



## École Ross Road School

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***École Ross Road Elementary School strives to foster an inclusive school community where everyone is valued and supported to realize their fullest potential as individuals and as a collective.***

### Monday Message

Dear Ross Road Families,

Happy December! As we enter the final stretch before the winter break, we want to thank you for all your support during this busy and exciting time of year. The next three weeks are filled with wonderful learning opportunities, festive activities, and moments of celebration as we wrap up 2024. Don't forget there is no school this Friday for Curriculum Implementation Day.

In this week's newsletter, you will find important updates about upcoming events, highlights, and reminders to keep everyone informed and prepared for the days ahead. We are looking forward to finishing the year strong and creating more memorable experiences together.

### **École Ross Road Youth to Youth Giving Campaign**

Ross Road Elementary is once again proudly supporting Family Services of the North Shore Christmas Bureau. Donate from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>, and help brighten the season for a teen in our community by bringing a gift card donation to the teacher or donating online at:

<https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/ways-to-give/caring-schools/>.

If you would like to purchase a gift card, please consider \$25 to: Sephora, Sportchek, Best Buy, EB Games, H&M, London Drugs, or Indigo.

We recognize that not everyone can donate, and some may need support. If you are a family that requires help, please use this link:

<https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/>. You can also reach out

directly to the school for more information about services and supports that are available.

### **International Day of Persons with Disabilities-Dec 3, 2024**

Did you know that December 3 is International Day of Persons with Disabilities? International Day of Persons with Disabilities was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992 to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. The day also commemorates the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was adopted in 2006.

This observance serves as a reminder of the ongoing need to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create a world where individuals with disabilities can fully participate and thrive.

[International day of persons with disabilities \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/news-events/international-day-persons-disabilities)

[International Day of Persons with Disabilities Proclamation 2024 \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/serv/bc/proclamations/proclamations2024/proclamation-2024-001)

### **Reminder: Be Kind, Park with Others in Mind**

To help everyone understand the parking rules around Ross Road, we will be partnering with the RCMP and Bylaw and doing a safety blitz **this week!**

Thank you to PAC for volunteering to help and to the students for making some posters. Please help us ensure a smooth and safe school day by following the pick-up and drop-off rules. Your efforts make all the difference in keeping our school community safe and respectful. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **PAC INFORMATION**

#### **After-School Programs Registration is OPEN**

Have you found an After-School Program that interests your child for the Winter Term? Registration for the Winter Term After-School Programs is now open! These programs will begin during the first week of the winter term and offer a variety of exciting options for students to explore and enjoy:

- Monday: Lights Up Music Theatre Schools
- Tuesday: Paper Crow Creative Arts and Crafts
- Wednesday: L'Ecoline Group Academy: French and STEM Club
- Thursday: Steamoji: Intro to Fabrication (Grades 3-4)
- Friday: Brainiacs Adventures: Board Games and Chess

We hope these programs provide valuable experiences and opportunities for students to learn, grow, and have fun. If you're interested, make sure to secure your spot early!

For detailed program information and registration links, visit the PAC website: <https://rossroadpac.ca/after-school-programs/>

## **Grade 7 Fundraising**

ORDER PICK-UP FOR PURDYS, WREATHS & COFFEE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, FROM 2:30-4:00 PM @ROSS ROAD. If you have any questions, please email [grade7srr2025@gmail.com](mailto:grade7srr2025@gmail.com).

## POPCORN SALE DECEMBER 13TH

Thank you for making our FIRST popcorn sale a huge success. We had more interest than expected, so we will be popping more popcorn in advance to decrease the line-up! The Grade 7's will do this monthly throughout the school year to raise funds, so stay tuned for future dates.

Next Sale: DECEMBER 13th. \$2/bag Location: Main Entrance

If you were unable to use your ticket from last Friday, you can use it on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

If there are Grade 7's interested in volunteering for popcorn sales or helping to hand out wreaths/purdys/coffee – please email [grade7srr2025@gmail.com](mailto:grade7srr2025@gmail.com)

## **ROSS ROAD WINTER CRAFT FAIR**

Join us at the Ross Road Winter Craft Fair, there will be fun for the whole family: Food, Vendors, Crafts, Games, Choir performance, Bake Sale, Photo op, Outdoor Movie, Raffle baskets, and Silent auction!

Entry is FREE. Keep reading for details and ways to be involved. We hope to see you there!!

Date: Thursday December 12th

Time: 5pm-8pm

Where: Ross Road Elementary gym

Volunteers:

-70 volunteer positions need to be filled

-We may be forced to cancel the fair if we do not have enough parent support.

-Sign up can be done through FreshSchools or by emailing [marierrpac@outlook.com](mailto:marierrpac@outlook.com).

<https://www.freshschools.com/app/events/winter-fair>

-For details regarding positions and times, please go to the PAC website.

<https://rossroadpac.ca/events/#winter-fair>

Pre-order Pizza:

-Available now via Munchalunch <https://munchalunch.com/login.aspx>

-\$4 per slice, \$30 for a whole large pizza

-Pre-order until Dec 8 at noon

-Very limited pizza for sale at the event

Food and Fun Tickets:

- Used for snacks, crafts, and games at the event
- 10 tickets for \$10
- Available for pre-order via Munchalunch until Dec 10 at 9pm
- Ticket pick-up and purchase at the school entrance before (8:20-9:15) and after school (2:30-3:15) Dec 11 and 12
- Tickets also for sale at the event
- Bring your own mug for hot chocolate, and a bag for your crafts and finds

Raffle Tickets:

- 4 themed baskets up for grabs: Family Game night, Happy Hour, VANS, and The Vancouver Aquarium
- 1 for \$2 / 3 for \$5 / 6 for \$10 / 15 for \$20
- Ticket purchase before/after school Dec 11 and 12 (see above), and at the event

### **North Vancouver School District Information**

There is a link to the Superintendent's Updates [here](#) & other helpful district links for Parents and Guardians [here](#).

### **Important Dates:**

- December 6** – Curriculum Implementation Day (**no school**)
- December 9 – Choir, Band, and Strings Concert 6:30pm
- December 12 – PAC Craft Fair 5-8pm
- December 13 – Learning Update published (report card)
- December 20 – Last Day before winter break

Please remember to check the school [website](#) for important dates, a copy of all school newsletter and other important information. You are also encouraged to **subscribe** to the [school calendar](#).

[https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/school/rossroad/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Best,

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