



Principal's Message


December has begun and with it comes a lot of excitement and special holiday events! We hosted our Band Christmas Showcase on November 30 and we are busy preparing for our **Grade 5 Christmas Concert on December 13 at 7:00 pm.**

** We ask that you please follow instructions from parking attendants. As you know, our parking situation is challenging and we want to help as many people find spaces as possible.*

Our Grade 5 Choir will be singing at the Steinbach Credit Union on Thursday, December 7 at 10:15 am.

The skill we are focussing on with The Umbrella Project this month is the skill of KINDNESS. What a wonderful focus as we enter the holiday season. One of the practical ways we are hoping our school can demonstrate kindness is by donating to our Steinbach Community Outreach Donation Drive. We are collecting: non-perishable food items, toiletries, new toys and gently used winter clothing (like boots, jackets, ski pants, etc...). Donations are being collected until Friday, December 8.

Thank you to all of our students who participated in the Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser. We raised just over \$2000.00. ***The cheese orders will be delivered to the school on Thursday, December 14 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 in April as our final, full-school fundraiser this year.



Playground update: As you know, the money we are raising through our fundraisers is going to improve our playground. We were hoping that our new “hobbit hill” would be installed this fall. Unfortunately, the company we are using had a difficult time procuring the large logs that were required. We anticipate that structure (a hill with a tunnel running through it, lined with large logs) will be installed in early spring. Follow up structures will include various large “obstacle structures” that students will be able to play on individually or to use as an obstacle course (climbing over, navigating through, etc...). We will install more structures as we have funds.

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

Thank you to all our amazing volleyball coaches this year! We are so thankful for the time, effort and care they put into helping our students develop their skill level and learn how to be positive team members.

Grade 8 Boys Orange - Tim Friesen

Grade 8 Boys Navy - Trevor Paton

Grade 8 Girls Orange - Taylor Trim, Brad Trim, Sara Richards

Grade 8 Girls Navy - Becky Heidebrecht, Andrew Heidebrecht, Janelle Unrau

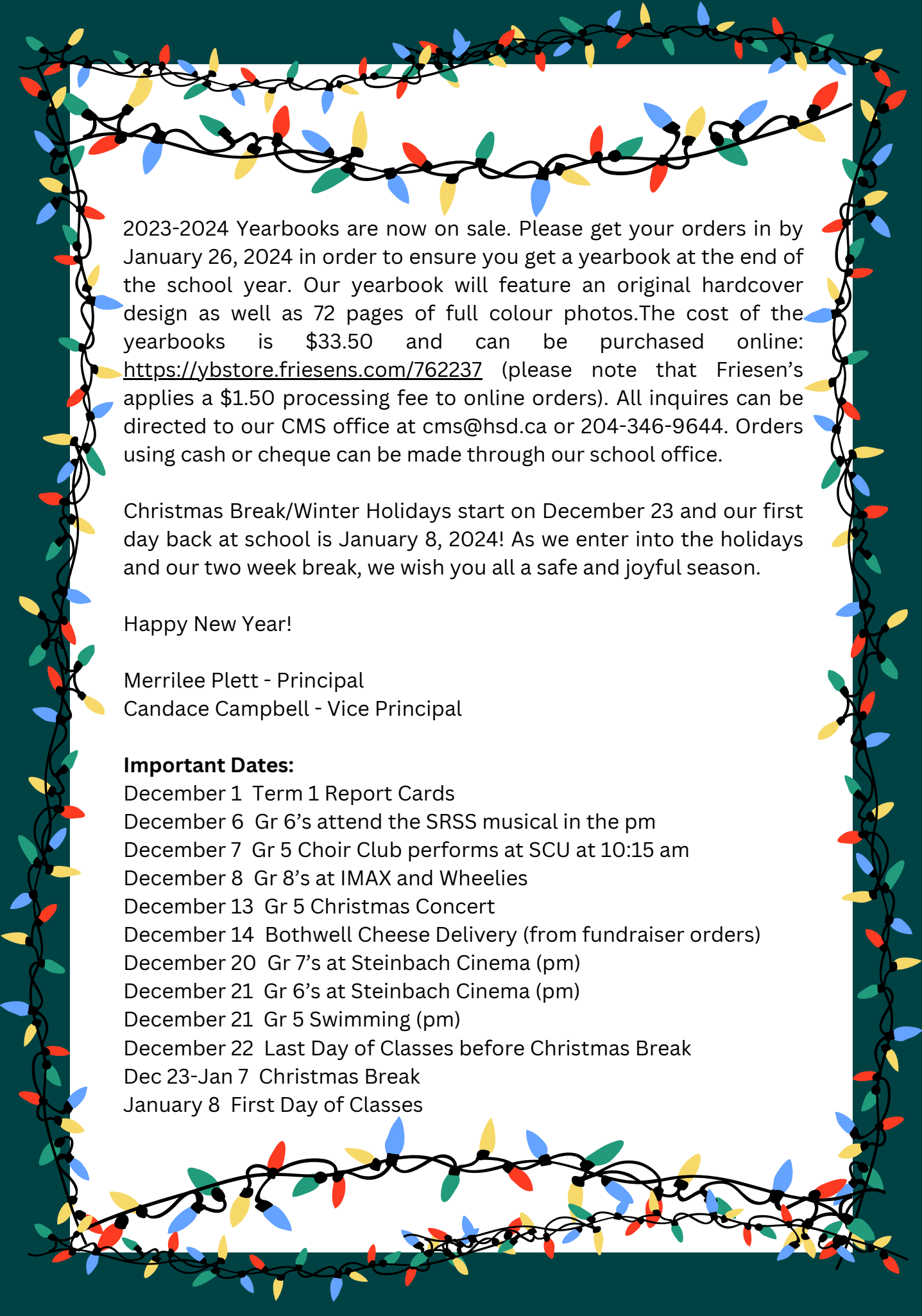
Grade 7 Boys Orange - Andrea Funk

Grade 7 Boys Navy - Lauryn Pappel, Chris Schroeder

Grade 7 Girls Orange - Amy Blatz, Sarah Neufeld

Grade 7 Girls Navy - Daina Funk, Dee Gingras, Melissa Thiessen

Basketball sign ups for Grade 7 and 8 have already happened and initial practices are being scheduled. We are still looking for coaches. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office.



2023-2024 Yearbooks are now on sale. Please get your orders in by January 26, 2024 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 the yearbooks is \$33.50 and can be purchased online: <https://ybstore.friesens.com/762237> (please note that Friesen's applies a \$1.50 processing fee to online orders). All inquiries can be directed to our CMS office at cms@hsd.ca or 204-346-9644. Orders using cash or cheque can be made through our school office.

Christmas Break/Winter Holidays start on December 23 and our first day back at school is January 8, 2024! 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

Important Dates:

December 1 Term 1 Report Cards
December 6 Gr 6's attend the SRSS musical in the pm
December 7 Gr 5 Choir Club performs at SCU at 10:15 am
December 8 Gr 8's at IMAX and Wheelies
December 13 Gr 5 Christmas Concert
December 14 Bothwell Cheese Delivery (from fundraiser orders)
December 20 Gr 7's at Steinbach Cinema (pm)
December 21 Gr 6's at Steinbach Cinema (pm)
December 21 Gr 5 Swimming (pm)
December 22 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break
Dec 23-Jan 7 Christmas Break
January 8 First Day of Classes



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 a large collection of outerwear, waterbottles and shoes 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 communicating too much (and filling up your in boxes) and not enough. We try to find the right balance. You can also find school information on:

Our School Website - www.cms.hsd.ca

Our Instagram Feed - [clearspringshsd](#)