

The Grove

THE LATEST NEWS, EVENTS, AND UPDATES FROM NEWTON'S GROVE SCHOOL

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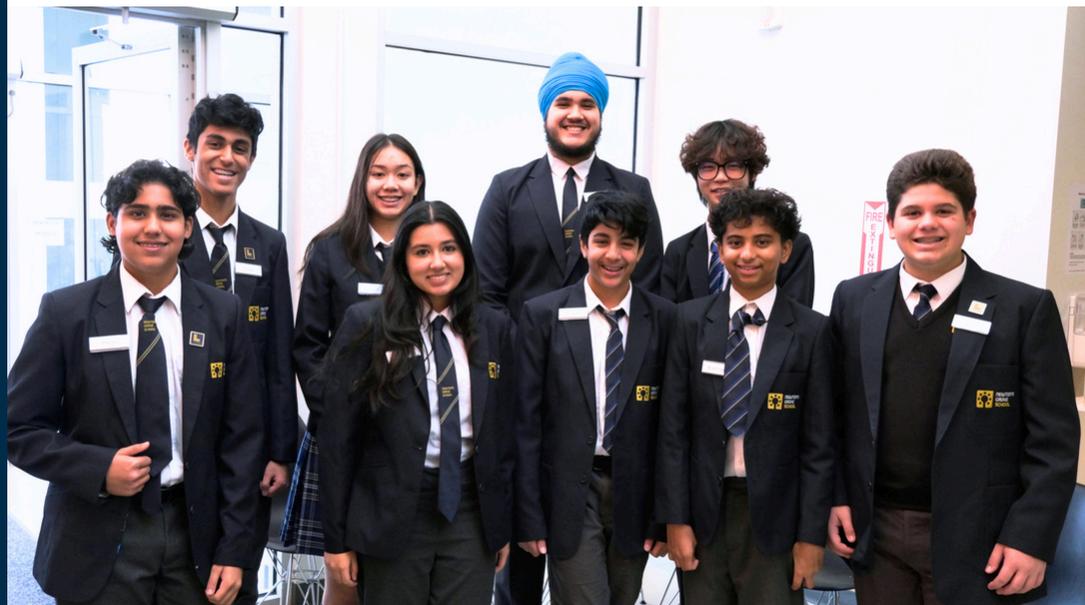
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Welcome December

As we enter December at Newton's Grove, there's a familiar energy in the building - a mix of excitement, focus, and that unmistakable spirit that comes with the final weeks of the term. Our students are leaning into their learning with enthusiasm, our faculty are guiding them with care and creativity, and together we are closing 2025 with so much pride in all that we have accomplished.

This month is always a special one at NGS. It is a time for celebration, reflection, and community. Whether it's preparing for performances, giving back through acts of service, or simply enjoying the small moments that make school life meaningful, December reminds us of the joy of learning together.

As we look ahead to the events, updates, and highlights in this edition of The Grove, I hope you feel the same sense of gratitude and excitement that fills our school each day. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for being a vital part of the Newton's Grove community.



INSPIRED EDUCATION GROUP INFORMATION

As you all know, we are excited to begin our partnership with Inspired Education Group, one of the world's leading networks of premium schools. With more than 95,000 students across 124 schools in 29 countries, Inspired brings a truly global perspective to teaching, learning, and student development. This partnership opens extraordinary opportunities for our students and faculty, and we are excited for the enriched learning experiences ahead. **For families who were unable to attend the recent presentation, here are some of the major themes that were shared, and you will notice how aligned Inspired philosophy of teaching and learning is with ours at NGS!**

1. A Global Standard of Excellence

Inspired schools follow a dynamic and progressive educational model grounded in International best practices, a commitment to excellence and a deeply child-focused approach. Their mission aligns closely with ours: helping each student discover their individuality while fostering well-being, motivation, resilience, and a lifelong love of learning.

