

Churchbridge Public School Newsletter



January 2018

"Learning Without Limits ... Achievement For All"



Admin. Team Message- Mrs. Amanda Kornaga and Mr. Derek Serdachny

Happy New Year to all of our students and their families! We hope you enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. The month of January will be highlighted by the beginning of cross country skiing, our Go Kids winter program, the completion of semester 1 and final exams.

Movember

I want to personally thank everyone who participated and donated to Movember this year. This is the first time Churchbridge Public School fundraised for Movember and it was a great success. I want to say a special thanks to Mr. Gosselin, Mr. Blair, Mr. Lisitza, and the grade 11 and 12 students who grew beards or attempted to grow beards on their faces! I also want to thank the staff for helping fundraise and taking time out of their day to collect money and help organize Movember. I know we all enjoyed seeing the variety of beards drawn on the elementary student's faces. Students donated \$2.00 and in return received a mustache on their face. A special thanks goes out to the teachers and grade 7/8 students who helped paint the mustaches on!

The most important part of Movember is educating people about Men's Health. We stressed the importance of exercise, seeing the doctor regularly, and mental health. It was great to see our community come together and fundraise for this great cause. We raised \$2573.40. Thank you to all of those who donated. Unifor Local 892 Women's Committee, Churchbridge Credit Union, CPS student and teachers, parents and community members, and anonymous supporters all contributed to this great cause. I have only been in Churchbridge for a short time, but it is easy to see why people speak so highly of this community. Your generosity is something to be proud of and our goal at CPS is to continue to teach our students the importance of giving back and supporting those in need! Thanks again to all of those involved!

Mr. Serdachny

Planning for 2017-2018

We are currently collecting enrolment numbers for our 2017-2018 school year. If you know of future kindergarten or new students who will be attending CPS this fall, please contact Cindy at the office at 896-2712 or at cindy.basken@gssd.ca. Our staffing allotment is determined by the number of identified students so we appreciate your assistance!

Assembly

Just a reminder that all parents and community members are welcome to attend our monthly school assemblies in the school gymnasium. The next assembly will be on January 15th.

Broomball Workshop

On December 4, the grade 5-12 students had the opportunity to learn the skills of broomball. Cam Weimar from the Saskatchewan Broomball Association came to our school rink and did a workshop with several different groups. Our school was able to keep the broomball equipment until the Christmas break so some of our students had the opportunity to practice those skills during their phys ed classes. It was fun to learn and play a new sport!

SCC Meeting

The School Community Council will meet on Thursday, January 11 @ 4:00 pm in the library at CPS. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Attendance

A reminder to parents to notify both the child's teacher and the office when your child will be absent from school, this will ensure your child's attendance can be recorded accurately.

For high school students, your child's attendance can only be excused if you have made contact with the office.

You can contact the office by calling 306-896-2712 where you can leave a message or you can email Mrs. Basken at cindy.basken@gssd.ca.

If parents are needing to contact staff below is the staff email directory:

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Professional Development

Students will not attend school on Wednesday, January 31. Staff will prepare for Semester 2 and take part in Professional Development.

MacKenzie Art Gallery

Ken Duzek from the MacKenzie Art Gallery will be at our school from January 23rd to 25th to provide insight into a wide variety of art concepts, styles, periods, subject matter and media. He will provide tours of the art exhibits and workshops for students.

The MacKenzie Art Gallery provides:

- An exhibition of original works of art
- An Educator who accompanies the exhibition
- Publicity information for your institution's use
- A fun and exciting educational program

Semester 2

Distributed Learning Classes

All distributed learning classes for the second semester will begin on February 1.

LHS PAA 10/20/30 starting Semester 2

Students who are registered to go to LHS for Industrial Arts on days 1, 3 & 5 must be waiting for the bus by 12:30. Students are dismissed upon return to CPS at 3:10. Returning students must not disrupt classes in session.

Thanks to:

- Students and staff for staging a great Christmas/ Band Concert.
- Our Hot Lunch ladies and gentlemen for providing all the fantastic lunches throughout the year.
- The Grade 12 class and their parents for putting on a terrific Christmas Banquet.
- On the behalf of the CPS staff I would like to thank you for all of the gifts, cards and goodies shared with us during the Christmas Season.

Scrap Bin

The millwright shop has a steel scrap bin beside the shop that the public can use if they have any scrap steel, but it is not to be used for household garbage.

Mitts and Ski Pants

With the cold weather this month we are looking for donations of warm mitts and ski pants in good conditions to have at the school for when students might forget those items.

