

Upper Lynn e-News

January 26, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of January 27 to January 31, 2025

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31
Hot Lunch Sushi/Maxfrut		Lunar New Year	Tennis Begins	Hot Lunch Magic Lunch Box

Upcoming Dates

- Monday January 27 – Hot Lunch – Sushi/Maxfrut
- Monday January 27 – North Shore Black Bear Society Visit
- Tuesday January 28 – North Shore Black Bear Society Visit
- Wednesday January 29 – Lunar New Year
- Friday January 31 – Hot Lunch – Magic LB
- Friday January 31 – Grade 4 & 5 Band Demo
- February – Black History Month
- Saturday February 1 – Cheakamus – Parent / Student Visit – Grade 4
- Monday February 3 – Hot Lunch – Cobs / TCBY
- Monday February 3 – Argyle Visit for Grade 7
- Sunday February 9 – Card Project Sign-up Due
- Monday February 10 – Hot Lunch – Well Fed
- Monday February 10 – PAC Meeting: 7pm
- Friday February 14 – District Wide Pro-D – Students Not in Session
- Monday February 17 – BC Family Day – School is Closed
- Tuesday February 18 – Metaphor Hip Hop Presentation
- Friday February 21 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Friday February 21 – Argyle Choir Visit

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Winter Concerts

Our **Primary and Intermediate Concerts** were a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and dedication. Thank you to **Mrs. Wood** for her efforts with the music classes and choir, and to **Jennifer Wright** for accompanying the choir on piano. We also appreciate the support of parents in helping their children prepare for the performances. Most importantly, congratulations to all the students for their effort and enthusiasm during the concerts last Tuesday and Wednesday—it was great to see their hard work come to life on stage!

Support Our Choir: Help Fund New Choral Risers!

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who generously donated online and at our Winter Concerts. Your contributions are truly appreciated and will help us fund new choral risers to better support our growing choir. With your support, we are one step closer to providing a more functional setup for our young performers. We are grateful for your kindness and commitment to enhancing the musical experience for our students. If you haven't had a chance yet, you can still donate [online](#). Thank you for making a difference!

Supervision Before and After School

For the safety and well-being of all students, we kindly ask families to arrange direct supervision for their child(ren) before and after school, as staff supervision is not provided during these times. We encourage students to follow the **Code of the BEARS—Be Accountable, Be Respectful, and Be Safe**—while playing outside to help create a positive and safe environment. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe start and end to the school day!

Soccer at Upper Lynn

Soccer is a popular activity at Upper Lynn during recess and lunch, with students of all skill levels participating. We encourage and support all students in joining the game, fostering an inclusive and enjoyable experience for everyone. While some players are highly skilled and enjoy a competitive game, we ask families to help reinforce that **soccer at Upper Lynn is a no-contact sport, where sportsmanship and fair play are always expected**. Thank you for your support in promoting a positive and respectful playing environment for all students.

Student Learning Survey – Your Input Matters!

This is a friendly reminder to grade 4 and 7 families to complete the [Student Learning Survey \(SLS\)](#). Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand students' learning experiences, well-being, engagement, and how the curriculum is being implemented.

The survey is **voluntary, anonymous, and available in 18 languages**. Your input plays a key role in shaping school and district planning to better support our students.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts—we truly appreciate your support!

PAC News

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, 26 February



Pink Shirt Day is an annual event aimed at raising awareness about bullying and promoting kindness, inclusivity, and respect.

On this day, people across Canada wear pink shirts to show their commitment to anti-bullying efforts and to foster a culture of kindness.

The PAC is offering custom Upper Lynn pink T-shirts and hoodies for sale. Order on [Munchalunch](#) by January 29th.

Purchasing Upper Lynn Pink T-shirts or hoodies is entirely optional and not required to participate in Pink Shirt Day. Students can show their support by wearing anything pink on this day.

Profits from sales will go to [anti-bullying programs](#).

Families can also support these initiatives by donating at <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/donate>

Silent Auction

The Upper Lynn Silent Auction is approaching, and we're seeking donations and volunteers to join the organizing team.

The auction is an important fundraiser for the PAC and raised \$17,000 last year towards PAC initiatives. Our Upper Lynn families love participating in the auction.

The auction is online and will run from February 21st to 28th. (Note that the date has changed from what was previously published).

Sponsoring or donating to the auction is an excellent way in which business can support our school while gaining great exposure and building their brand within the school community. If you own a business, or have a good network with business owners, we would love to hear from you.

We are also looking for new members that can join our organizing team. This is a very rewarding project to work on with an awesome group of fellow ULE parents.

Contact the silent auction team at ulpacfundraising@gmail.com

PAC Facebook Group, Website and Email

The PAC email is upperlynnpac@gmail.com

The PAC has a website <https://upperlynnpac.weebly.com>

We also have a Facebook group [ULE PAC Parent Group](#)

After School / Lunch Programs

Lynn Sport Explorers After School Program

Location: Upper Lynn Gymnasium
Who: Grades 1 to 4
Dates: January 16 - March 6
Time: 3:00-4:30
Cost: \$240 + GST (8 Sessions)
Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/413khLo>

Program Description:

Unlock your child's potential through our engaging, multi-sport after-school programs designed to inspire and energize! Led by experienced coaching staff dedicated to providing an unforgettable experience, Sport Explorers introduces athletes to a world of fun, teamwork, and skill-building in a safe, inclusive environment. Each session offers a mix of sports that keeps kids excited, moving, and discovering new talents. Perfect for all experience levels, Sport Explorers makes after-school time active, social, and full of adventure. Sports include Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Hockey, Pickleball and more! Register today to secure your child's spot for sport exploration!

Chess Club

Location: Multipurpose Room
Who: Ages: 6+
Dates: Tuesdays, January 14th to March 11th
Time: 12:00-12:47
Pricing: \$90
Register Here: <https://upperlynnjanmarchess2025.eventbrite.ca>

You are invited to explore the strategic world of chess at this exclusive chess club. This club includes fundamentals for beginners along with strategies for the more advanced players. Chess Club players will have the opportunity to improve their skills by playing against other player of various levels.

Reminders

The Card Project is Coming Soon!

Our students are working on a special art project for *The Card Project*—a favorite school fundraiser! Their artwork will be turned into unique products like mugs, tote bags, and greeting cards. To participate, families must register and provide consent. See the end of the newsletter for more details, including registration deadlines and ordering information

Elementary Band and Strings — Registration opens January 13

[Elementary Band and Strings](#) is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for Band and Grades 4 – 7 for Strings. Our unique instrumental music program complements the Arts Education curriculum and provides

school-based instrumental instruction in a supportive and fun learning environment. Registration for the 2025/26 school year begins on Monday, January 13 and continues until Friday, February 28.

While there is a Late Registration period, this is subject to program availability and class size at your child's school site and is dependent on sufficient registrations received by February 28.

Tennis

An email has been sent to parents about the upcoming Tennis Program at Upper Lynn. Led by Marcus Anderson from Fun Tennis Services Inc., the program runs from January 30 to February 19 and costs \$15.75 per student. It includes at least four sessions (150 minutes total) focused on tennis fundamentals in a fun, active way. All equipment is provided—students just need running shoes. The dates listed above have been updated for tennis.

For financial assistance, contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca. More details are in the email.

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