



WEEK AT A GLANCE
Tomsett Elementary
December 15-19th

Monday, Dec. 15th

Tuesday, Dec. 16th

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

Thursday, Dec. 18th

Friday, Dec. 19th

Last day of classes
before Winter Break

PAC Skating Night @
4:45-6:15pm



PJ Day



Hello families,

We want to say a BIG thank you to the PAC for the Brekka lunch, sweet treats, and warm drinks you provided on Tuesday. This was such a kind gesture and the staff appreciated it so much!

Today was our second December **Spirit Day**–Winter Sweater Day! It was fun to see so many staff and students showing their Tomsett Spirit. Next Friday, December 19th will be PJ day!



Learning Updates will be posted on Thursday, December 18th. Please ensure that you have access to your MyEd account in order to view. If you are not able to login, please send an email to for support to MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca.

To the Jewish students, staff, and families, we wish you a joyous Hanukkah filled with light, hope, and togetherness. As you light the menorah over eight nights, may this Festival of Lights bring warmth and happiness to your homes and hearts.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Winter Wonderland Skating Night!

Warm wishes,
Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Anderson



Reminder

Please remember to check in at the office if you are dropping off your child late or picking them up early. If you are volunteering in our school, first and foremost...THANK YOU! Second, please make sure to sign-in at the office and get a visitor badge.



Upcoming Dates

December

- 17 PAC Family Skating Night
- 18 Term 1 Learning Updates Posted
- 19 Last day of classes before Winter Break

Winter Break: December 20-January 4

January

- 5 Classes resume



Dates of Significance

December

December 14-22: Hannukah - Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

December 21: Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere) - The shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. This date is celebrated by, and has significance to, multiple cultures and religions.

December 24-January 7: Quviasukvik - Inuit winter feast and festival observed by the Inuit, Yupik, Aleut, Chukchi, Iñupiat, and NunatuKavut. Celebrates the coming year and placates the roaming spirits for good luck in the year to come.

December 24: Christmas Eve - The evening or entire day before Christmas Day, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus.

December 25: Christmas Day - A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been observed as a cultural and secular holiday by Christians and non-Christians.

Please click the links to learn more.

Reminder

Dear Families,

Play is an important part of childhood. Sometimes kids have toys they hold onto for years and others they hold on to for days.

To help think about sustainability, the following divisions will be participating in the Tomsett Toy Swap:

Divisions 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8

This will happen on Dec 16th. In the morning, students are to bring a gently loved toy from home. Then, later that day, students will be invited to visit the Toy Swap to choose a toy (that's new to them).

Any questions, please feel free to ask.



Staffing Updates

As we come to the end of the term, we want to share an important update. We will be saying a heartfelt goodbye to Ms. Ang, who has been teaching Division 19 in place of Mrs. Tham.

We are grateful to Ms. Ang for her dedication to Division 19 this term and wish her lots of luck in her future endeavours.

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Tham back to the classroom starting January 5th.

Thank you for your continued support, and please join us in expressing appreciation to Ms. Ang and a warm welcome back to Mrs. Tham!

We would also like to express our gratitude to Miss Coleen, who has been filling in for Ms. Htan these past few weeks. We know Miss Coleen will continue to be a regular face at Tomsett and we are so grateful for her continued support.

Welcome back Ms. Htan!



3D Winter Art in Div. 1

Baking in Div. 2



**Toque
Ornaments
in the
Library**



**Gingerbread Houses
in Div. 15**

Student and Family Affordability Fund

The provincial government funds the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- School and course fees
- School supplies and course materials
- Field trips
- School-related extracurricular opportunities
- Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Kirsten Wallace

kwallace@sd38.bc.ca if you are in need of

assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



Reminders



Please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our

**Early Warning Line at
(604) 668-6448 (option 1)**

Let us know your child's name, division, why they are away and for how long.

If your child(red) will be arriving late, please make sure to sign in at the office.

THANK
you



Parking Lot Safety Reminders



-Parents, please **DO NOT PARK in the staff parking lot** or in the DROP OFF/NO PARKING ZONES as we need these spots for staff

-Please **DO NOT drop off students on Odlin Road**

-Please **DO NOT leave your vehicle** unattended in the drop off/pick up zone

-Please **WALK, BIKE, SCOOT** to school to avoid vehicle congestion in the morning and after school

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school safe!

