

# Montague Intermediate School

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## Parent Newsletter

### Important Dates

January	14	Drug Awareness Parent Meeting
	22& 25	Grade Nine Exams
February	01	PD Day
	11	MIS PD Day
	11-12	Parent-Teacher Interviews
	15	Islander Day
	18-19	Parent-Teacher Interviews Storm Date
	22-26	MIS Winter Carnival
March	15-19	March Break

### No School

There are no classes for students on the following dates:

February 01	End of Semester Administration/PD Day
February 11	MIS School Development Day
February 12	Parent-Teacher Interviews (Storm Date January 19)
February 15	Islander Day
March 15-19	March Break

### Drug Awareness Parent Meeting

There is a parent meeting planned for Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. This is an opportunity to meet with some of the people involved in the Youth Drug Strategy. They will discuss such topics as: what's out there, what are the signs, and how to talk to your child about drugs and alcohol at the different age levels. This meeting is open to any parents in the area.

### Grade 9 Exams

Grade 9 students will be writing formal examinations in four subject areas:

#### **Friday, January 22**

Math (Morning - 9:00-11:30)  
Social Studies (Afternoon - 12:30-3:00)

#### **Monday, January 25**

English (Morning - 9:00-11:30)  
Science (Afternoon - 12:30-3:00)

If there is a storm on Friday, January 22, Friday's exams move to **Tuesday, January 26**. Monday's exams would proceed as scheduled. If there is a **noon dismissal** either day due to bad weather, the missed exam moves to Tuesday morning, January 26. If there is a **one-hour delay**, the morning exam will begin at 9:30 am and students may keep their exams until 12 pm, although, anyone who is finished will be able to pass it in at 11:30 am. The afternoon exam will proceed as scheduled.

On both days, grade 9 students will be dismissed at **11:30 am for lunch** and will need to return and be in their **homeroom by 12:20 pm** to get ready for the afternoon exam.

If a **student is ill** the day of the exam, **he/she MUST have his/her PARENT phone the office (838-0860)** between 8:15 and 8:30 am to let the school know.

### Exam Study Sessions

We will be holding two workshops after school this week from 3-4 pm to help our grade nine students prepare for exams:

**Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - Preparing to Study**  
During this session, you will find out what you need to know to make the best use of your study time, including getting organized to study, using reviews to your advantage, and creating a timeline for studying.

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> - Test-Taking Tips**  
During this session, you will learn strategies for taking tests, answering certain types of test questions, and studying for specific subjects.

We will also be supervising study groups in the library from 3-4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 18 to Thursday, January 21 for those students who wish to study in small groups.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in the gymnasium on Thursday evening, February 11 (6:00-8:30) and all day Friday, February 12 (9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00). Student report cards will be available at this time. **The storm date is February 18 & 19.**

### Meeting for Students with Aboriginal Cards

Any student who has an Aboriginal card or qualifies to carry one is invited to a meeting at our school on Friday, January 29 at 10 a.m. This is to discuss opportunities for further education. If your child should be involved, please have them register at the office.

### Wrestling

Red Rock Wrestling jackets will be available this week. T-shirts are available for sale (samples are on display in the office).

MIS Storm will be attending Atlantic High School Wrestling Festival in Lower Sackville, NS on February 5 & 6. Wrestlers will be receiving an information letter this week.

PEISAA Provincial are on April 16 & 17 with the venue to be announced.

### Gymnastics

GIRLS - Tuesday & Wednesday from 3-3:45 at Montague Consolidated School

BOYS - Thursday from 3-3:45 at Montague Consolidated School.

See Ms. Morrison if you have any questions.

The Zone Meet is on Wednesday, February 10 at Montague Consolidated School.

Provincials are on Saturday, February 20.

## MIS Gives Back

MIS students and staff have come through in a big way this past Christmas season. In the spirit of giving, MIS has supported its community by:

- donating food to the Food Bank
- purchasing 15 turkeys for the CBC Turkey Drive which also went to the Food Bank
- raising \$300 for Toys for Tots which was matched by the Student Council for a grand total of \$600
- raising \$783.70 with our annual Christmas dinner and Mr. Gaudet's 9A class efforts for the Food Bank.

The Montague Superstore would like to thank everyone for supporting their food drive this year. As a school, we collected 760 lb of non-perishable food items. The class that collected the most food by weight is Mrs. Coe's 9D class which collected 227 lb of food—outstanding!! For their efforts, they have won a pizza party sponsored by the Superstore. First runner-up was Mr. Whelan's 8A class with 176 lb. of food.

## Community Notices

### 1. Elite Puck Handling & Power Skating Program -

Learn more about:

#### SKATING

- ...put more power into your stride
- ...make better use of your edges
- ...utilize lateral mobility
- ...improve crossovers and backward skating

#### PUCK HANDLING

- ...techniques for implementing various fakes and dekes
- ...fakes - front, side, head and double fakes
- ...moves - pull-in, pull-in push-out, Lemieux move, Gretzky move, spinnerama and more.

The program runs 10 weeks beginning Monday, January 11 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Montague Wellness Centre. Age appropriate groups ranging from Novice to Bantam. Full hockey gear required. The cost is \$85 To register, call Steve at 838-2752. Information flyers are available at MIS.