

December Newsletter



Program Hours

- Breakfast Club 7:00 Until Bus Pick Up
- Afterschool School Program: 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- Evening Programs: Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Youth Night: Wednesday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- PD Days: 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Newsletter

Hello Families,

Welcome back to our semi-monthly newsletter, where we share important information for December and some of the key dates for the 2024 school year.

Please see page 2 and 3 for our Inclement Weather plan as we enter the winter months.

We are also starting the second rotation of our evening and breakfast programs, and registrations are opening on the first week of December.

Stay Warm,
BGC Charlottetown Team

Breakfast program

Starting in January, the Breakfast Program will be a \$5* drop in program! It runs Monday–Friday from 7:00 am to bus pickup, no registration required! Starting Monday, January 8th, 2024.

The Breakfast Club program is for students attending:

- West Kent (Bus pick up 7:30 am)
- Ecole Francois Buote (Bus pick up 7:40 am)
- Parkdale (Bus pickup 8:25 am)

[Click here for more details](#)

*Financial Assistance is available if needed. Please reach out for more information

Key Dates 2024 School Year

Closures:

- December 23rd– January 3rd Holiday break (closed)
- February 19th, 2024, Islander Day (closed)
- March 29th and April 1st, 2024– Easter Weekend (Closed)
- May 20th, 2024– Victoria Day (Closed)

Full Day Programs:

- March 8th, 2024– PD DAY
- March 22nd, 2024– March 28th, 2024– March Break Camp
- April 19th, 2024– PD Day
- May 3rd, 2024– PD Day
- June 27th and 28th, 2024– PD Days

Evening Programs

Winter Evening Programs will run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Evening Programs are for children aged 5–12. During programs participants will be served a hot meal, followed by structured programming.

.From January 9th until March 19th every Tuesday night, participants will attend Baking Buddies! Each week, at Baking Buddies, we will create a different baked treat. We will practice essential baking skills and create confidence in the kitchen.

From January 11th until March 21st every Thursday night, participants will attend BGC Labs! This is a STEAM-inspired program, where we will spark curiosity as we complete a science experiment each week.

[Click here to register](#)

Youth night

We also offer a drop in Youth Night where youth who are between the ages of 12–15 can come into the club and hangout and dinner is provided. no need to sign up you can simply just come in every Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lost and Found

A friendly reminder to check the lost and found every Friday. Any remaining lost and found items will be donated the following Monday

BGC Charlottetown Inclement Weather Policy

Tips For Severe Weather:

Do not drop your child off at the club unless you are certain program is operating that day.

Stay up to date on the latest news from both the Public-School Board (PBS) as well as BGC Charlottetown online and via email or mass text messaging if you have opted in.

Prioritize your safety when traveling to and from the club. The Final decision on whether to attend program on any given day falls on parents/guardians

Breakfast Club:

If we are facing inclement weather, the Breakfast Program will operate based on the Public Schools guidance. If the Public-Schools Board advises a 1 hour delay the Breakfast Club program will operate as such. Opening 1 hour later.

If the Public Schools Branch Advises closures for the day, and there are no classes BGC Charlottetown will not operate the Breakfast Club Program that day.

If the Public Schools Board Advises a 1-hour delay, with a further announcement pending. Breakfast Club Program will not open until the final announcement from the Public-School Branch is made.

BGC Charlottetown reserves the right to deviate from the PBS guidance and cancel the Breakfast Club Program if such a decision is deemed to be in the best interest of Staff & Participants.

Afterschool Program:

The Afterschool Program will not operate while schools are closed for snow days.

In the event of an early dismissal from schools, our goal is to remain open for 2 hours to allow families the time to safely come and pick up their young person. This process is subject to change and a decision is made with the safety and well-being of participants, families, and staff in mind.

Evening Programs:

The Evening Program will not operate while schools are closed for snow days or if an early dismissal takes place.

It may be necessary to close BGC Charlottetown before the evening programs starts if there is impending weather that compromises the safe travel of participants, families, and staff.

If it is deemed necessary to cancel our evening programs and message will be sent out via email and mass text if you are opt-ed in. BGC Charlottetown will make every effort to notify families of a cancellation

before 5pm, however BGC Charlottetown reserves the right to cancel program without early notice if it is deemed in the best interests of safety for participants, families, and staff.

Final Considerations

- BGC Charlottetown may decide to deviate from the Public Schools decision on inclement weather if it is deemed in the best interest of participants, staff, and families.
- BGC Charlottetown will strive to ensure that ample warning is provided to families when it is decided to cancel our programs for the day, however there may be times where warning is limited. It is advised to stay up to date with the latest news from the club by frequently checking club emails and opting into our mass texting programs.