

January 10-13, 2022

Welcome Back! Classes resume Monday January 10th! We are excited to have our students back in the building! We hope you had a restful and joyous Winter Break and that the province's extension of that break didn't cause too much inconvenience for families. Teachers were busy preparing for your child's return, but also preparing for the possibility of online learning. Even as we return to in-person learning, we recognize that many families may experience illness or be required to isolate, making regular attendance a challenge at times. As well, if we are directed to do so because of high rates of illness among students or staff, a classroom or grade level may move temporarily into online learning. For this reason, teachers are using Google Classroom on a regular basis to ensure learning continues for students no matter what challenges we face in the coming months. [Click here](#) for instructions for parents to check on their child's Google Classroom.

Test Kits and Masks! As you may have heard in press releases, schools will receive a number of [test kits](#) and masks some time in the next week. Staff will distribute masks as we normally do through the front entrance, but be sure your child has several masks to last through the day for when they become soiled. As for test kits, we will communicate with parents when they have been received, and we will send out a digital form for those families interested in receiving the kits, along with details on how they will be distributed. While it is not mandatory, parents have been encouraged by the province to conduct asymptomatic testing at home, and keep children home when they have any signs of illness or when they have tested positive asymptotically. While we are no longer contact tracing, we still appreciate parents informing the school about positive cases, so we can continue to assess the overall health of the school and work with AHS and NLPS to respond accordingly.



Polar Bear Club! In an effort to offer as many opportunities for physical activity as possible, Ms. Franke has organized a polar bear club for days when weather merits 'indoor recess' and some kids want to still play outside. [Read more about the club here](#) and talk to your child if they are interested! They will need a form signed to participate.



Call for Board Games! Aurora staff want to offer some clubs and activities for students for when cold weather hits again! We are creating board game bins for classrooms to do on inside recess days. Before we buy games and puzzles we would like to ask families for donations of gently used, complete board games and puzzles that are not being used at home. Popular games are Connect 4, Battleship, Trouble, Uno, Memory, Chess, Jenga, Guess Who, and Snakes & Ladders. If you have any games or puzzles you are willing to donate, students can drop them off at the front office. Thank you for your support!



Lunch Menu!

Jan 10 - Chicken Alfredo	Jan 11 - Pancakes n Scrambled Eggs	Jan 12 - Alphabet Soup n Bannock	Jan 13 - Lasagna n Garlic Toast	Jan 14 - NO SCHOOL (Family Friday)
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Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> to pre-purchase hot lunch items! Note that all parents were refunded for the lunches from the extended week of Winter Break, and our menu will continue as normal!

BINGO WORKERS NEEDED! (and PAC Meeting info): Our future dates for BINGO worker days in 2022 are: **Jan 21**, Feb 18, Apr 28, May 15, June 26, Oct 9, & Nov 24! **We presently have no volunteers for our upcoming Friday January 21 BINGO.** If you could please help me to spread the word that would be much appreciated. 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](#) ! At this time we are conducting the meeting remotely only.