

# Gulf Shore Consolidated

## November 2022

### Dates to Remember

<b>November 2</b>	Take Your Kid to Work Day (Grade 9's)
<b>November 3 &amp; 4</b>	PEITF/CUPE Convention- NO CLASSES
<b>November 9</b>	Student Pictures
<b>November 10</b>	Remembrance Day Assembly
<b>November 15</b>	Family of Schools Concert
<b>November 16</b>	Home and School Meeting 7PM
<b>November 23</b>	Report cards sent home
<b>November 24</b>	Student Conferences (pm)
<b>November 25</b>	Student Conferences (during the day) – NO CLASSES
<b>November 23-25</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>December 7</b>	Band Christmas Concert
<b>December 14</b>	School Christmas Concert- 7:00 pm
<b>December 20</b>	Last Instructional Day 2022
<b>January 3, 2023</b>	Frist Instructional Day 2023

### Safe School Policy:

We ask that all parents/visitors and guests coming to the school, 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.**

**Student Learning Conferences:** On Nov. 24 & 25 our first set of Learning 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 23-25. It will be open during parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 24 & 25. 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 23, 2022.

### Sport News:

#### GOLF

Another great season led by Coach Kris Taylor for the Gulf Shore Sharks! This year we had two boys join the team (Aiden MacLeod and Joel Taylor). In the end we had Aiden represent us at

zones and although he played well, the competition was fierce, and we did not move on to provincials. Provincials next year here we come!

### **X-COUNTRY:**

Congratulations to all our Gulf Shore Cross Country participants. We had tons of novice and pre-novice athletes from grade 3-6 represent the Sharks at the Eliot River meet this year, but with some amazing times just short of the top 20, we did not have anyone qualify for provincials. We did however have some of our Intermediate team members advance to the provincials! Best of luck to Kinsey Hynes, Brooklyn Clarke, and Sydney Clarke who hope to secure Gulf Shore with potentially our first medal at the intermediate provincial competition at Mill River Resort! A big thanks goes out to our X-Country coach Alisha MacGillivray.

### **SOCCER**

Great job to both our boys and girls soccer teams this season! Back to a full season of games this year, they have been consistently taking home the wins, and hope to keep this trend going towards the provincial championships which they are currently eligible for. A massive thanks goes out to our coaches for both teams who stepped up to volunteer: Beth Wainwright, Jordon Toombs, and Mike Forrester.

### **UP-COMING**

Basketball will be up next, and any athletes who are interested are asked to listen to the announcements in the upcoming weeks for tryout dates. **We are currently without a boys coach** so if you are open to volunteering please contact Ms. Coady at [ekcoady@edu.pe.ca](mailto:ekcoady@edu.pe.ca). Without a coach we will not be able to field a team this year, so would appreciate any and all help we can find.

### **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. Also, we have been having issues in the boys locker room with vandalism (throwing yoghurts/apples at the wall, kicking the toilet doors and damaging them), so the boys locker room is currently off limits as it is unfair to our hardworking custodial staff to have to deal with this behavior. Please have a word with your student(s) about this at home and remind them that when they make a mess and leave it, it doesn't magically disappear...someone else has to clean it!

### **MUSIC NEWS:**

As part of our school's Remembrance Day observance, our students will watch a slide show of pictures of our Gulf Shore School family members who serve or who have served. This provides additional meaning and relevance for all of our students. If you have sent pictures in the past, they will once again be included. If you have a picture you would like included this year, please send a scan of the photo, along with details including their name, rank and years of service to Ms Syndi at [slmaceachern@edu.pe.ca](mailto:slmaceachern@edu.pe.ca) before November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **FAMILY OF SCHOOLS CONCERT:**

We will be hosting our friends from Englewood school this year in our Family of schools Concert. It is set for Nov. 15/2022 at 7:00 PM and will involve our grade 7 to 9 band students. It should be a wonderful night of music. More details to follow.

### **BAND CONCERT**

Grade 6-9 Band students and their families are asked to reserve Wednesday, December 7th, at 7 pm for our Christmas Band Concert. Please let Ms. Syndi know of any conflicts asap. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

## **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

This year's Elementary Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 14/2022 at 7:00 p.m. As of right now, we are planning for an in-person concert!

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023-2024 -**

The date has not yet been set for the Kindergarten registration for the 2023 – 2024 school year. We will let you know when we received confirmation on the date.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.

## **TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER:**

We want to congratulate students, staff and parents on a wonderful fundraiser. We are still finalizing our total. The grand total will be posted in December's newsletter after all fundraising activities are completed. Thank you to Heather MacNeill and Marilyn MacMurdo for organizing this special fundraiser for our school.

## **SCHOOL CANCELATIONS:**

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 remember we are 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 DDAY**

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.

If you have not done so already, please notify the school with your early closure plan (go home as usual or a different arrangement).

## **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.

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

## **GULF SHORE HOME & SCHOOL NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Terry Fox Run this year. It was a gorgeous Fall day to spend outside! A big thank you goes out to Jeff from the North Rustico Food Mart for generously donating ALL the hotdogs, buns, and juice boxes for the BBQ. We will be dropping off treats to the staff there as a token of our appreciation for their ongoing support.

As you may or may not know this is the time of year where we kick off our Christmas tree fundraiser for the year. We are in the midst of planning as Fiona slowed everything down a bit. We are partnering up with Smith's Tree Farm again this year and we will also be selling poinsettias from VanKampens. Please visit our Home and School Facebook Page for more information.

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### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

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## **ST. JOHN PAUL II PASTORAL UNIT FAMILY FAITH INFORMATION**

If you are interested in religion at St. John Paul II Pastoral see the info below. All ages are more than welcome! Complete information and registration form is available at [www.jp2youthministries.com](http://www.jp2youthministries.com). Want to chat with someone first? Please call me Anne-Marie Vessey at 902-964-3442.