

Issue 5

# TBS Updates

December 2025



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## Upcoming Dates



**Dec. 19** - Teacher Work Day - No School

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 2** - Holiday Break

**Jan. 5** - Teacher Work Day - No School

**Jan. 5** - Term 1 Report Cards

**Jan. 12-23** - Three-Way Conferences

**Mar. 4-6** - Frozen Jr - A G4-8 Musical Production

**Feb 7** - FIRST Lego League Challenge!



# Looking ahead to 2026!

*By Mr James Weekes  
Head of School*

That's one busy first term of school at TBS behind us, and now we get to look at all of the exciting things coming up in Term 2!

Before we do, I would just like to say a big thank you and congratulations to the students and teachers for the incredible Winter Assembly. The talent and hard work was clear for all to see. A big thank you also goes to parents and volunteers for the support, Graham on the piano, and a number of TBS alumni in the Horton tech crew!

Our second term (January to March) always brings a mixture of weather. Please make sure your students come and have the appropriate clothes (and spares) for whatever they may face. Feel free to swing by and pick up your sleds if you are looking to use them over the holiday.

Grade 4-8 will be stepping up their Performing Arts schedules in preparations for Frozen Jr! We are in communication with Martock to try and organise our ski afternoons for Grade 2-8 where community members are also invited to join us.

These winter months also see some of our more academic units of inquiry. We look forward to families coming in to celebrate learning experiences once more. We also kick off term 2 with our Report Cards followed by our 3-Way Conferences as a way to set goals.

We hope that everyone has a safe and rejuvenating break and we look forward to seeing you in 2026!



## *Did you know?*

*Our Musicals sell out every year? Keep an eye out for when our tickets go on sale to secure yours!*



*One of our Grade 7 students shared their own composition at the Winter Assembly.*

# Events & Notes

## Progress Reports and Teacher Work Day

***January 5, 2026***

Monday, January 5 will be a Teacher Work Day. Progress Reports will be sent out on Toddle. We encourage families to review reports together and discuss meaningful, achievable goals, which can be discussed at Three-Way Conferences.

## Three-Way Conferences

***January 12-23, 2026***

Three-way conferences will take place in the new year and bring students, caregivers, and teachers together to reflect on learning and growth. A sign-up link will be shared for each class. During the conference, students, caregivers, and teachers will work together to create a plan to support these goals.

## TBS Board of Directors

***Updates from the AGM December 2025***

The Board of Directors would like to publicly thank two of our long-serving Directors who stepped down this year. Kristina Boudreau has been the Treasurer & Secretary for almost eight years and has passionately seen the school through some challenging times. We thank her immensely for the time, effort and love she gave to our organisation. Joel Stoddart is stepping down after 3-years of dedicated service. Joel helped the school think strategically about the next stage of growth and has been a valuable member of the team. We welcome two new Directors, Chris Rushton & Beth Taylor, to the TBS Board of Directors. We will share short bios of these two volunteers in an upcoming newsletter.



# A Morning at the StarBOOKS Cafe!

*By Ms. Julie*

During their Unit of Inquiry focused on How we Express Ourselves, Grade 2 & 3 students learned that authors write for many different reasons. They were thrilled to host family members at the StarBOOKS cafe. They sipped on a hot beverage and had a treat as they listened to the many authors present their opinion writing in the form of a book called "We Hope You Agree!"

I would like to extend my thanks to all families for their support in making this a special experience!



# BOOKER ON THE ICE





# Holiday Assembly



## Volunteering & the Parent Participation Program

Our school community thrives when families get involved! Volunteering is a great way to meet others and support the experiences that make our school special. Whether you can help in the classroom, at events, or by sharing a skill, every contribution makes a difference. If you can give some time this year, we'd love to hear from you.

### **Parent Participation Program**

If you would like to sign up for our Parent Participation Program, please email:

[jamie.ohanlon@bookerschool.com](mailto:jamie.ohanlon@bookerschool.com)

## Tuition Payments for 2025-26

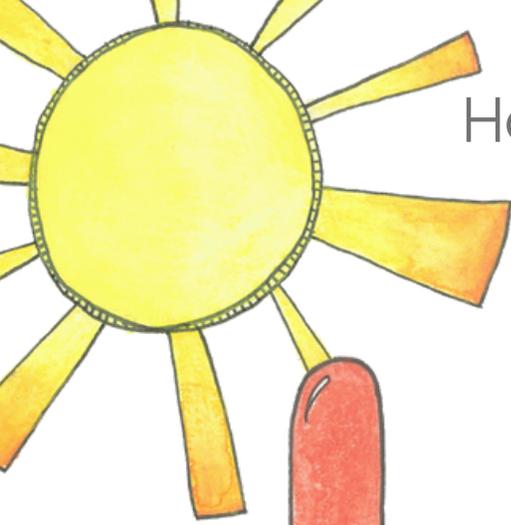


For families on the three-payment plan, don't forget to send in your January payments at the beginning of the month. Please send etransfers to:

[treasurer@bookerschool.com](mailto:treasurer@bookerschool.com)

*Please note that we can also take Visa payments in the office with a 3% charge.*

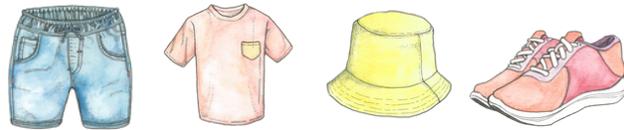




# How to Dress for the Weather Guide

Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!

