



# YKCS NEWSLETTER

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## A thought

"Trials, temptations, disappointments -- all these are helps instead of hindrances, if one uses them rightly. They not only test the fibre of character but strengthen it. Every conquering temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before." -- James Buckham

## Principal's Note

A heart felt "Thank You" to the 19 people who came out to our first YKCS Prayer Meeting. We invite all parents who value Christian Education to come out next month, Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the school chapel to join the board, staff and other supporters of YKCS for an evening of prayer and of waiting on the Lord specifically for the school and our school families. We continue to seek direction for the future as we contemplate the economic reality of the community and its impact on staffing and programming.

We firmly believe YKCS is God's school and will spend time in prayer seeking His will, wisdom and discernment as we contemplate the future. The Bible encourages us to be in prayer both individually and corporately. Luke 11: 9 & 10 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." **Please make it a priority to join us.**

## School Financial Situation

As shared before Christmas, our revenue from tuition and Alberta Government funding is \$570,000 and our operational expenses including salaries, building mortgage repayment; maintenance/utilities, supplies and materials are \$850,440. By putting a freeze on all but essential spending we need to raise an additional \$200,000 to make ends meet this year.

**Once again we are in the position to offer matching donations.** This means every dollar you donate will be matched thus enabling us to balance the budget sooner. Your donations are eligible for charitable receipts as we are a not-for-profit institution.

## AGM

Please plan to attend our **Annual General Meeting** which will be held March 17th. It is important that all families be represented at the AGM as this is your venue to hear from the board, to elect new board members, to vote on School Polices and Regulations and to discuss issues relevant to school operation; (e.g. future programming, discipline, fund raising initiatives, tuition, etc.).

## Banquet & Musical Concert

YKCS is hosting a Fundraising Banquet & Musical Concert with **Potter's Clay** on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be watching for your personal RSVP Invitation early next month or call now to reserve your place as seating will be limited.

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**YKCS Auction**

The YKCS Goods and Services Auction, our largest fundraiser of the year, will be held Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is not too early to be watching for bargains on items to donate or to be talking to your friends and neighbours about the auction. We will be contacting you next month to determine which phase of the auction you want to be involved with. Call us before we call you if there is a local business you would prefer to contact. Thank you to those who have already been hard at work finding donations and new donors.

**Family Violence**

The Edson Friendship Centre is hosting a seminar for all women and teenage girls on Family Day, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Jennifer Olson with Family Violence Prevention, Director of the Yellowhead Emergency Shelter in Hinton will facilitate. For further information please call Ida Spencer at 780 723 4359.

**Sports News**

Following is the third instalment of the grade 5 Language Arts Sports News:

**Basketball Games**

“On Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, (in the afternoon), YKCS Eagles competed against Grande Cache. It was a hard game, but the team made it through. It was a close match; YKCS lost 28 to 36.” – *reported by Corban & Matthew*

“Gerard Redman vs. YKCS Eagles. On January 14, 2010, YKCS Eagles, (Evan, Patrick, Parker, Alexander, Abby, Andrew, Jarius & Jacob), played basketball against Gerard Redman. The score was 36 to 44 for Gerard Redman. Mr. Rand is the coach of the YKCS Eagles.” – *reported by Tanner & Josh*

**Congratulations Eagles** on winning your last three games. (Eagles vs. Jasper 38/14, Eagles vs. Niton 39/18, Eagles vs. Parkland 58/21). **Well done!**

**Fundraising**

M & M Meat Shops is a company that believes in community involvement and investing in the future. The local franchise has offered to partner with us in their SCHOOL DAY FUNDRAISER. We receive ten percent of each purchase you make on the third Thursday of each month if you let them know that your children attend YKCS when you pay at the till. The next YKCS DAY is January 21<sup>st</sup>.

YKCS continues to serve as a depository for recycling beverage containers. You may drop off your recyclable beverage containers (glass, plastic or metal) outside the north entrance door anytime, day or night. Please ensure containers are in sealed garbage bags.

**Dates To Note**

- February 11 & 12 – ACSI Teachers’ Convention - No School
- February 15 – Family Day - No School
- February 26 – Early Dismissal @ 12:00 noon
- March 8 – Report Cards grades K - 8
- March 18 – Last day of classes before Easter Break
- March 19 – Early Dismissal @ 12:00 noon
- March 26 – April 5 – Spring/Easter Break
- April 6 – Classes Resume
- April 10 – Fundraising Banquet with Potter’s Clay

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**