2. The Three Pillars: Academics, Sports, and Performing Arts

A hallmark of Inspired schools is a balanced, holistic approach. Students at NGS will continue to be supported and stretched through our outstanding academic programs, our competitive and enrichment sports, and our rich performing and creative arts curriculum. This structure will continue to build confidence, character, and skills that last far beyond their time at NGS.

3. Global Connectedness & Extraordinary Experiences

Students in Inspired schools benefit from unique international experiences, including exchange opportunities at beautifully situated Inspired boarding schools around the world, international competitions in academics, sports, leadership, robotics, arts, and more and global student conferences that deepen learning and encourage collaboration. These experiences will broaden our students' world views and help them build lifelong friendships across continents.

4. Innovation in Teaching and Learning

Inspired invests deeply in the professional growth of educators and the use of cutting-edge technology. Their work includes: a global professional learning community across six continents, thoughtful integration of educational technology, including emerging AI tools, strong assessment and reporting practices that ensure each student is known, supported, and challenged.



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If you have any questions about our new partnership, please do not hesitate to reach out. This is an exciting new chapter for our school community, and we look forward to sharing more updates in the months ahead.

Senior School Drama Production Presents

A Christmas Carol

Join us for our Senior School production of the beloved Charles Dickens classic, A Christmas Carol! On December 4th, our talented performers bring Ebenezer Scrooge's powerful journey of reflection and redemption to life, transitioning seamlessly through this timeless holiday tale.

We invite our school community to attend either the 11:30 a.m. matinee or the 7:00 p.m. evening show. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance, and there will be a brief intermission.

Recommended for audiences Grade 6+. Come celebrate the season with an unforgettable performance!

[PURCHASE TICKETS NOW](#)



PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Get ready for some festive fun - Photos with Santa are happening on Friday, December 12th! We invite all students and families to take part in this cheerful tradition and capture a little holiday magic.

Please make sure to fill out the form to reserve your spot. We can't wait to see the smiles, sparkles, and seasonal spirit as we celebrate together!

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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

December 8-12:

- Scholastic Book Fair 8:30am - 4:00pm (Dance Studio)
- Toy & Food Drive - [Learn More](#) about what to donate!
- JK - Grade 8 Holiday Door decorating

Friday, December 12:

- Photos with Santa
- Candy Cane Themed Fashion Friday!

Monday, December 15:

- Special Performance for Junior School by Grade 6 Music students
- Middle School: "Holiday Cards for Seniors" Advisory event
- Dress Down Theme: comfy cozy Monday!

Tuesday, December 16:

- Grades 1-3 Holiday Movie
- Jazz band is performing at Kipling Acres and Westburn Manor Retirement Homes
- Dress Down Theme: Flannel + Tree Topper
Tuesday: Wear your favourite flannel or decorate your head with a creative hat or a wacky hairstyle!

Wednesday, December 17:

- Grade 4/5 Holiday Movie
- Dress Down Theme: Santa's Workshop
Wednesday: Wear a Santa hat or dress as an elf, reindeer, snowman, or any holiday character!

Thursday, December 18:

- Coffee & Carols @ 8:30: All parents and guardians welcome!
- Holiday Music Concert @ 9:30am All parents and guardians welcome!
- Dress Down Theme: Festive wear!

Friday, December 19:

- No school: Holidays begin!
- Monday, January 5th: Professional Development Day for faculty and Staff 😊.
- Tuesday, January 6th: 1st day of school in 2026!

2025/2026 Yearbook Order Forms

Our Yearbook Order Form for the 2025–2026 school year is now available! Don't miss your chance to capture and revisit the moments that made this a true Year of Kindness. Please take a moment to fill out the form and secure your copy - celebrate the friendships, milestones, and memories that shaped our community this year.

[DOWNLOAD ORDER FORM](#)



EXTENDED PROGRAMMING

Our Winter Extended Programming lineup is now live, offering students a variety of enriching opportunities as we head into the new year. Beginning January 13, families can explore a range of after-school programs designed to spark curiosity, build skills, and encourage students to try something new. This winter, we're also introducing a lunchtime arts program, giving students another creative outlet during the school day. ***It is important that you sign up for after-school programs before we break for the holidays, as we do not want to cancel programs due to low enrolment. We will determine low enrolment by December 18th.***

In addition to our winter offerings, we're pleased to share that registration is open for our two March Break Camps. We look forward to welcoming our community to another season of learning, movement, and fun!

