in a French Immersion program, you will call Westwood to register.

### **Terry Fox Fundraiser:**

We want to congratulate students, staff and parents on a wonderful fundraiser. We were able to raise \$6,374.65 in support of Terry Fox. Our top winner is Paul McKarris who collected 260.00 in pledges. Paul got to go out for lunch with a friend and Ms. Conohan. Second place is Thea Gallant who collected 220.00 in pledges and 3<sup>rd</sup> place goes to Hannah Jarvis who collected 217.00 in pledges. Thea and Hannah received a gift card from Cricker's Creamery. Thank you to Marilyn MacMurdo for organizing this special fundraiser for our school. Also thank you to our wonderful Home & School for providing hot dogs and a drink for our students after they completed their big run.

### **School Cancellations:**

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am. An announcement that "all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools. Please note that Gulf Shore is in the Bluefield family of schools.

### **One-Hour Delay**

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am

## **Late Buses**

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

## **School Closure During the Day**

It may be necessary to close school partway through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

## **Extreme Weather During the Day**

Should the department of transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

## **Suggestions for parents**

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 am daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 am.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

## **Helpful Links**

- Environment Canada's Weather Forecast for [Charlottetown](#), [St. Peter's Bay](#), [East Point](#), [Maple Plains](#), [North Cape](#) and [Summerside](#)
- [PEI Road Conditions](#)
- [PEI Government Storm Closures or Delays](#) (A notification/link will appear on the Government home page when there are workplace closures.)
- [CBC PEI's Storm Centre](#)
- [Ocean 100](#) and [Hot 105.5](#) Storm Centres
- [CFCY](#) Storm Watch

*Thank you for your support. Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our children.*

## **Gulf Shore Home & School News for November:**

Gulf Shore Home and School Board is a member of the PEI Home and School Federation, and they believe participation of parents and guardians in the education of children is vital. So, our

goal as a Home and School Association is to offer support to the school and help by being liaisons between the school and parents. Home and school do this in multiple ways.

**The Gulf Shore Hot lunch program:** NOTE: this is not affiliated with the province's Healthy Food Program. Pizza and Milk is available for purchase via our <https://gulfshore.hotlunches.net>. Milk is available 5 days a week and Pizza from By the Bay is available for purchase on Fridays only. If you are new to the program, you can register your child (info on school website). Ordering is now open. Kristin LeClair is the contact.

**The Breakfast Program:** Thanks to Bracken Smith for taking the lead and some parent volunteers, it will be starting in November! It will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students will be receiving a breakfast snack prepared and served by our Volunteers. If this is something you would like to help with either by volunteering to prepare or serve, or would like to make a monetary donation to help maintain the program please reach out to anyone on the Home & School Board or Bracken Smith. (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays the breakfast bins provided by the school will still be available to kids that want it)

The **Terry Fox Run and BBQ** was held on Oct 4th. Home and School volunteers provided and served lunch for the staff and students. Thanks goes out again to RUSTICO HOME HARDWARE who donated the BBQ to Home and School to have to use for these types of events. A big thanks you to North Rustico Food Mart for donating the Juice boxes.

**Halloween Family Dance** - Gulf Shore Home and School hosted a Halloween Family Dance 5-7pm on October 25th, and it was a HUGE SUCCESS!! Once again it was well attended and lots of fun for those that attended. Thanks to our Parent Volunteers and Board members who stepped up and helped make it a great family event. Shout out also goes to Anita for lending all her AMAZING Halloween inflatables for decorations and for all her extra help that evening too.

#### WHATS HAPPENING NOW!

Gulf Shore Clothing Fundraiser Accepting Orders until November 15th. Orders can be placed via the Google form. It can be located here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyy1IxWY3yL7aUNdZe4gP0zzcf0m3BeBxq6bPJaaP4hphsgg/viewform>



ALL PROCEEDS Go BACK Into supporting the students in various ways: from events, supplies, breakfast program etc. If you have any issues placing the order online you can reach out to Raeona Macleod to help place it and or pay at Raeonamacleod@gmail.com Or if have any questions regarding this fundraiser, prefer to pay by cash, or need to make other arrangements around Pick Up or Delivery you can contact me at wakelindorothy78@gmail.com to make arrangement

**The Gulf Christmas Store:** Is back for a second year. Home and School will be organizing a “store” for kids to come and shop again...and will start collecting donations of gently used items (no clothing) gift bags and tissue paper after Remembrance Day. Watch the Facebook Page for more details.

**GSCS VanKampens Poinsettia’s Fundraiser** There are 3 simple ways you can purchase poinsettia!



1. You can scan the URL code with your smartphone or you can

2. Visit: <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/gulf-shore-fundraiser>. Select your desired color and pick up date from Van Kampens or can choose delivery for a small fee then check out.

3. Simply drop in to VK greenhouses on Allen St and tell them you are buying it as part of Gulf Shore Consolidated School’s fundraiser when you check out!

Lastly, our next meeting will be in November (date TBA) in the Staff room at GSCS. ALL caregivers of students are welcome to attend. We welcome and encourage you to get involved. There are many ways to help, from sitting on the board, to volunteer opportunities, contributing to bake sales or staff appreciation meals all helps and supports our School Family. Without the help of many, we wouldn’t be able to contribute as we do. We continually thank everyone for your ongoing support. Gulf Shore Home and School Association Executives and Volunteers for the 2024/25 school year. President - Dorothy Wakelin Past President - Marsha LeBlanc Vice President - Ashley Ryder Treasurer - Lindsay Gallant Secretary - Martina Cole-Gallant Milk/School Food Program - Kristin LeClair Breakfast Program - Bracken Smith Food for Thought Cupboard - Heather Doucette.

