COOL WEATHER:

There is a chill in the morning air and the temperatures can be quite crisp. Students who dress properly for the weather with coats, hats and gloves enjoy being outside more. Please encourage your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions at this time of year.

STORM CLOSURE:

Just a reminder that during the winter months you should tune into the radio station in the morning, when the weather is unsettled, for updates on cancellations and delays. Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family of Schools.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

The Junior High students will be presenting their Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room. The bands have been practicing hard and are excited to share their music-making with you.

Students are asked to be in uniform for both performances and to please arrive thirty minutes prior to the evening performance.

The Elementary Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 14th, in the Multi Purpose Room at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This year’s performance will feature holiday plays and songs. Students are asked to arrive thirty minutes prior to the evening performance through the bus doors.

On December 14th, we will dismiss at 2:30 pm to allow students to eat and return to school for 6:30 pm.

Please NOTE that STORM DATES for both performances will be the day following the scheduled date!!!

LAST DAY FOR 2011/FIRST DAY OF 2012:

Our last school day for 2010 will be December 20th.
Our first school day in 2010 will be January 3, 2012.

REPORT CARDS:

All students received their report cards last week. If you have any questions or concerns please call. Please sign and return your child’s report card envelope.

OUTSTANDING FEES:

There are still a few students that haven’t paid their student fees for the school year. These fees are what the school uses to supply different items that the students use during the school year. Please make an effort to take care of this matter as soon as possible.

SPORTS NOTES:

Gulf Shore will have both boys and girls basketball teams in the Eastern School District “A” Basketball League. Both teams will play home and away games with the other schools in the league. Boys will play 10 games while the girls will play 12 games. Games begin Thursday, December 1, with both Gulf Shore teams playing away against Queen Charlotte. Coach of the girls team is LeeAnne Doiron, a former student while Mr. Matthews will be coaching the boys.

A Basketball Club has also started for students in grades 4-5-6. The girls club is on Wednesdays while the boys club is on Friday. Fundamentals of basketball will be taught with emphasis on being active and having fun. It is hoped that both teams will be able to play games against other schools who offer a similar program. Mr. Matthews will be teaching both of these clubs.
GULF SHORE GIVES BACK:

Mr. Holmes’ grade 7/8 homeroom group is taking part in the Tree Lighting ceremony this Friday, December 2nd in front of Fisherman's Wharf. Events will begin at 6:30 p.m., all are welcome.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS:

Here are a few notes to keep you updated about your Home & School.

A heart warming thank-you is being sent out to Randy & Shannon Johnston and Irving Oil and to the Home & School as funding was made available for the T.R.A.P which will benefit the music department and the whole school.

Paul Gallant from the North Rustico CO-OP has generously donated $500.00 to help with the expenses needed to fill the Food for Thought Cupboard for the remainder of the school year. When you see Paul and staff of the CO-OP please be sure to thank them. Gift wrapped boxes will be placed in your child's home room the second week of December for students to make their monetary donations to help cover transportation costs for school activities instead of buying token gifts for their teacher. We do still encourage students to make cards for their teachers to express their wishes.

If you are looking for gifts for Christmas, there are still some 20th Anniversary cookbooks available for $10.00.

We will be passing around a container at the Christmas Concert on December 14th to help with the cost of the concert. Also there will be free apple cider available at the door.

Please mark on your calendar our next Home & School meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 18th 2012 at 6:45 p.m. in the Computer lab. We are hoping to have a guest speaker on computer awareness. We are role models for the next generation so please come out and support your children at our up-coming meeting.

Merry Christmas Everyone! “May we always have the wisdom to choose the right”.

THANK YOU:

We at Gulf Shore would like to thank Sarah MacFadyen, student nurse, who has been working in our school these past few weeks. Sarah was very helpful in educating us on the dangers of smoking, too much sun and other health issues. Ms. MacFadyen will be returning to her studies next week.

COMMUNITY NOTES:

NORTH RUSTICO TREE LIGHTING:

North Rustico Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, Dec. 2nd at 6:30 at the Fisherman’s Wharf Parking lot. Hot Chocolate, Cookies, carols and a visit from Santa. Thank you to the Mr. Holmes’s class at Gulf Shore for helping out with this event.

BOB’S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Friends of the Farmer's Bank and Cymbria Lions Club would like to invite you to their Annual "Bob's Christmas Party" to be held at the Doucet House in Rustico on Sunday December 4th, 2011 from 2-4pm. The event is free and includes sleigh rides, Christmas caroling, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and cookies. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon to kick off the holiday season.

MARCHES DE NOEL

Friday, December 2nd from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd from 10:am - 3: p.m.Christmas Market and Book Fair - proceeds for the playground of St. Augustine’s School. Free Entrance, Arts & Crafts, Books, pastries, jams & cakes, tea room and desserts, etc. To be held at the St. Augustine’s School.

LIVE NATIVITY:

There will be a “Live Nativity” event taking place in Canoe Cove on Dec 10 and 11th between 6 and 8pm. Admission by donation and all proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Canoe Cove Community Association.