

## Basinview Drive Community School

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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### Important Dates

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Thanksgiving – No School

#### October 16

SAC Meeting #1 – 6:30pm in the library.

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Photo Re-Take Day

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PTP Movie Night!

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Provincial Conference Day – No School

#### October 31

Halloween

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### Outdoor Clothing

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- PP-P Scared Shrekless 5:50pm
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## Reminder

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## Student Drop Off and Pick Up:

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We have set up Traffic Pylons as traffic calming measures so there is no confusion on where our community members can and cannot park during the day. Places families can park are as follows:

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- Basinview Dr – There is parking on Basinview up until Wimbledon Rd, and again after the school driveway.
- Madison Dr – There is limited parking on Madison Drive – with a path directly to school property.

Excel Drop Off in the Morning – Families can stop and drop off students registered in Excel from 7:30am -8:15am in the lower driveway circle.

Once supervision begins at 8:20, There is NO stopping in the lower driveway. Instead, families of students from Grades Primary to Grade Five are invited to head up the upper parking lot to access the Kiss and Go. Reminder – There is **NO** parking on school property for non-staff members during the school day.

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