

# >>> NEWSLETTER <<<< THE MOUNTAINEER

Updates for the parents, guardians & students of Buck Mountain Central School



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### DECEMBER

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

As we approach the holiday break, I want to take a moment to express my deepest appreciation for each of you. This year has been filled with hard work, growth, and moments of celebration, and I am incredibly proud of all we've accomplished together. Your dedication and resilience have made this year truly special.

We are also aware of a concerning incident that occurred on Monday, December 16th, in the Senior High Boys' washroom, involving physical altercations among students that resulted in injuries. While we are relieved to report that all students involved will physically recover in time, we understand the impact this has had on our school community.

In response, we are taking immediate action to ensure that such behavior does not occur again. Increased safety measures will be implemented to maintain a positive and respectful environment for all students. It is crucial that we send a clear message that violence and aggression have no place in our school. Our school community is based on shared responsibility, and each of us plays a role in contributing to a safe and supportive atmosphere.

All students involved, whether actively participating or not, have faced disciplinary actions. Moving forward, we will take additional steps in the new year to ensure that students, families, and staff have a shared understanding of the expectations for behavior. We are committed to fostering a learning environment where all students feel respected and safe.

As we enter the holiday season, it's a time to reflect on the year, enjoy time with loved ones, and recharge for the exciting opportunities ahead. I encourage you to take this time to rest, relax, and cherish the special moments of the season. Please remember to prioritize your well-being, stay safe, and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, ready to continue learning, growing, and thriving as a community.

On behalf of the entire school staff, I wish you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season. See you in the new year!

Mrs. Kress

# RESPONDING TO UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS IN STUDENT WASHROOMS

This note is to inform you about the important initiative aimed at addressing recent concerns regarding unacceptable behaviors in our school washrooms. As we strive to maintain a positive, respectful environment for all students, it is essential that we work together to promote responsibility, cleanliness, and consideration of others.

To better understand and resolve these issues, in the new year we are establishing a **Student Committee** on expectations and responses when students fail to meet these expectations. This committee will play a crucial role in developing practical solutions and fostering a sense of accountability among the student body. Students interested in joining the committee will have the opportunity to collaborate with staff and peers to promote positive change.

**The goals of the committee will include:**

- Identifying specific behaviors that need to be addressed
- Developing clear expectations for washroom use
- Creating educational campaigns to encourage respectful behavior
- Proposing improvements to washroom facilities if needed
- Establishing a feedback loop to monitor progress

We are inviting students from all grade levels to apply to be part of this committee. Those selected will be responsible for helping lead discussions, share ideas, and collaborate on strategies to ensure all students contribute to maintaining a respectful, clean, and safe school environment.

**If you are interested in participating, please email Mrs. Kress at [nicole.kress@wrps11.ca](mailto:nicole.kress@wrps11.ca).** Please also use this email address if you have ideas or questions.

This committee will be established first thing in the new year and will meet on January 8th, 2025. We encourage all interested students to apply, as this is an important opportunity to make a positive impact on our school community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to working together to ensure that our school remains a respectful and safe place for all.

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on January 21st, 2025 at 7pm, online. We will be consulting parents on the proposed calendar changes for next school year. Please contact [BM@wrps11.ca](mailto:BM@wrps11.ca) to be added to the online meeting invitation. Contact Mrs. Kress if you have additional agenda items for this meeting.

Parent advisory serves as a communication tool for parents to ensure they are informed and have a voice in decisions made at BMC and within WRPS. It is an opportunity for collaboration and addressing questions, ensuring that all members of our learning community are engaged. Please consider attending meetings whenever possible.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

BMC Parents' Association is a volunteer group who operates to fundraise money to support additional learning opportunities for BMC students. This committee covers transportation costs to make learning experiences through field trips possible, and funds programs like Band to ensure these programs continue and are not cost prohibitive to families.

**Next meeting** - (Virtual) January 21st, following the Parent Advisory Council Meeting which begins at 7pm.

**Fundraiser: We are seeking volunteers** to work a casino on January 13th and 14th. This is our major fundraiser which supports this association for many years. Please reach out to for contact information if you are interested in volunteering. All money raised contributes to learning opportunities for all students in our school.



