

January 3-7, 2022

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and joyous Winter Break. Many of you have mixed feelings about the provincial announcement to extend break for students, as no classes will take place between January 3-7. Students will not be required to connect with teachers or complete assignments and staff will not be required to provide instruction or instructional materials to students. This extended break applies to all students, including our students with significant needs and those enrolled in our Learning Together Anywhere School. During the extended break, there will be no extracurricular activities, including sports practices during this time. Inclusive education and counselling services will not be available to families until January 10. Our preschool and out of school care programs will also be closed. Read more about this closure from [NLPS here](#) or go to the [Alberta Education announcement on their website](#) for further details.

Teachers Working to Prepare! Schools will remain closed for parents and students, but school staff will be working both on-site and remotely to prepare for whatever announcements may come next. This includes preparing to have students return to in-person learning, as well as planning for a potential shift to learning from home. There is the possibility that Alberta Education may decide to shift all students to learning from home for a period of time. There is also the possibility that NLPS may need to shift students to learning from home to address local circumstances. This could be done on a classroom basis or by grade level at a school, or a whole school, or whole community depending on the circumstances that we are dealing with. As soon as our school administration knows more, parents will receive immediate updates.

Christmas Concert! In anticipation of continued rises in COVID cases in our province, Aurora did not hold an in-person Christmas concert this year, but did offer virtual performances from the homeroom cohorts that currently have music class. We sent a link through SchoolMessenger with performances from grades 4, 5, & 6, and a special appearance from a Grade 7 band class! In case you missed it, you can still enjoy the 2021 [Aurora Middle School Virtual Christmas Concert!](#)

PAC Meetings: Our future dates for BINGO worker days in 2021-2 are: **Jan 21, Feb 18, Apr 28, May 15, June 26, & Aug 27!** At this time, there is no concession available due to

provincial restrictions. The shift runs from 5pm to about 9pm and we require three people to work the shift. Please call or text our amazing and hard-working BINGO Fundraising parent volunteer coordinator Joyce Cloutier at (780) 623-8203 if you are able to volunteer. Our next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Jan 19 at 6:30pm via [Google Meet](#) !