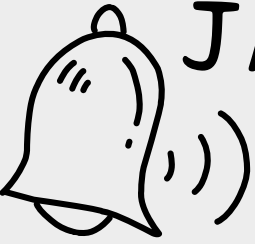


# JANUARY NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family have had a really great start to the new year.

The skill we are focussing on with The Umbrella Project this month is the skill of Authenticity. One of the great things about students in middle years is that they are figuring out who they are and who they want to be. They start to determine what is important to them. They start to have an increasing ability to make some of their own decisions. This means that mistakes are made, but also that they learn new things about themselves! Practicing the skill of “authenticity” means determining who you want to be (your values) and then making decisions based on those values. When there is a disconnect between what we value and the decisions we make, that impacts how we feel about ourselves.

We have noticed that not everyone has opened their child's Term 1 Report Card on Parent Portal. If you are having issues being able to access your child's report, please contact the school so we can assist you.

Basketball season is ramping up! We have seven teams in Grade 7 and 8. Practice schedules are posted on our CMS website under the BLAZER ATHLETICS tab on the right side of the page. Click on this for the direct link: [Basketball Practice Schedule](#). We will communicate the game schedule once that has been confirmed. Generally, the girls will have games on Tuesdays and the boys will have games on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

LAST CHANCE to get a 2023-2024 YEARBOOK: 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](mailto:cms@hsd.ca) or 204-346-9644. Orders using cash or cheque can be made at the school office.

All CMS students go out for recess three times a day. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has appropriate outer wear along. If you need any assistance with getting winter outer wear for your child, please contact the school (204-346-9644) and we will gladly assist you. Indoor recess will happen when the temperature or the windchill is at -30.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be hosting a Portfolio Evening on March 20. We would like every child to bring a parent/caregiver/grandparent or mentor to look through their portfolio of learning. Please plan to attend (or arrange another significant adult in their life to attend with them). We will send more information out closer to the date.

Merrilee Plett - Principal  
Candace Campbell - Vice Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

January 8 First Day of Classes  
January 25/26 Gr 8's at Falcon Lake (ski trip)  
February 2 PD Day for Teachers - No School  
February 12-16 Book Fair  
February 15/16 Gr 6's at Manitoba Museum  
February 19 Louis Riel Day - No School  
February 23 PD Day - No School

#### 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](http://www.cms.hsd.ca)  
Our Instagram Feed - [clearspringhsd](https://www.instagram.com/clearspringhsd)