

Churchbridge Public School Newsletter



December 2018

"Learning Without Limits ... Achievement For All"



Admin Team Message

We are all in eager anticipation of the holiday season and all of the excitement that the month of December brings! We are looking forward to our annual Christmas/Band concert and to the Christmas lunches that are being planned before the holidays.

Staffing

We are all excited to welcome Ms. Stanko back after the Christmas break but also very sad to have to say goodbye to Ms. Strimbold. We hope to welcome her back on to staff as soon as we can.

Shayna Kemp and Eryn Yeske will conclude their internships at Christmas. We wish them all the best as they complete University courses and enter the teaching profession.

STF Re-imagine Education Survey

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation is announcing a wide-ranging and comprehensive research and public consultation process, set to begin immediately. The goal is to develop a new vision for the future of public education based on the needs and desires of students, parents and the broader Saskatchewan community.

"As the voice for professional teachers and public education in Saskatchewan, we wouldn't think of speaking on behalf of parents, students and the public at large without talking to them first," STF President Patrick Maze said. "That's why we're starting this process."

If you would like to have a voice in the direction education moves, please complete this survey. Thank you!

Re-Imagine Education [online survey](#)

Asessippi Winter Park & CPS Outdoor Activity Day - Friday, Dec. 14

Online registrations for those skiing/snowboarding at Asessippi have closed and we look forward to an exciting day on the hill!! Students who have not registered for the ski trip will be expected to attend school and participate in some great activities including skating, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, curling, etc as well as some indoor fun.

Please watch for more details on all of these events closer to the day.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 18 in the gymnasium. All of our K-5 students will be part of the concert as well as all of band students from grade 6-12. We will be collecting donations at the door. Money raised will go towards supporting the Helgesen and Haacke families.

Steve Nash Basketball

We are looking for a community member or parent to be the coordinator Steve Nash Youth Basketball. Steve Nash Youth Basketball is a community organized group for Grades 3-5. In the past staff members have taken turns supervising the practices and high school students coach the teams. We are looking for someone to be the contact person, and to organize the teams/coaches, and attend the tournament which is usually a weekend in April. If you are a parent of a student who plans on participating in Steve Nash Basketball, or a community member who'd like to be involved in youth basketball, please contact the school for more information.

Remembrance Day Program

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Remembrance Day program at our school on November 9. We are always grateful to have so many members of our community and our parents who come to show their respect for our war veterans.

Esterhazy Warrior Football

The Esterhazy Warriors football team awards banquet was held this last Thursday, November 19 in Esterhazy. Congratulations to all of the team members for all of your hard work and efforts in making this one of your best seasons yet! Several of our own CPS students were given awards for their individual contributions:

Junior Awards:

Most Versatile Player - Liam Bewcyk

Reg Leidl Sportsmanship Award - Garrett Bewcyk

Senior Awards:

Player of the game Joel Groenoveld

Offence MVP - Ethan Bewcyk

Most Promising Garrett Bewcyk

SCC Newsletter Update

Hello from the School Community Council. An update since our last meeting: Tricia Rathgeber continues as the SCC Chairperson and Scholastic coordinator, and Deidre Schaan continues as Vice Chair. Pamela Marfleet joins us as the Secretary and Kendra Patzwald as the new Treasurer. We also welcomed Tara Becker, Shawna Sawchuk and Kristen Antosh as new board members. Kristen Groeneveld, Jessica Groeneveld and Melanie Ricketson continue as well. We say goodbye and a huge thank you to Kathy Goebel and Clayton Henderson as their children have moved on with the next phase. We also have to say goodbye and best wishes to one of the original and long-standing members of our board, Bob Haacke. Bob was instrumental in the creation and development of our Millwright program and a valued community member of this organization. We wish him the very best.

Our next meeting will take place in the library on January 9th @ 4:30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend!



Our thanks to:

- The community, students and staff for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair in the library, our Mom's Pantry fundraiser for the SRC and the fruit and popcorn sales for the Band Boosters.
- Our students and parents for attending our student-led conferences and interviews on November 14 and 15
- Our local health nurse and nurse practitioner for providing their services to our students once a month
- The Churchbridge Credit Union for the donation of office chairs.
- The Confucius Institute out of the University of Regina for teaching our students a little more about the Chinese culture and traditions.



Christmas Activities

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Our Christmas Hot Lunch will be on Thursday, December 20th. All K-6 students will be eating together in the gym.

The Grade 12 Grad Banquet will be on Friday, December 21 in the gym for all grade 7-12 students and family and friends of the grade 12 students.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns about any of our school happenings, please feel to contact the school at 896-2712. Thank you!

We wish you all the best as you celebrate Christmas and the New Year!

12 Days of Giving

CPS school is raising money for the Helgesen and Haacke families who are going through a difficult time. Money raised will go towards the Helgesens' and a special gift for the Haackes'.