Winter Programming

- Tuesdays @ 4:00pm: Martial Arts
- Wednesdays @ 4:00pm: Number Ninjas with Mobius Math
- Wednesdays @ 3:30pm: Intro to Fencing (back by popular demand!)
- ✨NEW✨ Wednesdays @ 12:45: Brush & Beyond Arts Club **LUNCH EDITION: this will give the Bus Students an opportunity to attend a club!**
- Thursdays @ 4:00pm: Bollywood Dance

March Break Camps

WEEK 1: SPORT & ARTS AND CRAFTS

Great for: Grades 1-6
Date: March 9-13

WEEK 2: NIKE BASKETBALL CAMP

Great for: Grades 1-8
Date: March 16-20

REGISTER NOW! 



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THE 2ND ANNUAL NGS PARENT BOOK CLUB

The Insight Exchange

This year's Insight Exchange with our NGS Parent Book Club will explore *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers* by Dr. Lisa Damour.

Dr. Damour is a renowned psychologist, best-selling author, and regular contributor to The New York Times and CBS News. Her work focuses on the emotional development of adolescents and offers compassionate, research-based strategies to help parents navigate the complex world of teenage emotions with confidence and care.

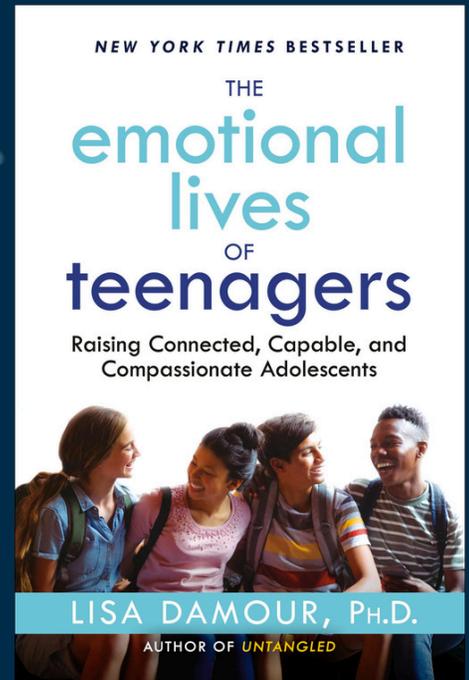
This book provides invaluable insights into how we can better understand, support, and connect with our teenagers - making it the perfect choice for our continued conversations about raising healthy, resilient young people.

The Book Club meeting times will be determined once participants have registered. Our hope is to hold two online meetings and two in-person meetings between January and April, giving everyone time to read the book and reflect on the book before our first discussion.

Book available on Amazon: [HERE](#)

Click to register: [Register Here](#)

Dr. Lisa Damour's Website: [HERE](#)



We need your support with our Referral Program!

We're inviting you to take part in our "Refer a Friend (Neighbour or Colleague!) Program"! As you know, we believe that the heart of our school is our community; a vibrant, welcoming, and supportive place where students thrive and families connect.

Here's how you can help:

- Think of families in your network who might love being part of our school.
- Share your experience: tell them what makes NGS so special.
- Encourage them to visit, tour, or attend one of our open house events.
- [Click here to fill out the "refer a friend form"](#) and we will take it from there!

As a thank-you, families who refer a new student who enrolls will receive something special from the NGS community. Let's continue to grow this amazing school community together!



Cheri Grogan

I know I speak on behalf of the Faculty and Staff when I say that the energy and enthusiasm across both the Main Campus and Etobicoke Campus have been truly inspiring, and it's wonderful to see students, families, and staff supporting one another with such kindness and spirit. I am deeply thankful for our amazing community and for the shared commitment to learning that makes our school such a vibrant and caring place to learn and thrive.