Dress for the Weather

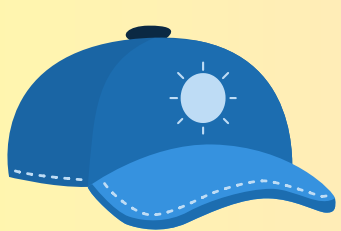
Parents please ensure your child is dress for raining weather, we go outside at recess and at lunch.

Wear boots.

Wear a coat with a hood.

Send extra socks and shoes to school.

Umbrellas are not reccomended as children can't run and play while holding an umbrella.



PAC Corner

Hello Tomsett community,

We have a few fun and important updates to share!

1. **Holiday Fundraiser Delivery**

Due to an unexpected delay, our holiday fundraiser treats will arrive next week instead. We'll send another update as soon as we receive the confirmed delivery date.

Thank you for your patience!

2. ❄️ **Winter Wonderland Family Skating Night**

There's still time to grab tickets for our Winter Wonderland Family Skating Night!

Event Details:

- Date: Wednesday, Dec 17
- Time: 4:45-6:15 PM
- Location: Minoru Arenas

Tickets:

- \$2.50/ skater
- Available on Munch-a-Lunch (max 2 per student)
- On sale until 11 PM on Dec 15, while quantities last
- Only skaters need a ticket
- A limited number of extra tickets may be available on-site

Waiver forms and tickets will be delivered to classrooms on Dec 17.

We hope to see you on the ice!



3. **January 2026 Hot Lunch – online order open!**

Hot lunch ordering for January – March dates is now LIVE on Munch-a-Lunch – perfect for kicking off the new year with easy lunches for your kids!

Important Dates:

- Jan 5 Hot Lunch → Order by: January 1
- Jan 7 Hot Lunch → Order by: January 2

Thank you!

The Tomsett PAC

FlipGive Fundraising

This season, fundraising for Tomsett Elementary School is going to be so much easier with FlipGive, a free team funding app.

We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars – it's completely virtual and contactless.

Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop: [https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?](https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?joincode=XM93G4)
[joincode=XM93G4](https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?joincode=XM93G4)

Or enter this code: **XM93G4**

Want to learn more? Check out this 2 minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qg4n80

Tomsett Grad 2026 Fundraiser

Candy Cane Gram

Hello Teachers and Staff at Tomsett!

First of all, the Class of 2026 and their families would like to thank you for supporting our fundraisers this year.

We are kicking it off with our "How Do You Candy-Cane" candy gram. This fundraiser is open to all students at the school. We are inviting them to purchase a candy cane gram for besties, friends, teachers, etc.

Each gram is \$1 and comes with a candy cane and a special message card. We have included 6 cards with the handout. There is no limit to how many candy cane grams a student can send. If they need more cards, we can always get more printed for them.

All candy cane gram profit goes to Tomsett Grad 2026 graduation ceremony and yearbook.

When?

The fundraiser will run from Friday, December 5 to Friday, December 12.

How?

Students need to fill out the cards with the candy gram recipient's name and division number. They can also add their own special Holiday greetings.

We have made a collection box and will set it up in the front office. Students will need to put their orders (cards) and cash payment in an envelope or a sandwich bag and drop it off into the collection box.

All orders and cash payment will be due by lunch on December 12. Two parent volunteers will come to the school at 2pm on December 12 to collect the orders.

Orders will be packed and organized based on division numbers. All messages will be checked to make sure they are kind and appropriate. Any message that isn't kind or appropriate will be replaced with a "Happy Holidays" card.

We will use class lists to make sure every candy cane goes to the right student in the right class. We will also make a list of any students who didn't get one. Each of those students will receive a candy cane from "Secret Santa."

Candy canes will be delivered to each classroom on December 18, end of the school day. We will ask Grade 7 students to help deliver them.

Again, thank you for your support. If you or any student or parent has questions about this fundraiser, please feel free to contact tomsett2026@gmail.com.

FRIDAY FUN IN DECEMBER!!

DEC 5TH TROPICAL DAY

Shorts, t-shirts,
sunglasses



DEC 12TH WINTER WEAR

Anything festive or
wintery - Scarf, toque,
mittens, sweaters



DEC 19TH COZY DAY

Pajamas, robes, slippers,
blanket, stuffy, pillow

