

december Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The snow has finally arrived and December is here! December is always a month that comes with a lot of excitement and special events. Many different holidays are celebrated by our diverse school community in the fall and winter. Some may have celebrated Diwali in early November; others may be celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or other special days in December. Our Ukrainian community will also celebrate Ukrainian Christmas.

We hosted our Band Christmas Showcase on November 28 and we are busy preparing for our *Grade 5 Christmas Concert on December 11 at 7:00 pm*. We also have an afternoon performance at 1:15 pm on December 11 for extended family.






** 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 12 from 10:15 to 10:30 am.

During the month of December, we want to ensure we are remembering to be a kind and caring community. One of the practical ways our school demonstrates kindness is by donating to our Steinbach Community Outreach Donation Drive. We collected: non-perishable food items, toiletries, new toys and gently used winter clothing (like boots, jackets, ski pants, etc...). Thanks to all the students and staff who donated!

Thank you to all of our students who participated in the Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser. We raised just under \$1800. ***The cheese orders will be delivered to the school on Thursday, December 17 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. .

Report Cards for Term 1 will be available on Parent Portal on December 6 at 4:00 pm. 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, 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 - Paul Turenne

Grade 8 Boys Navy - Burke Heide

Grade 8 Girls Orange - Sarah Neufeld, Amy Obirek Blatz

Grade 8 Girls Navy - Daina Funk, Dee Gingras

Grade 8 Girls White - Melissa Thiessen, Nathan Mehling

Grade 7 Boys Orange - Becky Heidebrecht, Andrew Heidebrecht, Tiffany Penner, Scott Friesen


Grade 7 Boys Navy - Becky Heidebrecht, Andrew Heidebrecht, Tiffany Penner, Scott Friesen

Grade 7 Girls Orange - Cheri Harel, Ashlee Friesen, Jesse Adams


Grade 7 Girls Navy - Tara Turenne , Errin Penner

Grade 5/6 Boys- Tim Gadsby, Cara Duerksen, Scott Masterson, Sherri Trinh, Leif Reimer, Jackson Schroeder

Grade 5/6 Girls - Jonathan David, Mike Pittman, Jay Roberts, Vanessa David, Jamie Newransky, Kallie Kyle



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



2024-2025 Yearbooks are still on sale. Please get your orders in by January 30, 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 80 pages of full colour photos. The cost of the yearbooks is \$35.00 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 inquires can be directed to our CMS office. Orders using cash or cheque can be made through our school office at 204-346-9644.

Christmas Break starts on December 21 and our first day back at school is January 6, 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 6 Term 1 Report Cards available on Parent Portal at 4:00 pm
December 11 Gr 5 Christmas Concert
December 12 Gr 5 Choir Club performs at SCU at 10:15 am
December 16 Gr 7's at Steinbach Cinema (pm)
December 17 Bothwell Cheese Delivery (from fundraiser orders)
December 17 Gr 6's at Steinbach Cinema (pm)
December 21 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break
Dec 22-Jan 5 Christmas Break
January 6 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 - clearspringhsd