# RABBIT HILL SNOW RESORT TRIP 2025

JANUARY 30TH, 2025



## Activity Information:

1. Any student (grades 7 - 12) participating in this event **MUST** travel on the buses provided.
2. Students are not allowed to switch their equipment choice at the ski hill. The student's first choice of equipment rental will be the final choice.
3. Please send bagged lunch or monies for the concession.

## Activity Time Schedule:

Students will come to school on their regular bus.

- 9:00 am - Leave BMC School
- 10:30 am - Arrive at Rabbit Hill Snow Resort
- 4:00 pm - Load buses
- 4:30 pm - Depart from Rabbit Hill Snow Resort
- 6:00 pm - Arrive at Winfield School
- 6:30 pm - Arrive at BMC School

## Note:

- Lift ticket price includes lesson.
- Rentals include skis, snowboards, boots, and helmets.
- Students with a Season Pass to Rabbit Hill will not be charged the Lift Ticket Rate.
- Grade 4/5 Snow Pass does not work for school visits.

This form must be completed by January 24th, 2025.

Full payment or alternate arrangement must be made prior to January 24th, 2025.

## Questions or Concerns

Contact [bm@wrps11.ca](mailto:bm@wrps11.ca) or call 780-388-3900.

## HOLIDAY DINNER THANK YOUS!

Buck Mountain Central School would like to extend a heartfelt holiday thank you to all of the staff, sponsors and community members that contributed to our Annual Holiday Dinner! This dinner is only made possible with the generous donations from companies, community groups and community members.

The students and staff of our school look forward to this dinner every year. This dinner gives each student in our school the opportunity to have a holiday dinner, as we have some students that don't get the opportunity to partake in a traditional holiday meal.

We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come!



## UPCOMING DATES

December 21st - January 5th - Holiday Break!  
January Exam Schedule Attached Below

January 30th - School Ski Trip  
January 31st - No School, PLC Day



# January 2025 Final Exam Schedule

**Note: Midterms for year long classes will be scheduled by teachers "in class"**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6 <i>All students return from the holiday break.</i>	7	8	9	10	
	13	14 <i>English 30-1 and 30-2 Part A</i>	15	16	17 <i>Math 30-1 and 30-2 Diploma Exams</i>	
	20 <i>English 30-1 and 30-2 Part B Diploma Exams</i>	21	22	23 <i>Chemistry 30</i>	24 <i>Social 9 &amp; Social 9 K&amp;E PAT Exams</i>	<i>Fri 24th - High School: Last day of Semester 1 classes</i>
	27 <i>Social 10-1 Social 10-2 Social 10-4 ELA 20-1 ELA 20-2 ELA 20-4</i>	28 <i>Science 10 Math 20-1 &amp; 20-2 Math 20-3 &amp; 30-3 Math 20-4 &amp; 10-4 Science 14</i>	29 <i>Science 24 Physics 20 Science 8(Starts Period 2) Social 7</i>	30 <i>Exam make up day. Students who missed their scheduled school exams, will write on this date.</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"><i>School Ski Trip Permission forms and fees due January 22nd 9am.</i></div>	31 <i>No School PLC Day</i>	
<i>Exams will begin after attendance is taken in the first period (~9 am) Regular junior high school classes continue.</i>						

**High School Exam Week, Grades 10-12: Monday, January 27th - Thursday, January 30th Students only attend for their exams - no regular classes will be in session for these grades.**

**Junior High - there is not a exam week. Students will write their exams during the designated times and then return to regular classes.**

- ✓ High school students can be picked up by parents following exams, however a regular Bus drop-off and pick-up will occur. High school students will have assigned classrooms if they are in attendance after their exams.
- ✓ All students leaving the building following their exam are expected to inform the office.
- ✓ Parents of students who are unable to attend final exams must contact the office. Arrangements will be made on a case by case basis with their teacher. Please review: [BMC Final EXAM POLICY](#)