Final Exams

We wish all High School students well as they complete final exams and head into the second semester. Please check the exam schedule below

	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26	Monday, January 29	Tuesday, January 30
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	ELA A10 Physical Science 20	ELA 20 History 10	Science 10 History 20	Math Foundations 20	Make-up Exams
11:00-12:00	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall		
1:00-2:00	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall		
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Can Stud 30	ELA A30	Math: Foundations 30	Math: Foundations 10	

All of the above Finals are written in classrooms.

Students are expected to remain in their desks for a minimum of 1 hour.

Teachers regularly scheduled with these grades are the supervisors.

Distributed Learning exams will be set by your teachers.– please check your individual schedule and times **

- **Students are expected to attend ONE of the study hall sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**
- **Attendance will be taken for the study hall sessions. If a student has not attended one of the two study hall sessions for the day an unexcused absence will be recorded.**

Kindergarten – Mrs. Fraser

December was a busy month in the k room. We finished our third set of letters and covered most of our math unit on numbers. We enjoyed our Christmas party with our class lunch and movie afternoon. The sock gift exchange was a huge success. The morning was spent making a special Christmas gift for parents and the kids were very excited to take them home. I would like to congratulate the entire kindergarten class on their wonderful performance at the Christmas concert. They had to memorize a tricky song, overcome some stage fright and I couldn't have been more proud of them. I'd like to thank parents for helping out with the practicing at home, Mrs. Werle for providing the accompaniment and Mrs. Debnam for keeping order behind the scenes. I appreciated all of the hard work.

This month we look forward to more stories with Mrs. M and the Braidy doll, as well as a return visit from Mrs. Prince to learn more about problem solving and personal space. In math we will finish our unit on numbers. The next unit is measurement. In ELA will be working on the fourth set of sounds, the kids will start reading daily and they will also be joining RTI with the grades 1-6 for a variety of reading experiences. This time also allows me the opportunity to work one on one with students back in the classroom. In Phys. Ed. we will continue with skating on day 6's at approximately 1:15. Any parents who are available to help tie skates are greatly appreciated. Just a reminder that all students need to come prepared with skates, a helmet and warm clothing for the walk over to the rink.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Grade One – Miss Therrien

The highlight of December in grade 1 was the Christmas concert and our "Treat Walk" on the last day of school. I was so proud of our performance at the Christmas concert. We have some very nice singing voices in this class! I also want to commend the grade 1s for their generosity and kindness on the last day of school. They were so excited to share the treats that they had brought for our treat walk with the adults in the building and they didn't even ask about what they could take home for themselves until all of the adults had a turn! It was a little bit of Christmas magic if you ask me... and I'm sure Santa was watching and spoiled you all at Christmas time.

As we get back into the flow of things in January, I want to remind you to keep reading with your child every night at home; it makes a HUGE difference to how well they can read by the end of the year. I test the grade 1s at the end of this month so that we have some idea of how they are progressing with their reading. In math, we will continue a unit about number patterns and numbers up to 100. At the end of the month, the kids should know how to skip count by 2, 5, and 10. Watch for some math practice homework in your child's agenda bag. The kids are really enjoying our social studies unit called "My World". We are learning about different cultures and how "our world" is different than other kids around the globe.

I am very excited to announce that in January we will be welcoming an intern into our classroom. Her name is Krystal Forster and she is a talented artist who will look forward to gradually taking over classroom responsibilities. The kids are very excited to have another "helper" in the classroom. Happy New Year from the grade 1 class!

Grade 2 - Mrs. P. Werle

I hope everyone had a restful Christmas Holiday with friends and family. Thank-you to all of the families for the great Christmas presents and treats over Christmas- I was truly spoiled! Thank-you also to the boys who provided us with a delicious Christmas lunch for our Christmas Party.

We have a fun month ahead of us as we learn about Liquids and Solids in Science and Shapes and Geometric Solids in Math. In writing we will learn how to write procedures and apply the skill to our many science projects including ice-cream and jello making. Towards the end of the month I will be doing some mid-year reading tests. I am very pleased to see the great gains in everyone's reading this year. Happy New Year Everyone!

Gr. 3 - Ms. L. Kentel

Happy New Year to all! I look forward to seeing continued growth in our Grade 3 class as the students have set their own school "New Year's Resolutions". This month we will really be diving into our Strong & Stable Structures unit in Science and ELA, as well as learning fractions in Math. We are continuing to work on cursive writing so ask your child to show you their handwriting at home, and have them practice reading your handwriting for fun!

Grade 4/5 News – Mrs. Clarke

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break! Parents, please remember to check and sign agendas every night along with the skating and curling schedule that was sent home.