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

*The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or Public Schools Branch.*

#### 323 Blue Heron Sea Cadets

Join our Youth Cadet Program for ages 12 – 18 and embark on experiences you won't find anywhere else! From exciting trips and camps to competitions, international exchanges, and more. Come and discover what makes our program truly unique. We are located at West River United Church in Cornwall. Training nights are Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

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#### Provincial Home and School Newsletter, November 2024

##### **FREE Home & School Leadership Training - Sign up by Nov. 1st**

The Federation hosts two Home & School Leadership Training Workshops annually which are designed to improve Home & School volunteers’ effectiveness and parent engagement in public



education. Sessions open to any Home & School executive & other school volunteers -- parent, teacher and student.

### **Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Ellerslie Elementary School**

### **Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Eliot River Elementary School**

**SIGN-UP** by Nov. 1st to [ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca](mailto:ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca) or 902-620-3186. FREE. Refreshments provided.

**Thank you** for Ellerslie and Eliot River Home and Schools for hosting the workshops.

#### **👉 Reminder to pay 2024-2025 Membership Fees**

PEI Home and School Association **membership fees are due: Nov. 1.** Remind Treasurers that they can pay fees by e-transfer to [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca) or mail cheques to the Federation office.

#### **👉 School Crossing Guard Award**

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Awards Programme recognizes deserving individuals (crossing guards, school bus drivers, school staff, and volunteers) in P.E.I.'s school communities. The first of our awards in the 2024-25 school year is the Crossing Guard Award. **The nomination package for the Crossing Guard Award is due in the Federation office on Nov. 8.**

What is the process? Your Home and School can show appreciation for a school crossing guard by nominating the individual for a recognition award. Associations discuss and approve nominating individuals, request support letters, and submit nomination packages to the federation office by the deadline.

The package will include the Home and School president's cover letter and support letters from others in your school community, including the principal, other teachers, parents, and students. Tip: Young students can draw a picture of their crossing guard. If you have questions, contact the Federation office about its awards program at 902-620-3186. You will find the nomination form at <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

#### **👉 Parent Leadership Grants**

The Federation's Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on Parents and their leadership and engagement in school communities. [Click here for Application](#). For more information, contact: [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca) / 902-620-3186. **Submission deadline Nov. 8th.**

#### **👉 What's on your Home and School meeting's agenda?**

1. Ask the principal for a school report.
2. Inquire about integrated inquiry-based curriculum, Gr. 5 pilot.
3. Invite a PSB staff person to talk about the recent PSB school study review.
4. Involve everyone around the meeting table. List committees and ways for volunteers to help.
5. Motions are required for all financial decisions; use basic parliamentary procedures.
6. Sign up for Home and School Volunteer Leadership Training workshops coming up on the Nov. 4th (Ellerslie School) or Nov. 5th (Eliot River School)

#### **👉 Effecting Change through Resolutions**

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution writing process. Home and School Associations are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. For your reference,

follow this link to Federation approved resolutions <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> More on this topic in the December newsletter. The 2025 Resolution submission deadline: Jan. 31.

### **More school community news...**

~ **Dyslexia - Parents and Kids Info Night** - Nov. 7th, 6:00 PM at BDC Place, 119 Kent St., Suite 510, 5th Floor, Charlottetown. Alicia Smith, Dyslexia Canada, will present new resources and help with connections with parents, supports and encouragement. Register by Nov. 5 to [tammynorden@gmail.com](mailto:tammynorden@gmail.com)

~ **Donagh Regional School, Craft Fair** - Nov 16th, 9 AM-3 pm & Nov 17th, 12 - 4 pm. Over 80 tables, Raffles, 50/50, and fudge sale! Entrance is by donation and all monies raised goes towards phase 3 of the playground upgrades! Contact: [annamariarsenault@gmail.com](mailto:annamariarsenault@gmail.com)

~ **Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair** - Nov. 15th, 5:30–9:00 pm & Nov. 16th, 10 am – 5 pm. Over 100 vendors: decorations, pottery, fibre arts, candles, jewelry, bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes and raffles. Bluefield Band students will be selling \$25 vouchers for poinsettias...buyers will pick up at VK Greenhouses, Charlottetown or purchase poinsettias online at: <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/bluefield-high-school-band-trip> Admission is 3\$ / Children under 12 are free.

~ **Are you a school food volunteer?** Your non-profit organization is required to have at least one organizer or volunteer present during food preparation who has completed the Food Safety Training or has a Certificate of Attendance from the Volunteer Food Safety Presentation offered by Environmental Health. Register for a FREE presentation at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>. Note: *May be cancelled if the minimum # of participants has not been reached.*

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## **BLUEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR**

Bluefield High School is happy to announce that their Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Friday November 15th, from 5:30pm – 9:00pm, and Saturday November the 16th from 10am – 5pm. Over 100 vendors will be present with Christmas decorations, pottery, fibre arts, candles, jewelry and more! There will be a bake sale, canteen with hot cider, and many door prizes and raffles. Please join us at 924 Colville Road (Rte 9) in North Wiltshire. Admission is 3\$ and children under 12 are free.

As part of their fundraising efforts Bluefield Band will also be selling vouchers for poinsettias at the craft fair. Vouchers will cost \$25 (cash) and buyers will then go to VK Greenhouses (formerly known as VanKampens, 58 Allen Street, Charlottetown) to choose and pick up their poinsettias. In addition there is an opportunity to purchase poinsettias online to support the band at <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/bluefield-high-school-band-trip>



