



Belfast Consolidated School Newsletter



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Attendance Line 902-659-7200 #1

At Belfast School we have an Attendance Line which parents/guardians can call anytime of the day. Calling this line will enable us to ensure the safety of your child.

Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 10- Pizza Orders Due
- Jan. 14- 7-9 Cyberbullying Presentation
- Jan. 16- Pizza Day
- Jan. 16- Bulldog Assembly- 11AM
- Jan. 22- Home & School meeting 7PM
- Jan. 27- Family Literacy Day *More information to come*
- Feb. 6- February Newsletter

Phys Ed:

-Any parents or community members who would be willing to help out with school athletics please contact Mr. Johnson at tjohnson@edu.pe.ca or (902) 629-0242. There are coaching positions available this year in Badminton, Gymnastics, and Track and Field. Mr. Johnson could also use help next year in Volleyball, golf, and Cross-country.

We are in need of a gymnastics coach. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the school.

Mens Basketball Schedule

Jan. 7- Practice until 4PM, Jan. 9- game at F.B 6PM, Jan. 13- practice until 4PM, Jan. 14th- game 6PM at home, Jan. 16th- practice until 4PM, Jan. 21st practice until 3:45PM, Jan. 22nd- practice until 4PM, Jan. 23rd- game 6PM at home, Jan. 27th- practice until 4PM, Jan. 28th- game 4:30PM at VR, and Jan. 30th- practice until 4PM.

Womens Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8- Practice until 4PM, Jan. 9- game at F.B 4:30PM, Jan. 14th- game 4:30PM at home, Jan. 15th- practice until 4PM, Jan. 21st game at home 4:30PM, Jan. 22nd- practice until 4PM, Jan. 23rd- game 4:30PM at home, Jan. 28th- practice until 4PM, and Jan. 29th- practice until 4PM.

Lunches:

We ask that students please don't bring lunches that take more than 1 minute to heat up. Students only have 20 minutes for lunch. If a student brings a KD cup for lunch, we ask that it is cooked the night before, so it only needs to be re-heated.

Thank You:

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Families. We raised \$650 at the Christmas Concert.

We would like to thank the Belfast Lions Club for their donation to the school. This money will be used to help pay for field trips, gym equipment, breakfast food items, and other things as needed. We also would like to thank AMAC, Anchored Construction, and our staff for their generous donations to our Christmas families.

Clothing:

Winter is here. We ask students to come to school with outdoor clothing suitable for this time of year (hats, 2 pairs of gloves, snow pants and warm jackets).

Water Bottles:

We ask that students please bring a reusable water bottle with their name on it each day.

After School Changes:

To ensure the safety of your child, the school **MUST BE INFORMED BY A NOTE, EMAIL, OR PHONE CALL IF YOU ARE:**

- 1) planning on picking your child up, when they usually travel by bus
 - 2) sending your child home with someone else for childcare purposes ONLY
 - 3) planning to have your child travel on his/her regular bus but getting off at a different stop for childcare purposes ONLY
- If the school has not received any notification from you, your child WILL follow their regular routine.**

Bus notes must include- date, child's name, civic address of location

Just a reminder that the school does **not** call to arrange after school plans for students. After school activities must be arranged beforehand. If we do not receive any notice, your child(ren) will follow their regular routine.

Babysitters Course:

We are doing a final call to see if there is any interest in a Babysitting or At Home Alone & First Aid courses held at the school. If your child is 12 years or older and is interested in either of these courses, please email Alyssa at athaxter@edu.pe.ca by Jan.10th. If your child is 10 or 11 years old and is interested in an At Home Alone & First Aid course, please email Alyssa at athaxter@edu.pe.ca by Jan. 10th. There is a cost of \$55+tax for the courses. We will send further information out, once we have a list created. We need to have at least 10 participants to run the courses. We will be in contact with the instructor for her availability.

Fundraising:

Belfast School is excited to announce that we are still in the COSPEI Gold Rush. The COSPEI Gold rush is a collaborative fundraiser that is open to all schools on PEI. We encourage you to click on this link (<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>) to create an account, choose to support **Belfast Consolidated School** and play. A \$5.00 play gets you 3 numbers. You can play up to \$20.00 (12 numbers) per account per week. Once you are assigned your numbers, they are yours forever/until you choose to stop and are entered into every weekly draw. If you activate your numbers (pay \$5.00) you have a chance to win half of the pot; if you do not activate your numbers (do not pay \$5.00) and your number is drawn, you are a "nonwinner" and the pot rolls-over. To ensure you never miss a draw, click on the gray circular button to the left of your numbers and activate "AutoPlay". Draws take place every Tuesday at 1:00. You can further support the fundraiser by following and sharing the COSPEI Gold Rush Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067977702130>). Please encourage your friends/followers to support our fundraiser! Thanks for your support! Good luck!

Belfast Consolidated Webstore:

Belfast Consolidated School now has a clothing webstore. Follow the link below to check it out!
https://allstarcresting.ca/belfast_consolidated/shop/home

There are three delivery options.

1. Ship to home, that is a flat rate fee of \$24.99.
2. Pick up at Allstar Cresting office in Sherwood.
3. We do a bulk shipment ever couple of weeks to the school through McInnis Express.

Mabels Labels:

We are still partnered up with Mabels labels! Check out their great labels! Visit - campaigns.mabelslabels.com
Select- Belfast Consolidated School and shop the amazing labels!

Island Gymnastics:

The Island Gymnastics Academy is once again offering recreational gymnastics at Vernon River Consolidated School starting January 8th and running until March 12th.
If you would like more information or to register, please use the following link.
<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/IGA/shop/programs/109367>

PEI Home and School:

2025 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 17, 2025**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

Resolutions impact change

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by approving pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at

www.peihsf.ca/resolutions. Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2025**,

President's Annual Reports

Home and School Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit their 2024-2025 annual reports to the Federation office by **Feb. 28**. All reports are compiled in the Federation's Annual Book of Reports and posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

School Staff Appreciation Week, February 10-14, 2025

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Keep plans simple!

delegates. Registration details will be available in February and posted at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

PSB Consultation on Memorials and Grief Support in Schools

The Public Schools Branch is conducting a consultation to review a policy and procedure entitled "Memorials and Grief Support in Schools." Draft versions of the proposed documents have been made available for your review and participation in the Consultation Survey.

[Participate in the Consultation Survey](#) and [Memorials and Grief Support In Schools - Policy and Procedure Consultation.pdf](#)

Best wishes of the Holiday Season to you and your families!