December 3- Hot chocolate/ PJ day

Hot chocolate will be sold for \$1.00.

December 4- Colouring Contest

December 5- Candy cane gram sale

Students can buy a candy gram for \$0.50 and send it to someone in the school. Candy grams will be delivered on December 6.

December 10- Wrapping Gift Day

Do you need Christmas gifts wrapped? Bring your gifts to CPS in the afternoon of the 10th to have them wrapped. Small items \$3.00. Large items \$5.00.

December 11- Jelly Bean Guess

Pay \$1.00 to guess how many jellybeans are in the jar.

December 12- Toque Day

Pay \$1.00 to wear a toque for the full day!

December 13- Cookies

Some elementary classes will be baking cookies for the families. If you would like to donate some Christmas baking, please send on this day.

December 17- Red and Green Day

December 18- At the Christmas concert we will be collecting donation to help the Helgesen and Haacke families.

December 19- Guess who is singing

We will have a staff member singing over the intercom, students can pay \$1.00 to guess which teacher they think it is.

December 20- Technology lifting day

Students who pay \$5.00 will get a wrist band. High school students will get to use their technology during their breaks, on spares, and their entire lunch hour. Elementary students will get to use their ipods, ipads, etc. for one hour, teacher's choice. Students must have wrist band visible at all times.

December 21- Popcorn & Movie Day

Students can bring \$1.00 to get a bag of popcorn, and each class will be watching a Christmas movie.

Kindergarten – Mrs. DeCorby

With Christmas just around the corner, the kids are as busy as elves trying to finish up units and centres before the holidays. We have been making use of every spare minute to get caught up on old assignments and activities. We completed our second set of letters and will be focusing on word games and activities using those letters for the next couple weeks. In math, we have completed patterns and have been working on a numbers unit and will continue with that right up until the holidays. We will continue our friendship and kindness unit up until the holidays as well.

The EYE testing wrapped up in November, giving good opportunity for discussion at interviews which were also held this past month. It was nice to meet with families to get to know them better and to see my students showing off all of their hard work.

In December kids can look forward to the start up of our school skating, the Christmas concert which will take place on December 18th at 7:00pm, and our class Christmas dinner on December 21st. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas holiday!

Grade 2 - Mrs. P. Werle

I would like to thank the parents, the students, the teachers, and everyone apart of CPS for being so welcoming and being an amazing school to complete my internship in. It has been an excellent experience, I wish I could stay and continue teaching here! I hope you all have an amazing 2019 year and I hope to visit soon. Miss S. Kemp

Mr. Blair's Class

It is time to say goodbye to our teacher candidate Miss Eryn Yeske. She did a super job and will be missed. Good luck Eryn, hopefully we will see you back here again!

Basketball

Senior Boys are co-oping with Langenburg again and the team is ready to go! We have 7 Senior Girls players which means lots of court time, no bench warming. The Junior team will be coed and will likely schedule a few games in the new year.

PeeWee Volleyball - Mrs. Stimbold

We had some fun practices and 2 games against Saltcoats. Our team grew in confidence and should be ready for the challenges of junior volleyball next year!

Library - Mrs. Ricketson

Thanks to all who supported our Scholastic Book Fair! It was a huge success and I have been able to select a lot of new books for our library from the profits! Congratulations to all the students who won posters, and to Braxtyn Manley who was the winner of the \$25 in free books and to his grade 1/2 class who also got to choose \$25 in free books! Thank you to all the students who helped with the book fair!

Band Notes: Mrs. McIntyre

The Christmas Concert is on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00. Grade 6-8 students are asked to begin arriving shortly after 6:15. The seniors should arrive at 6:45. Please wear uniforms (band shirts, dark pants and shoes).

The music festival entry deadline is the middle of January, so I will be starting to hand out music before very long. The festival is in Langenburg, on March 11 and 12. A more detailed note will be sent home, but please start discussing the idea of playing a solo or in a small ensemble.

The Band Boosters will be sending a card order before Christmas - watch announcements. Our next Band Booster meeting is Monday, January 14.

Christmas Grad Banquet

The Grad Class of 2019 Christmas Banquet will be held Friday, December 21 starting at 12:30 in the gym. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. Tickets will be available from any grad, Mrs. Ricketson or from Mrs. Basken in the office. Come enjoy a great meal prepared by the grads and their parents and some fun entertainment!

Yearbook – Mrs. Kaminski and Mrs. Basken

The yearbook committee have been selling ads this month to the various businesses and organizations in the community as part of our fundraising campaign. This community funding helps to offset our production costs and helps us create an affordable yearbook for our students. Thank you to our community who support this program with your generous donations. Our yearbook committee is already starting to complete some pages before the end of December.

