



ADMIRAL'S ACADEMY

Navigating Together and Sailing to our Potential!

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Happy New Year

On behalf of all the staff at Admiral's Academy, we wish you a very healthy and happy 2026!

KinderStart Sign-up Reminder

If you or someone you know has a child turning 5 before December 31st, 2026, they should be registered for KinderStart. If they are not registered, please contact the school to get them registered as soon as possible. Our KinderStart sessions for this school year will occur on the following dates in 2026: **February 13th, March 20th, April 24th and May 15th**. There will be no school for our current Kindergarten students on these days. More information will be sent home to families of registered KinderStart students on January 6th at 9:00AM. If you do not receive said information, please first check your spam/junk folders then contact the school administration.

PED Policy

Please note that NLSchools has a PED (Personal Electronic Device) Policy which governs all personal electronic devices for students. Some highlights for families to be aware of include:

- Students in grades K-6 are encouraged **not** to bring PEDs to school. Grades K-6 students will **not** have access to PEDs during school hours, including during recess and lunch.
- Students in grades 7-12 are encouraged not to bring PEDs to school. Grades 7-12 students who bring a PED to school must switch it off or put it on airplane mode and turn off notifications; and must store it out of sight during instructional hours. PED's cannot be stored on a student's body (e.g. in a student's clothing). Students in grades 7-12 are permitted to use their PEDs during recess and lunch.

Admiral's Academy's school based PED policy can be found at this [link](#).

Christmas Sharing

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Christmas Sharing Campaign. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Through your kindness and generosity, we were able to support numerous Admiral's Academy families this year. Thank you so much!!

Why are Math Facts Important?

To master math, you first need to be "fluent" in the basics: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. When students can recall these facts instantly—a skill called **automaticity**—they stop spending mental energy on simple arithmetic and start using it for the hard stuff.

Think of it like clearing a path. By making basic calculations second nature, the brain has more room to tackle complex problem-solving. Research shows that once a student nails these fundamentals, they aren't just faster at math; they're more likely to succeed in every advanced course that follows.

February SLA Ordering

A note from the SLA that February ordering will open on January 6th and close on January 14th.

Allergies

Please note that we have severe anaphylaxis allergies in our school to PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, and BANANAS. As a result, we cannot permit students to bring cooked or raw bananas, any products containing any type of nuts, peanuts or WOW butter at school.

Please note: If your child has a diagnosed allergy by a medical doctor, and you have not



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already done so, please contact the guidance counsellor at billylynnclove@nlschools.ca to complete the necessary forms. Also, these forms must be completed each school year.

Recycling

Our January Recycling Blitz will take place on **January 26th**. If you drop off your child on the recycling blitz days, the bags can be dropped at the front entrance of the school. If your child takes the bus, he/she should only take a small bag of recyclables due to limited space. Also, please ensure that the recycling bag is tied tight to eliminate any leakage on the school bus. During each recycling blitz, children who bring in a bag will have their name entered in a draw for a small prize pack. There will be one winner from both primary and elementary each blitz day.

Unscheduled School Closures

Unscheduled school closures are beyond our control and unfortunately may occur at any time. Therefore, please ensure that your child's teacher is aware of the arrangements for your child during these times. It will be important to have contact numbers clearly stated so that you may be easily contacted. It is the responsibility of the parent/ caregiver to ensure that alternate arrangements are made for your children in the event of an unscheduled school closure. Let's work together to ensure the safety of our children.

Video Surveillance

Admiral's Academy utilizes video surveillance cameras as per District Policy OPER-600. If you have any concerns, please contact school administration.

NLESID Idling Policy

We continue to notice many drivers idling their vehicles while waiting for doors to open in the AM and also while waiting for student dismissal in the PM. NLESID recognizes the importance of ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its workers, students and others at or near the workplace. The District also recognizes the importance of providing guidance and direction on the use of District vehicles and idling. The exhaust from idling vehicles (including school buses) poses an unnecessary health risk for children, drivers, employees and the community at large. Vehicle idling impairs air quality and is an inefficient use of financial resources.

Families are asked if waiting on school property in their vehicles to kindly ensure that their vehicle is off and not idling while waiting.

Office Staff

A reminder that our secretary, Ms. Nippard, takes her lunch in the early afternoon and there may be times when we cannot immediately answer phone calls due to other issues that have arisen. Please keep this in mind when contacting the school in the early afternoons.

Important Upcoming Dates

January 5th - Classes resume

January 7th - SLA ordering for February opens

January 15th - SLA ordering for February closes

January 26th - January recycling blitz

February 9th - Staff PL - No classes for students

February 13th - Kinderstart Session #1

February 23rd - Winter Break (no classes)