

# GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER

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**Best Wishes to you and your family for this Christmas Season and in the New Year!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 4	-	Band Concert- Grades 6-9 @ 7:00 pm
December 11	-	Christmas Concert – K – 5 @ 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
December 12	-	Grade 7-9 Social @ 7:00
December 16	-	Christmas Store – K-6 in MPR
December 18	-	School Skate Gr. K-3 (9:00) & 4-6 (10:15)
December 19	-	Home & School providing Pancake Breakfast for Students
December -20	-	School Skate - Grades 7-9 @ 1:15
January 2, 2025	-	Professional Learning Day – No Classes
January 3, 2025	-	Professional Learning Day – No classes
January 6	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Instructional Day 2025
January 14	-	next Home & School Meeting



## Conferences:

Thank you to all parents who participated in parent teacher conferences.

## Thank You:

We want to express our sincere thank you to everyone who dropped off delicious food/goodies for the staff during parent teacher Conferences. They were very much appreciated.

## Music News:

### Band Concert -

Our grade 6-9 band students will be showcasing the great music they learned this fall at our band Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 4/2024 at 7:00 pm here at the school.

### K-5 Concert-

Our Gulf Shore Christmas Concert will be presented on Wednesday, Dec. 11/2024 with performances at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The students are excited to share their learning, and our variety concert will have something for everyone. We can't wait to see you.

## Physical Education News

December is here which means the winter sports season is in full swing! Our Intermediate Girls A basketball team is back and looking to defend their provincial bronze medals this year under our new coaches Danielle Roberts and Beth Wainwright. We are also happy to announce that the Gulf Shore boys are re-joining the league in the developmental "Intermediate Boys AB" tier under coaches Kerry & Matt Blais. Both of our teams are beginning their season on December 5th. Good luck this year to our Basketball Sharks!

### December Basketball Schedule:

Dec 5th - Gulf Shore Girls - Belfast @ Gulf Shore - 4:30PM

Dec 5th - Gulf Shore Boys - Belfast @ Gulf Shore - 6PM

Dec 10th - Gulf Shore Girls - Gulf Shore @ Montague Intermediate - 4:30PM

Dec 17th - Gulf Shore Boys - Birchwood @ Gulf Shore - 4:30PM

	Date	Time	Away	Home	Location
Int. A Girls	Thursday <b>Dec 5/24</b>	4:30	Belfast	Gulf Shore	<i>Gulf Shore</i>
Int. A Girls	Tuesday <b>Dec 10/24</b>	4:30	Gulf Shore	Montague	<i>Montague</i>
Int. A Girls	Tuesday <b>Jan 7/25</b>	4:00	Gulf Shore	Stonepark	<i>Stonepark</i>
Int. A Girls	Thursday <b>Jan 9/25</b>	4:30	Gulf Shore	Morell	<i>Morell</i>
Int. A Girls	Tuesday <b>Jan 14/25</b>	4:30	IC	Gulf Shore	<i>Gulf Shore</i>
Int. A Girls	Thursday <b>Jan 16/25</b>	5:00	Gulf Shore	Souris	<i>Souris</i>

Int. A Girls	Thursday	<b>Jan 23/25</b>	4:30	Grace	Gulf Shore	<i>Gulf Shore</i>
Int. A Girls	Thursday	<b>Feb 6/25</b>	4:30	EWS	Gulf Shore	<i>Gulf Shore</i>
Int. A Girls	Tuesday	<b>Feb 11/25</b>	4:30	Gulf Shore	FB	<i>FB</i>
Int. A Girls	Thursday	<b>Feb 13/25</b>	4:00	Gulf Shore	QC	<i>QC</i>
Int. A Girls	Tuesday	<b>Feb 18/25</b>	4:30	Birchwood	Gulf Shore	<i>Gulf Shore</i>

### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

Thank you to all students and parents who supported our Scholastic Book Fair during our Parent Teacher Conferences last week. Because of your generous support, our book fair was once again a huge success. We were able to use our rewards to purchase new books for our library and our classrooms. Thank you to all volunteers/staff who helped keep the fair running smoothly. A special thank you to our extraordinary library volunteer Katherine. You are truly amazing! Thanks for all that you do for the students and staff of Gulf Shore.

