



Onslow Elementary School Newsletter^{C19}

December 3, 2020



Christmas Spirit Days:

Tuesday Dec. 8th: Red, Green and White – dress up in red, green and white to kick off the holiday spirit!

Wednesday Dec. 9th: Christmas and Holiday accessories – wear fun Christmas / Holiday accessories and hats!

Thursday Dec. 10th: put on some fancy clothes and dress up to celebrate the Holidays and Christmas!

Monday Dec. 14th: Ugly Christmas sweater – find or make a decorated top.

Tuesday Dec. 15th: Christmas character – choose a Christmas character and do your best to look like them: elves, the Gingerbread man, Cindy Lou Who, Rudolf.

Wednesday Dec. 16th: 'Twas the night before Christmas break – a PJ...er...day.



Class activities: our OES Teaching team will be sending notices about various class activities leading to the holiday break.

An early start to Christmas break: Dec. 16th and 17th have been declared as an early start to the Christmas break. The OES teaching staff have prepared materials and activities for our students for these two days. Teachers will also stay in touch with their students by email, Teams, or phone to check in with them about the activities. We are advising all of our students to bring EVERYTHING home for the holidays: notebooks, binders, pencil cases as well as the materials provided by teachers.

La Maison de la Famille: <https://www.facebook.com/MaisonfamilleQuyon/>
The holiday season is a time of giving and receiving and OES supports the good work of La Maison de la Famille. Community members can reach out to La Maison de la Famille to see what is being offered or, to make donations.

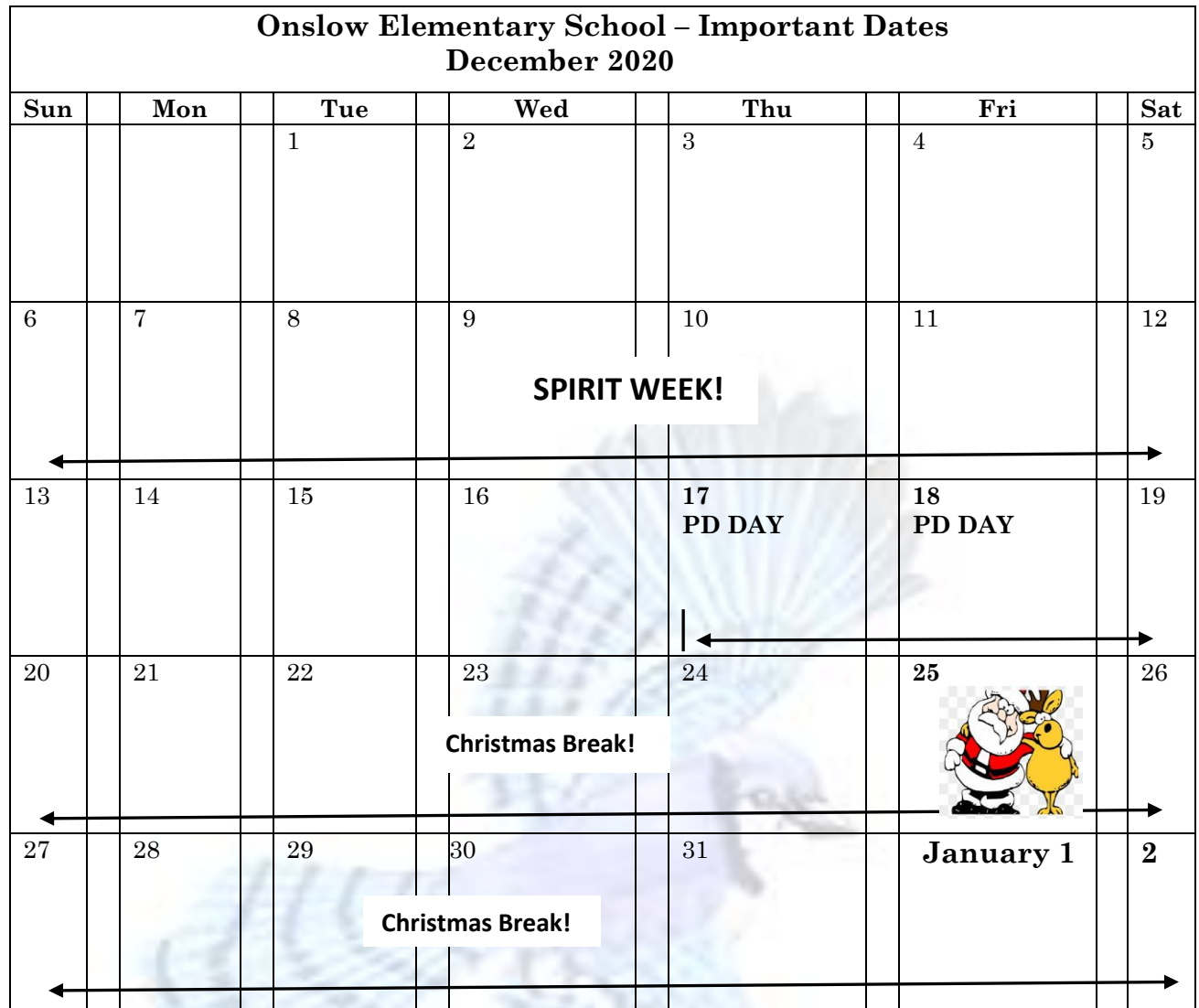
Extended Planning and Training Days: as noted in November, the [MEQ](#) announced that teachers will have an extra 3 days for training in distance education in the event that schools and/or classes are closed again due to the spread of COVID 19. At OES, we have two **planning and training** days remaining: 11 December & 18 January. If there is a delay or cancellation of one of the **planning and training** days above, we'll follow-up on 17 February (only *if* necessary).

Preparing for colder weather: With the colder weather here to stay, teachers and staff are asking parents to ensure that our students are dressed appropriately. At OES we are encouraging the younger students in K4, K5 and Grade 1 to be as independent as possible with getting dressed to go outside: our goal is to enable as many students as possible to dress themselves for going outside for recess. Teachers and staff are able to provide limited support (given COVID 19 protocols). Please practice with your child to help our staff make sure the students are as warmly dressed as possible.

School Fees (update and delay of notices from October): We will send notices in **January, 2021**, which will cover additional supervision and materials commonly used in school.

Visiting the school: A friendly reminder that we will have parents in the school by appointments only – we will also offer video conferencing to reduce the number of people entering the building.

COVID19 Symptoms: based on protocols set by [Public Health](#) (<https://www.inspq.qc.ca/>), when a single symptom is persistent (runny nose, headache, cough, fever) we will inform parents and suggest that the student remain at home for a 24 hr period to allow for the symptom to clear completely. If there is a combination of symptoms (fever + cough + headache, for example) we recommend taking the child home and contacting Public Health for instructions on the next step: **COVID 19 Helpline 1-877-644-4545**



Please note that January 4, 2021 is a PD DAY. Students return to school on January 5th, 2021