Senior SRC

Thank-you to everyone who supported our Mom's Pantry Fundraiser. Money raised goes towards bussing field trips, guest speakers, spirit activities and elementary school supplies. Both Jr. and Sr. SRC's will be helping with The 12 Days of Christmas which will help raise funds for the Helgesen family. Merry Christmas from our SRC!

Lunch Program

Our lunch program for December will offer Pizza, Subway and Christmas Dinner with all the fixings. The deadline to order the lunches is December 2nd at midnight! Pizza will be brought into the school for Wednesday, December 5th,. Subway will be served on Wednesday December 12th. Our hot lunch program will be cooking a Christmas Dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, mixed vegetable, and scuffles for dessert on Thursday, December 20th.

Students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 will have their Christmas Dinner in the gym. Any students who didn't order will bring their lunch to the gym, so we can all eat together. Students from Grade 7 to 12 will have their dinner served from the Home Ec. Room.

News from the guidance office – Mrs. Kaminski

The grade 10-12 students will be attending the Career Explorations 2018 Career Fair in Yorkton during the morning of December 4. This is an annual event presented by the Good Spirit School Division and the Parkland Regional College. Students will be able to visit a number of displays from numerous schools and businesses from across Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The grade 12 students have begun applying to schools and getting scholarships ready. I am handing out information to the grade 12 students concerning schools and national/provincial scholarships as they become available. Local scholarships will be presented students in a few months and students have already begun applying to their prospective universities and colleges.

There are a few dates I would like parents and grade 12 students to keep in mind:

Student high school transcripts requests are available online using VISA, VISA debit and MasterCard at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/credits-degrees-and-transcripts/requesting-transcripts-for-high-school/>. For students who have ordered transcripts, please ensure that you receive two confirmation emails after your order is placed online to the Ministry of Education. One will confirm your order, and the other will confirm payment. Keep a copy of these emails to show that these were ordered and paid for. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact the Ministry of Education to see if there was an error in processing.

Students who would like to live in residence during University should send in an application form for the 2019-2020 immediately as they have been open since the first week of November. These dorms fill up very quickly so register online as soon as possible Go directly to your chosen universities' website to find the student housing registration forms. At the University of Regina, prospective students must have a 9-digit U of R student number to apply for residence. To get this, students will need to complete an application for admissions through the U of R online portal on the www.uregina.ca website. You will be emailed a login and password that will be used throughout the application process. Any questions concerning this process, should be directed to the Admissions department at the U of R (1-306-585-4591)

Any Grade 12 students who are interested in applying to Saskatchewan Polytechnic for the 2019 intake should have done so already. For most of the courses, students are selected on a first apply-first selected basis, so I encourage all interested students to send their applications in as soon as possible if you have decided on a program. This helps to ensure their acceptance for the fall of 2019. For high demand programs, entry is competitive and there is a designated time frame to apply within. Application forms are available at the saskpolytech.ca website where you can send them electronically or print off a copy to send in the mail.

The Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program is for students in grade 10-12 who are considering a skilled trade as a career. It is designed to help students earn 300 apprenticeship hours prior to entering an apprenticeship after leaving high school. Students who are enrolled in Millwright 10, 20 and/or PAA 10, 20 or 30 should already be registered as part of these classes. For more details about this program, visit their website at www.saskapprenticeship.ca

Events:

December 4 – GSSD Career Fair for Grade 10-12 students

December 11 – Staff Meeting at 3:30

December 14- School Skiing and Winter Activity Day

December 18 – Christmas Concert/Band Concert at 7:00 pm

December 20 – Hot Lunch Christmas Dinner

December 21 – Grade 12 Grad Banquet for all grade 7-12 students at 12:10

December 21 – Last day of classes before the holidays

December 22-January 6: Christmas Break

January 7 – First day back after the holidays – (Day 5)

Spotlight on Speech

Grocery shopping is a great time to build language skills with your children. Conversing with your child while you shop not only keeps them busy, but also builds language skills within a context that is meaningful. There are so many ways to target language skills in the grocery store!



Adjectives in the Produce Aisle: When picking out your produce, talk about how you pick out your produce. For example, "We're looking for bananas that are mostly yellow, with a little bit of green" or "Help me pick out some kiwis. We need some that are firm. Look at these kiwis - so fuzzy!"

Till Talk Time: As you are unloading your cart, talk about why you unload them or pack them in a certain way. For example, "We put all the fruit together on the belt so it gets packed together. We don't want to pack cans and bananas in the same bag because the bananas would get bruised." This helps children build categorization, which is important to vocabulary development.



Cart Concepts: Children love to be the "helper" - taking things off the shelves, putting in the cart, etc. This is a great opportunity to work on spatial concepts (location words) by describing to your child where they placed the groceries in the cart. For example, "We need some bread. Put it on top of the muffins for me." "Nice work! You put the yogurt beside the milk". When you use spatial concepts/location words, you are teaching your child how to understand and follow directions. You are also showing your children how to use specific language, which in turn helps them with giving directions of their own!