### **Kindergarten Registration 2025 - 2026**

**Kindergarten registration took place during the week of November 18 – 22. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 and you did not come in to register, please contact the school.**

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, to be eligible for kindergarten.

- Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or toll-free at 1-800-280-7965.
- 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 at schools in the spring of 2024.

For the **Early French Immersion Program** registration, please refer to the following:

**Bluefield Family:** Central Queens, Englewood, Gulf Shore, and Westwood: [Contact Westwood Primary](#)

### **Closures/Delays/Early Closure**

All school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the Public Schools Branch website by 7:00 A.M. If all schools are closed, it will be announced that all Public Schools Branch schools in the province are closed for the day. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a “family of schools”. **Please remember that Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family of Schools.**

There may be times when it is necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and school board websites. Please ensure that your child’s homeroom teacher knows what your **Early Closure Plan** is for your child. If there is an early closure during the school day, please stick to your child’s plan.

### **Gulf Shore Home and School:**

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 does this in multiple ways.

**The Gulf Shore Hot lunch program:** NOTE: this is not affiliated with the provinces 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 with the help from some parent volunteers. The program started in November and 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 in the available to kids that want it)

**BIG SHOUT out and THANK -YOU** to all that contributed to the Parent Teacher Sandwich Bar meal for the teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences. I heard it was well received...and as always no one ever goes hungry.

**ITS BACK!!! The Gulf Shore Christmas Store:** Is back for a second year. It will be held December 16th. Each class from K-3 will have an opportunity to come and “shop” and can purchase an item for \$1.00. Each student will be permitted to buy at least two items. If Time permits, we will then open up the day to anyone else who wishes to come in and “shop”. Home and School is currently looking for donations of gently used candles, mugs, decor, office supplies, books, puzzles and trinkets ,“dad items” but please no clothing or stuffed animals. Exceptions will be made for things like new winter gear and jewelry (although we do have quite a bit left from last year) We are also seeking gift bags and tissue paper. Please drop off any donations at the school,

### **FUNDRAISING**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Clothing Fundraiser in November! Those who placed orders will be contacted once they arrive. GSCS

### **VanKampens Poinsettia’s Fundraiser**

There are 3 simple ways you can purchase your 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!



### **UPCOMING DATES**

There is NO MEETING in December. The next meeting will be January 14th and will be held 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 out, from sitting on the board, to volunteer opportunities, contributing to bake sales or staff appreciation meals all help 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. LASTLY, Our Home and School Board would like to wish all our Gulf Shore Families a Happy Holiday Season. We hope you enjoy your time with your loved ones.

### **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 PSB.*

### **Home and School News, December 2024**

#### **Extra Mile Award**

The PEI Home and School Federation presents awards of recognition to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI’s school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by **Jan. 17, 2025**. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

## **How to affect change in P.E.I.'s School System**

Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 2025 AGM & Convention on Saturday, April 12. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31**. Call the Federation office for assistance with writing resolutions. [How to Write & Present a Resolution / Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

## **School Staff Appreciation Week 2025**

School staff celebration, the week of **February 10-14**. Set up a committee to brainstorm plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple!

## **President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2024-2025**

Presidents/Co-Chairs are reminded that their annual reports are due by February 21. Document monthly activities (1-2 pages) from September through June of this school year. You can write free style or use this Google Form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gBJzforEMMC5BJp9jrr56NPc9FECgJDtKMVe0Vzh42k/edit?pli=1>

## **Federation Board Nominations**

Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for Secretary, Treasurer and Directors for Bluefield, Kensington, Souris, Three Oaks and Westisle families of schools; all are two-year term positions. <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> Contact: [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca) or 902-620-3186.

## *Other Community News....*

### **\*\*\* SPELLING BEE COMPETITION = REGISTER your child for PEI Competition**

The PEI Spelling Bee will be held on April 5, 2025. Children ages 6 to 14 are welcome to sign up to participate. Grand Prize is \$500 per category with a chance to go on to the Championships in Toronto. Please sign up at [spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration](https://spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration). Cost starts at \$55. Questions can be directed to [coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca](mailto:coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca)

### **\*\*\*International Volunteer Day is on December 5**

It's a day that recognizes the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies, economies, and environment. <https://nationaltoday.com/international-volunteer-day/>

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