



# YKCS NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Note:

As shared before Christmas, our expected 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. At this point with a freeze on all but essential spending we need to raise an additional \$200,000 to make it through the year. We have seen God work miracles in the past and wait on Him again to raise up individuals and families to support the ministry of the school.

## Prayer Required

Apart from the lack of funding, and not wishing to increase tuition or badger you with more fundraisers, we need to spend time in prayer seeking the Lord's will, wisdom and discernment as we contemplate the future of YKCS. The Board has begun meeting for prayer the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. **Please join us.** The Bible encourages us to be in prayer both individually and corporately. We wait expectantly because the "fervent prayer of the righteous avails much" James 5:16 and because Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 I believe God calls us to persistent, pervasive and prevailing prayer

## Alberta Education Surveys

You may have recently seen newspaper articles on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) or changes to the Grade 12 Diploma Exams. Both PATs and Diploma Exams contribute to the Accountability Pillar, a tool used by Alberta Education to evaluate how well the education system is meeting the expectations of parents and the public. All parents want to know that their children are receiving a quality education. Grades are important but there is more to it than that. A quality education helps all children make the most of their talents and abilities.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4-12 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4-12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping our students for success. Your participation in the survey helps, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2010, and will be reported publicly by school authorities as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

## Exam Week

Although the grade 9 through 12 students have been writing exams throughout January, we have declared the week of January 25<sup>th</sup> to be exam week. Students in grades 9 through 12 are to attend regular classes on January 25 and 26 but will only come in to write their exams on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> then they are to return home. There will be no school on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Our high school teachers will be available on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to assist students with questions if necessary after their exams.

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**Sports News**

Following is the second instalment of the Grade 5 Language Arts Sports News:

“This exciting first basketball game took place in Parkland’s gym on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. YKCS was playing one of the toughest teams in the high school basketball league. The awesome team of YKCS includes Andrew (gr 8), Alex (gr 8), Evan (gr 9), Parker (gr 8), Patrick (gr 7), Jacob (gr 6), Abby (gr 9), Stephanie (gr 8) and Jarius (a gr 8 home school student. They wear black and white uniforms. Unfortunately our team lost 15 – 52. Parkland took the victory and left YKCS quite devastated. But still it was a sweet game.” reporters - Cassie & Lauren

“The YKCS Eagles (with Andrew, Parker, Jarius, Jacob and Patrick) played against Pine Grove “B”, Hinton and Niton in a tournament on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. At 8:30 a.m. YKCS played Pine Grove, the score was 27-26 for YKCS. The next game at 10:30 was Hinton vs YKCS. Hinton won by 42-36. YKCS went to gold. The final game at 4:00 Niton played YKCS; the score was 18-12. YKCS won gold and received a T-shirt.” reporters Matthew & Corban



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 M&M day is January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**YKCS Auction**

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the YKCS Goods and Services Auction will be on 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 soon to determine which phase of the auction you want to be involved in. Call us before we call you if there is a local business you would prefer to contact.

**Tuition Receipts and Statements**

Our accountant has completed his audit of our 2008-09 books and has determined the tuition amount which qualifies for Income Tax receipts. If you do not receive a receipt in the mail by February 26<sup>th</sup> this indicates that the amount you paid in the 2009 calendar year did not qualify for a receipt. If you have any questions regarding tuition amounts please call Inga any afternoon (780 7223 3850). Tuition statements are in the mail, if you do not receive yours before January 22, please call.

**Recycling**

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**

Please make note of the following dates as there have been some changes:

- January 29 – Semester Break - No School
- February 4 & 5 – School in session but no buses running
- February 11 & 12 – ACSI Teachers’ Convention - No School
- February 15 – Family Day - No School
- February 26 – Early Dismissal @ 12:00 noon
- March 25 – Last day of classes before Spring Break
- March 26 – April 5 – Spring Break
- April 6 – Classes resume