



# JOSEPH GILES ELEMENTARY

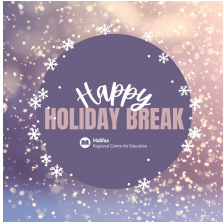
Safety. Kindness. Patience. Making Connections

## December 16-20 Week 2

Dear Families,

Today, we were out in the rain, and as temperatures drop, we'll be outside in the cold as well. Please ensure your child has warm clothing, including coats, hats, gloves, and a change of clothes. We're also collecting gently used winter coats and snow pants to support our families. A great way to clean out our closets and help other families save some \$\$\$. Donations can be dropped off at the main office. We will first offer them to our school families and then share any remaining items with Schools Plus for broader distribution.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to wish all our families a safe and restful break. We're excited to finish the week with our Santa Shop, a wonderful community event for students from Pre-K to Grade 6. We look forward to welcoming 2025 and all that the new year will bring!



## IMPORTANT DATES

-Dec 19: Santa Shop

-Dec 20: Last day of classes for 2024, PJ DAY

Jan 3: First Day back for 2025 for all students

Feb 2025: Registration for new Pre-Primary and Primary students (students not currently in Pre-Primary)

Feb 17: Heritage Day: no classes

March 7: Assessment Day: no classes

March 10-14: Spring Break

April 2,3: Progress Conferences

April 3: No classes for students

June 30: Last Day of School



HATS, MITTENS, JACKETS, BOOTS, AND SNOW PANTS ARE IMPORTANT. WE ARE OUTSIDE UP TO -20 BELOW

As we approach the Holiday Break, we want to share an update regarding the Dec 27th Ordering Window of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program. The Cycle 8 lunch ordering window opens Dec 27th and has been extended by 1 day, closing at noon on Thursday, Jan 2nd, 2025. This extension accommodates the Holiday Break, giving parents additional time to place meal orders. To recap: There are two ordering windows in December: **First Ordering Window:** Opens Friday, Dec 13th and closes at noon on Wednesday, Dec 18th. This window includes only Friday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> (first day back after break). **Second Ordering Window:** Opens Friday, Dec 27th and is extended by 1 day, closing at noon on Thursday Jan 2nd, 2025. Service dates for this window are Jan 5th to Jan 18th

**Greetings from School Counselor**

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Schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays and every second Friday

There are many reasons children come to school counselling, among these are:

- problems with friendships/peers
  - concerns about bullying
  - being worried or stressed out about things that are happening in class, at school or outside of school
  - managing feelings/emotions
  - looking for information to help others
  - being scared or feeling unsafe for any reason
  - just needing to be heard by someone
- More info on our website

**Santa Shop** Santa Shop is this Thursday. Items are \$1 each. Please send the appropriate amount in change in you are able. Thanks to PTO for organizing the event and all the volunteers who are coming to help wrap.

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20
		Noon Deadline to order school lunches for Jan 3	<b><u>SANTA SHOP</u></b>	PJ Day