



Clareville Middle School



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Friday December 22nd School Closes for Christmas Recess - Students dismissed at 1 pm
Pancake Breakfast for students - FREE of Charge.
Bar Money - please submit as soon as possible.
- ✓ Thursday December 28th **MUN Seahawks will play the Winnipeg Wesmen** at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm here at your Middle School. The MUN Female team has a strong team - tickets \$5.00
- ✓ Monday January 3rd , 2007 School re-opens for students - Day 1 on the student timetable.

WHAT'S NEW AT CMS ?

Check out our school's homepage at www.k12.nf.ca/cms to see:

- ✓ Results of the grade 4 student survey
- ✓ Results of the survey of new students transferring into our school
- ✓ School Development Report
- ✓ Christmas Concert Photographs

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR STUDENTS

On the morning of Friday, Dec. 22nd , a wonderful group of parents will be serving the students a pancake breakfast. Last year the students went to the lunchroom by class and were served a great breakfast. This truly expresses the spirit of the season! If any parent is interested in assisting please contact Ms. Trudy Davis at 466 - 2840.

POOR WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURES

Before any decision to close school is made, the administration of our school system will speak directly with the meteorologists and the highway's supervisors to get a first hand account of the conditions and forecast for our immediate area. If school is in progress, before any decision is made to send them home early direct contact with Works and Transportation will be made. This will assure that busses are strategically placed behind the highways equipment. For example, before the Port Blandford bus left Clareville we would be in direct contact with either Bill Harris or Oliver Pelley, Supervisors with the Dept. of Works, Services and Transportation, to find the most appropriate time for their departure home.

JANUARY'S NEWSLETTER:

- “Way to go's” and Middle School Tidbits
- Inaugural Badminton Tournament
- Data snapshots
- Bussing routes

STUDENT ATHLETICS AND GUIDELINES

On Saturday, Dec. 9th, Clarenville Middle School wrote provincial volleyball history by being the first school to have entered three teams into a provincial competition. All three finished with medals - another first (see related entry below). At Clarenville Middle School we aim to include all students who wish to participate in our sports and our choral, drama, art, and instrumental programs. In addition, we also aim to develop each and every student to the highest developmental level as possible, hopefully leading to our school competing with high caliber teams in the province. To this end, from time to time, teams will be selected based on the students' abilities at that time and their progress developmentally. We all realize that students develop at different rates and we wish to provide experiences for each and every one at his/her current level. In February we may see a male basketball team compete in the 'B' division while another competes at the 'C' level; each provided with the experience to grow in the sport and enhance development. The 'fair play' concept would see ALL practice to hone their skills and ALL play at their level of current proficiency.

PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL HISTORY WRITTEN BY CMS

EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND Volleyball Tournament ending Saturday December 9th at your Middle School gymnasium saw the girls and boys win provincial banners. The boys team (White) came out on top in the championship game against Little Hearts Ease while the girls won against Shoal Harbour. Our boys Gold team got past McDonald Drive in the Bronze Match to complete the 3 medal achievement. Congratulations to all players! Several coaches, and confirmed by Russ Jackson (NL Volleyball Association Director) can't remember a previous provincial tournament where:

1. **Three** teams came from **one school** to participate at a provincial level! 'CMS had 3'.
2. **Two** sets of gold medals went to two teams from one school. **We won 3** sets of medals!
3. So many participants from one school competing at a provincial level. Your Middle School had 35 students participate at this high level of play. Wow!

Way to go to Mr. Randell for his commitment of time and expertise in the creation a wonderful learning experience for so many. The old saying 'the proof is in the pudding' comes to mind here with the skill level of so many students raised to a very proficient level. If we had a hall of fame sir - you would certainly be in the builders category. Thanks so much coach.

SPORTING CAMPS - ON YOUR DOORSTEP!

Interested in a sporting activity over Christmas?

Volleyball : Clarenville High is hosting a camp Friday, December 29th and Saturday, December 30th at our gym. Male and Females in grades 8, 9, and 10 are eligible. Cost - \$20.00 to register. Registration forms available at the main office (see Mr. Parady).

Basketball : Thursday, December 28th (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) will see a **Basketball Camp for students grades 4, 5, & 6**, with Mr. Doug Partridge, coach of the Memorial University SeaHawks, as instructor. Members of the MUN team will assist as well of course! This is a great opportunity for our young up-and-coming male and female basketball players! Registration Forms at main office.

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL GAME AT CMS:

On **Thursday Dec. 28th** the **MUN Seahawks will play the Winnipeg Wesmen** at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. here at your Middle School. The powerful MUN team will be looking for a victory against one of the premier teams from the west coast of Canada! Should be a great match to see! Tickets are available for \$5.00 from the main office or at the door. Why not write it in your agendas - should be a GREAT game. As a bonus - come see our grade 6 & 7 girls play at half-time!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!