Grade 5/6 News – Mrs. Fagnan

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful break. I am very excited to take over the 5/6 class from Mrs. Stanko, we wish her all the best as she prepares for baby! January will be a month of transition in our class as we learn new routines and continue to get to know each other. Stay tuned for more details regarding upcoming skating dates!

Basketball

We have had a great start to our seasons in basketball. After trying to coach 4 teams Mr. Blair has stepped aside and will be only coaching 1 team. Thanks to the following for stepping up

Jr Boys – Ms. Johnstone and Mrs. Fagnan

Jr Girls - Mrs. Wirl and Sr. Players

Sr. Girls - Mrs. Kornaga and Miss Marshall

The Sr. Girls placed 4th in the YRHS tournament on Dec. 15,16. Their next action will be Jan. 11 when they host LCS.

The Sr. Boys have gone 2-0 to start the season and host Preeceville on Tuesday Jan 9 at 6pm.

See you at the gym!

Outdoor Winter Trips

Grade 10 and 11 students will be going on a 3 day outdoor winter trip to Saskatchewan at the start of February. Permission forms have been sent home and need to be returned by January 12th. Students will be learning the skills necessary in our upcoming Wellness and PE classes. This is not a mandatory trip and students must be able to show they will be safe and responsible while on the trip. Assignments in all classes need to be complete prior to attending the trip. This is a great opportunity for the students and will include lots of learning and fun.

If you have any questions about these trips please contact Mrs. Kornaga.

Cross Country Skiing - Miss Therrien

We are very pleased again this year to have a groomed cross country ski trail at the campgrounds in town. I will be beginning the skiing program on January 11th with the advanced group. We will continue every Thursday until February break. We will meet with beginner skiers on Tuesday, January 16th. Beginners will participate in three training sessions on the school grounds on Tuesdays and then will ski on Thursdays with the large group at the campgrounds. I will add more dates and a wind up after February break depending on how the weather is cooperating with us! Parents are always welcome at ski practices. Come take advantage of the awesome trails we have right here in town! Please have all permission forms returned to Miss Therrien ASAP.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE – Mrs. Kaminski

There are a few dates I would like parents and grade 11 and 12 students to keep in mind:

- Student high school transcripts requests are available online. Please use the following address to access your transcript request: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/credits-degrees-and-transcripts/requesting-transcripts-for-high-school#request-transcripts>. There is detailed information available on this website as to how to order your transcripts and the fees required. Check with Mrs. Kaminski if you are unsure when your transcript must be submitted to your post-secondary school.
- **Saskatchewan Polytechnic CSI Campus Tours.** The Saskatchewan Polytechnic campuses often have dates when students are encouraged to come and tour the campus and to ask questions. They also have several information nights across Saskatchewan. Please check the following website to if you are interested in visiting one of the campuses or if there is an information night scheduled for this area:
<http://saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/resources/visit-a-campus.aspx>
- Grade 12 students who are interested in applying to **Saskatchewan Polytechnic** should have done so already. 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 **Parkland Regional College Trades and Technology Centre** offers many courses closer to home. Please check their website to see what programs are available at www.parklandcollege.sk.ca
- **University of Saskatchewan** – deadline for competitive entrance award applications is February 15, 2018. You must apply online or on a print copy that you can download from their website. Please remember to keep your PAWS password available as you will need this to access any information online. Admission deadline for most colleges is May 1, 2018.
- **University of Regina** – Students applying for Education – deadline is March 1, 2018. Priority deadline for other colleges is March 15, 2018. You may register online as well. Keep in mind that registration for U of R classes begins in May. Students should contact their faculty/college prior to this date to set up academic advising. All new students must receive advising before they can go online and register in classes. There will be advising sessions offered in many places across Saskatchewan for students wishing to attend the U of R. These are important for students who are new to the university and want more information about registering for classes. A list of dates and places that these sessions are offered will be available at CPS.
- Students who would like to live in **residence** during University should send in an application form for the 2018-2019 year. These dorms fill up very quickly and registration opened early November.
- **Terry Fox Humanitarian Award** is for students who demonstrate a strong commitment to academics, athletics and volunteerism. Deadline is February 1, 2018. Applications can be found at www.terryfoxawards.ca

Please contact Mrs. Kaminski if you need more information about any of the items mentioned within the guidance news.

