

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message:

December has begun and with it all the excitement of decorations and practicing for concerts. We invite all parents to attend the Grade 7 & 8 Winter Showcase (Band Concert and Art Display) and our Grade 5 Christmas Concert.

Grade 7 & 8 Winter Showcase - Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm

Grade 5 Christmas Concert - Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm

**We ask that you please follow instructions from parking attendants. We want to be able to find spaces for all vehicles.

Our Grade 7 & 8 Choir will also be singing at the Steinbach Credit Union on Tuesday, December 6 at 10:15 am.

As you know, we are working on The Umbrella Project in our school this year. The Umbrella Project is a mental wellness program. You can find out more about this program at: <https://umbrellaproject.co/> . The Umbrella Skill we are practicing in December is INTRINSIC MOTIVATION. Intrinsic motivation is when we participate in activities or even work for internal satisfaction instead of prizes, marks or praise. Instead, the reward we get (even for work or jobs that are not particularly fun) is the positive feelings once we have completed the task.

Thank you to all of our students who participated in our Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser. **The items will be delivered to the school on Thursday, December 8 in the afternoon. Many students will be able to take their orders home on the bus/in their backpacks. *If your child has sold many items, it would be a good idea to plan to come and pick them up that afternoon.*** We will be selling World's Finest Chocolates (yes, the one with the chocolate covered almonds) in April as our final, full-school fundraiser for this year.

Report Cards for Term 1 are now available on Parent Portal. If you are having difficulties accessing them, please call the school office.

Thank you to all our amazing volleyball coaches this year! We are so thankful for the time and effort they put into helping our students develop their skill level and learn how to be positive team members. Our Grade 5 and 6's will be invited to participate in volleyball practices at lunch hours in December so that they also have the opportunity to develop their skills and have fun!

Grade 8 Boys - Mike Pitman, Anne Barkman

Grade 8 Girls (Navy Team) - Brad Trim, Taylor Trim, Amanda Peters,
Scott Masterson

Grade 8 Girls (Orange Team) - Kyle Sheppard, Bianca Sheppard, Andrea Funk,
Belinda Massey

Grade 7 Boys - Sherri Bueckert, Neil Downie, Cara Doerksen

Grade 7 Girls - Becky Heidebrecht, Sara Richards, Melissa Thiessen

Grade 5 & 6 - Rafael Guenther, Mackenzie Barkman, Burke Heide, Trevor Paton,
Paul Reimer

Basketball Season will start ramping up shortly. If your child is interested in signing up for a Grade 7 or 8 team, please complete the permission form on Parent Portal. If you are unable to access this on Parent Portal, please call the school office.

A BIG THANK YOU to all students and families who donated to our drive for groceries, warm winter clothing, etc... for Steinbach Community Outreach. We are thrilled with how our community steps up to help others! Some of our classes are also going to Southeast Helping Hands in December to help pack Christmas Hampers. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community.

2022-2023 Yearbooks are now on sale. Please get your orders in by January 27, 2023 in order to ensure you get a yearbook at the end of the school year. Our yearbook will feature an original hardcover design as well as 72 pages of full colour photos. The cost of yearbooks this year is \$30 and can be purchased online at the following link:

<https://ybstore.friesens.com/762237> (please note that Friesens applies a \$1.50 processing fee to online orders). All inquiries can be directed to our CMS office (204-346-9644).

Christmas Break/Winter Holidays start on December 22 and our first day back at school is January 5, 2023. As we enter into the holidays and our two week break, we wish you all a safe and joyful season.

Happy New Year!

Merrilee Plett - Principal

Candace Campbell - Vice Principal

School Information:

Biking and Walking Safety - We have a crossing guard at the Hespeler/Barkman/Ashford intersection at 8:30 a.m. Please ask your child(ren) to time their walk to school in order to arrive at that intersection after 8:30 a.m..

Lost and Found - We have an ever growing collection of sweaters and jackets in our lost and found. Students and parents are invited to check out if any of those belong to them!

Communication - It is always a balance between communication too much (and filling up your inboxes) and not enough. We try to hit the right balance. You can also find school information on:

Our School Website - www.cms.hsd.ca

Our Instagram Feed - @clearspringhsd

Our Twitter Feed - @clearspringhsd

Important Dates:

December 6 Gr 6 Trip (SRSS musical)

December 6 Gr 7 & 8 Band Winter Showcase at 7:00 pm

December 9 Gr 8 Trip (IMAX and Wheelies)

December 14 Gr 5 Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm

December 19 Gr 6 Trip (to Keystone Cinema)

December 20 Gr 5 Trip (Swimming)

December 21 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break

January 5 First Day of Classes after the break