20°C



10°C



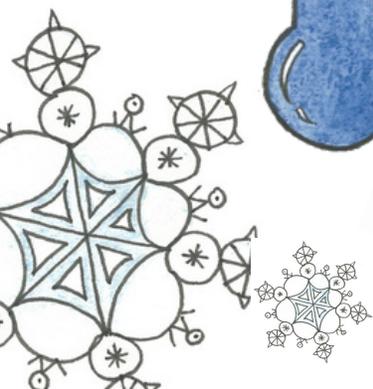
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-10°C



-20°C



## Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



[www.getoutsideandplay.ca](http://www.getoutsideandplay.ca)



[www.befitforlife.ca](http://www.befitforlife.ca)



## The Booker Fund

This year, we have been rolling out a new fundraising initiative called The Booker Fund. The Booker Fund is the backbone of The Booker School's fundraising program. This annual fund provides vital support that allows us to hire the best teachers, give them the resources they need, offer financial assistance to amazing students, and give our students the chance to go beyond. Most of our donors choose to make unrestricted gifts, allowing the school the greatest flexibility to deploy funds where they are most needed. Some of our donors prefer to direct their gifts specifically to financial assistance to ensure that the school can offer sustainable support to families who enrich our community in every way.

### 2025-2026 Goals

In the 2025-2026 school year we aim to raise \$50,000 and hope that 100% of our families will join in this effort. A gift of any size makes a difference to how we can help our students flourish this year.

The Booker School is a charitable organization and gifts to the Booker Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law. Make your gift today!

### Ways to Donate

You can easily donate and receive a tax receipt through Canada Helps by using this [link](#).

We also accept cheques and e-transfer. Cheques can be made out to The Booker School and e-transfers can be sent to [treasurer@bookerschool.com](mailto:treasurer@bookerschool.com).

# December





# Forms



An important part of The Booker School experience is having opportunities to explore our local community. We also benefit greatly from the volunteer efforts of our friends and family. The forms below enable us to provide safe programming for all students. Please fill them out at your earliest convenience.

## 8.5 Activity Waiver

### 9.5a Volunteer Driver

*Please note that The Booker School will now hold volunteer record checks for two years. If you submitted these documents in 2024-25, you do not need to do so this year.*



# Community Corner

## Property to rent

One of our community members has a beautiful 2-bed, 2-bath home for rent on Grand Pre Rd. Check it out buy clicking the red title to the right for a link to its posting on SafeGuard.

[Two-bed, two-bath home for rent.](#)



## YOUNG ENGINEERS HALIFAX COMING TO WINDSOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

3RD JANUARY 2026

TWO WORKSHOPS:  
1PM - 2PM &  
2:30PM - 3:30PM

KIDS WILL POWER UP  
THEIR CREATIVITY BY  
BUILDING A COOL  
MOVING MODEL  
USING MOTOR  
AND GEARS!



REGISTER NOW

*If you know of any great clubs or activities for children or adults, feel free to send us your connections! We are also posting opportunities throughout the year on the TBS Families Facebook Group.*



# 2025-2026 Master Calendar

## The Booker School Master Calendar 2025-2026

Week	TBS 2025-26	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Whole School Events
							1	2	School Closed
	August	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Teacher Work Day
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Event
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<i>Tentative Dates are italicised</i>
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Labour Day Sep 1 - Classes begin Sep 2
2	September	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Hopes & Dreams Conferences
3		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
4		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Adventure Week - Sep 28 Orange Shirt Day
5		29	30	1	2	3	4	5	Truth & Reconciliation Sep 30
6		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	October	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Thanksgiving Break
7		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Teacher Work Day Oct 24 - School Closed
8		27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
9		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	November	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Remembrance Day Observation Nov 11
11		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
12		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
13		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
14	December	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Teacher Work Day Dec 19 - School closed
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	December Break
		29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
16	January	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Teacher Work Day Jan 5 - School closed
17		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Conf. Three Way Conferences Jan 12-23
18		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
19		26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
20		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
21	February	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Teacher Work Day - Feb 13 - School Closed
22		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Heritage Day Feb 16
23		23	24	25	26	27	28	1	
24		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Grade 4-8 Musical Production
	March	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	March Break
25		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
26		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
27		30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Easter Weekend April 3-6
28	April	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
29		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
30		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
31		27	28	29	30	1	2	3	TWD & Student-Led Conference day
32		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
33	May	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
34		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Victoria Day May 18 & Teacher Work Day May 19
35		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
36	June	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Port Williams Days
37		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Adventure Week
38		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	End of Year Assembly Jun 19
	July	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Teacher Work Days - School Closed
		29	30						