YEARBOOK – Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Kaminski and Mrs. Basken

Several members of the yearbook committee and Mrs. Basken attended a Jostens yearbook workshop in Yorkton on November 20. They were given some new ideas and are excited to try these as our next yearbook is developed. This past month, our committee also sold yearbook ads within the community and took pictures at the grade 12 Christmas banquet as a small fundraiser. We always appreciate the community support when selling these ads as yearbook costs usually exceed our sales revenue. This helps keep our yearbooks at a reasonable cost for the students.

Our yearbook sales blitz will be in March. As the month approaches, we will be sending home information with the students and through our daily announcements and newsletters.

Band Notes: Mrs. McIntyre

Happy New Year! Thank you to Mr. Lisitza for so capably taking care of the bands while I was away. I hear the Christmas Concert was wonderful, so congratulations to the bands and the elementary students.

Any students who received a new band shirt are reminded to pay for the band shirts - \$30.00 for Seniors and \$10 for grade 6 -8. This is payable to Band Boosters. If you have enough points and wish to use them to pay for shirts, please let Mrs. McIntyre know.

The Music Festival is in Esterhazy on March 5 and 6, with full bands on the 5th. Entry deadline is the third week of January, so students will have to decide quite quickly if they want to do solos, duets, etc. Music and a note will be sent home with them the first few classes of 2018, so please discuss with them the idea of participating as soloists or as part of a small group.

Grad - Mrs. Ricketson, Mrs. Kornaga (Mrs. McIntyre)

Thanks to the grads and their parents for hosting the Christmas dinner and those who supported our dinner. Thank you to the grads themselves for all of your work and the entertainment. A special thank you to the Co-op for the donation of the turkeys for our dinner.

Lunch Program

The January lunches are available to order online at <https://cps.hotlunches.net> until midnight on Monday, January 8th. If you do not have an account and would like the chance to order the lunches please contact the office.

A thank you goes out to our volunteers of the hot lunch program that provide us a delicious warm lunch each month. Our Christmas dinner was delicious and we appreciate everyone who helped prepare and serve the meal that day!!

Senior SRC

The Sr. SRC held a Christmas week with activities ranging from pajama day, Santa hat day, candy cane grams, find the hidden Grinch and formal day. The Mom's Pantry Fundraiser was very well supported this year, raising over \$2000.00! The SRC is selling beef jerky over Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone!

Important Dates to remember:

- January 9: Staff Meeting
- January 11: SCC meeting 7:00 pm
- January 24-30: Final Exams for Grades 10-12
- January 31 - PD Day - No School for students
- February 2-4 - Grade 10-11 Winter Experience
- February 5: Report Cards for Grade 10-12
- February 19-23 - February Break
- March 5-9: Music Festival at Esterhazy – (Band sessions March 5)
- March 16 – Asessippi Ski Trip / Outdoor Fun day

It's Easier Than You Think:
Tips for Talking With Your Kids About Sexual Health

Talking about sex and sexual health with children can be difficult, and parents may not know where to start. The Saskatchewan Prevention Institute has a DVD and booklet to help parents have these important conversations with their children.

Talking about sex is important. We must provide children with age-appropriate, accurate information in order to make informed, healthy choices about their sexual health.



Join us for a short video and conversation:

**YORKTON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
FRIDAY JANUARY 19th @10:30 AM
Register online@www.yorktonfrc.ca**

**Presentation will be for parents
& Visiting Professionals**

To view this video, please visit: <http://www.skprevention.ca/sexual-health/parents-as-educators/>

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Spotlight on Speech and Language

Helping My Child Understand What They Read

How does reading comprehension relate to speech and language? A number of skills targeted through speech-language interventions are necessary to successfully comprehend written material, including: vocabulary, knowledge of sentence structure, and problem-solving ability.

How do I help my child better understand what they are reading?

- **Improve Decoding Skills:** In order for your child to understand what they read, they need to first be able to read the words on the page.
 - o Work on sounding out words
 - o Work on learning sight words
- **Improve Vocabulary:** Readers need to be able to understand vocabulary words in the context of the sentence they are reading, to determine whether the word they have read makes sense.
 - o Read books and talk about unfamiliar words
 - o Incorporate the new words into daily activities
- **Encourage Active Comprehension Strategies:**
 - o Making predictions while reading
 - o Making connections to what they already know
 - o Using the context to determine the meanings of unfamiliar words
- **Activities to Improve Reading Comprehension:**
 - o Look through the pictures, headings, etc. first to help your child prepare and make predictions about what they are about to read.
 - o Take turns reading aloud, discussing what you have just read (make comments, give opinions, relate personal experiences, etc.).
 - o Listen to your child read aloud for a few minutes every day.
 - o Reread familiar books to provide good practice for fluency and decoding.