

Bowes Knows Bugle

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A MONTH IN REVIEW



The New Year is here!

Welcome back Bulldogs! We hope everyone had a great winter break and are ready to start up again with fresh minds. The year 2025 is upon us, so let's take a look back at 2024 and its coolest facts:

- Super Bowl LVII becomes most watched program in US History - February 11th 2024
- Canada finishes in 12th place for total medals at the 2024 summer Olympics
- "Birds Of A Feather" by Billie Eilish is the most streamed song of the year
- We had a "brat" summer



brat



Bell Let's Talk

The Bell Let's Talk campaign is back again here at Bert Bowes! If you're unfamiliar, it is an initiative that occurs annually to bring awareness to the importance of mental health, anti-stigmas, and more across the nation. In fact, it is the largest corporate commitment to mental health in Canada! So, in order to help the touching

cause, it's as simple as opening any social media app and making a post on your phone, and don't forget to use "#bellletstalk"! For every post, story, and video made using the hashtag. Bell donates \$ to mental health organization's like Kids Help Phone, National Association of Friendship Centres, Strongest Families Institute, and others.

UP AND COMING



In February, Leadership's Anti-Bullying campaign will begin! This is also known as Pink Shirt Day and so you will see a lot of that colour in the next month!

Pink Shirt Day is a global movement that encourages kids to be kind within the school, their homes and community. Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness for bullying issues but also raise funds to support with children's health and self-esteem. **"Our 2025 Pink Shirt Day design is all about cultivating a community of kindness. Just like tending to a garden, together we can each help nurture a sense of belonging where we live, work, and go to school. It all starts with small gestures— a kind word, an offer of support or understanding. If we plant enough, pretty soon, more will be sprouting up all around us! By sprinkling these seeds of empathy and compassion, we can work towards a world without bullying and "Let Kindness Grow" through all of our community gardens."** - CKNW kids fund talking about their plan and ideas of which created this years Pink Shirt Day design.

Right after our "long" weekend on the 31st of January, we will have our semester change, which means we are **HALFWAY DONE!** Don't forget to look back at your schedules to verify what classes change on your schedule as of Monday, February 3rd.

After the semester change long weekend, our next break will be on Family Day! This will be a great opportunity to spend time with your loved ones, blood-related or not. Not long after, we will have spring break, and for all grade nines, **MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR CAMPUS REQUEST FORMS IN!!**

As we all know, February is the month of love, so this Valentine's show your loved ones and friends that you care!





CAMPUS BREAKDOWN

NPSS (Main Campus)	NPSS (Energetic Learning Campus)
<p>Size: Approx. 1,200 students (gr. 10, 11, 12), more staff, more classrooms</p>	<p>Approx. 200 Gr. 10 students, greater sense of community and connection to staff and peers</p>
<p>Schedule Structure: 80 minute classes (4 blocks per day)50 minute lunch.</p>	<p>55 minute classes (6 blocks per day)50 minute lunch.</p>
<p>Course Structure: Semestered Courses → 2-3 core courses for 5 months (semester change end of January) + 1-2 elective courses</p>	<p>Linear Courses (like Middle School) → Different course schedule every day (see attached photo below this chart). Elective courses are still semestered, students will have 1 elective choice for the 1st half of the year followed by their other elective choice for the 2nd half of the year</p>
<p>Mathematics Ideology: Students attending will need to choose their gr. 10 math stream in April of their gr. 9 year. Workplace Math vs. Foundations of Math</p>	<p>Students complete “general” math concepts September and October of their gr. 10 year. They are then stream-lined into a suitable and student/parent/teacher agree upon math course (Workplace or Foundations) for November until the end of the year.</p>
<p>Electives: Although in theory there are more elective options offered here, the likelihood of gr. 10 receiving their 1st, 2nd or sometimes even 3rd preference is rare because many electives are a grade 10/11 split and 11s are prioritized.</p>	<p>Less elective options in theory, however; the likelihood of receiving 2 of your top 3 choices are almost certain.</p>
<p>Sense of Community: More students, staff and a larger building inevitably results in a significant lack of community. Students generally go unnoticed and despite some efforts from staff, students can feel under-valued or out of place here.</p>	<p>A smaller building and number of students/staff is one thing, but the rationale and principles of this campus make this the most connected education community your child will ever witness. With no bells to signal the beginning and end of class, this learning environment boasts itself in creating a stress-free and yet, a productive environment. Intrapersonal confidence is certain to improve as well.</p>
<p>Academic Support: Present here, but through tutorial acceptance like in middle school which is not always guaranteed. With more students and less resource staff in general, the ratio is not friendly to being able to commit to student support at all times. In saying that, longer class periods can benefit this process.</p>	<p>Diversified Learning (in theory, tutorial), is a legit course here that students do not need to apply for, it’s already written in their schedule. They receive one-on-one support when necessary, or, if they just need more time to complete work, this time is provided to them with no questions asked.</p>
<p>Absenteeism & Athletics: Whether your child is absent for personal reasons (medical, family etc) or for athletic reasons, the semestered system is not forgiving here. Missing one day is like missing two, and missing a week could overwhelm a student to the point of no return. Time management, self-regulation and work ethic outside of school are habits that if not already developed, will need to be quickly to have success while still missing class time.</p>	<p>A linear system already aids this topic, however; the course schedule itself is student-friendly too. Core courses spread out at different times of each allow students to miss certain afternoons without even missing a core class. At the same time, core courses being offered 3+ times each week allow students to easily catch up the next day and not miss a beat.</p>

Basketball

Gr. 9 Boys:

Coach: Kristy Erickson

Roster:

Korbin Didier (Co-Captain)

Kaleb McGee (Co-Captain)

Parker Stregger

Mark Charles

Isasc Erikson

Kurtis Klassen

Koby Woods

Tyler Hoskyn

Sam Seidhu

So far, the grade 9 boys have had a great season, winning the silver medal in our Bowes tournament, and facing off against NPSS. They have multiple games and tournaments coming soon, and all of Bowes wishes you good luck in your upcoming games!

Gr. 8 Boys:

Coach: Mr Collier

Roster: Parker Andrews, Axel Caldwell, Adley Giesbrecht, Ranjotvir Gill, Anthony Huang, Diego Lascari, Logan Pennoyer, Parxx Plotnikow, Tommy Rivers-Bowerman, Jose Sta Maria, Jason Wachira.

Our grade 8 boys team this year is such a force! They've competed in multiple tournaments with Gr 9's and 10's, including our tournament here at Bowes! In our home tournament, they got 4th place, but put up a great fight against DCSS! Most recently, the team travelled to Grande Prairie, bringing home hardware and the championship banner winning the entire tournament at their age division. Amazing work to Coach C and the boys!

Gr. 8/9 Girls

Coach: Mlle. Olson & Mr. Haddad

Roster: Marisa Collins, True Dicaire, Lilly Friesen, River Hockman, Lyllia Hopkins, Beth Macpherson, Monroe Mize 'C', Khloe McNicol, Kayla Morris, Arlene Saukila, Samantha Shipley.

This year, the grade 8/9 girls team is having an awesome season! They've competed in multiple basketball events, and won 1st place in our Bowes tournament. Well done, girls! Good luck in your upcoming regional tournament!

Gr. 7 Boys & Girls

While still in their developing years, our grade 7 boys and girls had a great building block season. Coached by Mrs. Bell, this age group is full of growth and promise for the future. Our Bulldog pups are on the brink of breaking out and becoming a top dawg!



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TEACHERS NAME) TO MR WHITE'S CLASS TO
POTENTIALLY WIN AN AMAZING PRIZE!!**

