



YKCS NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here at YKCS we are constantly striving to do what God wants. He has put many opportunities in our path. One of the privileges we had this past weekend was to host the "Journey to Bethlehem." It was amazing to see all the churches pull together and recreate the journey that Mary and Joseph would have taken alongside other ancient travellers. We are so thankful for the students, staff, parents, and many volunteers that made this event a success. We especially want to thank Donna Worthing and Belinda Froese for their efforts. It was exciting to see more than 600 people come through the door over the weekend. All glory goes to God! Merry Christmas!

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



CHRISTMAS DOORS

We are once again decorating classroom doors for Christmas. Classes are allowed to work on their doors between Dec. 1st and Dec. 15th. Judging will take place during the day on the 15th. Prizes will be awarded to one classroom from the elementary and one from the junior/senior high.

SPORTS

Basketball season is in full swing. Here is the schedule of games, please feel free to come cheer on the teams. We are always in need of scorekeepers and timers; we would appreciate any help at the home games. Thanks!

December 14th - (Boys only) YKCS @WW

December 21st - Pine Grove B@YKCS

January 9th - (Boys only) WW @ YKCS

January 11th - YKCS @ HRH B

January 18th - Harry Collenge @ YKCS

(January 20th - **Tentative** Tournament @ Pine Grove-**TBA**)

January 22nd - YKCS @ Niton

January 30th - YKCS @Harry Collenge

February 1st - Grande Cache @ YKCS (Weather permitting)

Please note that during practices, any siblings staying at the school must be in the gym watching, and during game times they are the responsibility of their parents. Staff are working after school, and students may only "hang out" in the classrooms by the direct invitation of the teacher or prior arrangement between parent and teacher.

SCHOOL PRAYER

Please keep the school in your prayers and consider joining the Board for prayer on December 19th at 6:30 p.m.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The total raised from the Gift Card Orders is \$572.31. The next order will be placed December

14th (no guarantees that the order will arrive before the last day of school), January 11th and 25th.

Growing Smiles: Raised \$521.24. We have a few Poinsettia plants still available for purchase at \$15 each. Please see the office to make your claim.

Purdy's Chocolate: brought in \$262.44. We have fundraiser chocolate bars in the office for purchase at \$2 each.

Journey to Bethlehem: raised over \$1200: \$617.80 (not including food donations) for the Food Bank and \$630.90 for YKCS.

There will be a hot lunch on Wednesday, December 20th, more details to follow.

Thank you so much for participating in the past fundraising events!

STUDENT COUNCIL

So far this year, Student Council has been doing its best to create a better, livelier student experience and atmosphere. Over the past couple months, we have had Spirit Days where we created our House Team names and played some exciting games as a whole student body. For December, our Spirit Day theme will be Pajama Day; students are encouraged to come to school in their PJ's! This dress-up day will be on December 22nd, the last day of school before Christmas Break. We also started our first fundraiser of the year, raising money for our sponsor child, Seema, from India. We have paper trees located beneath our brand new Student Council Board across from the Chapel that will be filled with quarters. This is a House Team vs. House Team fundraiser where the single House Team that raises the most money will get hot chocolates on Friday, January 12th on the Council. The fundraiser cut-off will be on January 12th also. Jars are located in the office and will be in the Chapel during open sessions on Mondays and Chapel times on Wednesdays. **BRING YOUR QUARTERS!!**

Aaron Binner

WINTER TIME

Winter has begun; snow has been falling and temperatures are still cool. We'd like to remind you to make sure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather with toques, mitts,

snow pants, scarves, jackets and boots. The students are only allowed to play on the snow hill if they are wearing the above mentioned items.

INCLIMENT WEATHER AND BUS CANCELLATIONS

For all up-to-date bus cancelation information visit: <http://www.gypsd.ca/routes.php> it will take you to GYPSD's bussing status page, which also includes if the bus is running late in the afternoon. If buses aren't running, the school remains open. All staff do come in. With our small class sizes, it is at the discretion of the parents if they want to bring their children in.

AERR/3YEP

Please visit our website at the following link to see our Annual Education Results Review for 2016/2017 and our 3 Year Education Plan for 2017-2020.

http://www.ykcschool.com/documents/general/AP_ORI_201710_A.pdf

The AERR results are a compilation of data from Provincial Achievement Tests, Diplomas and the surveys which parents, students and staff do every year. You will be receiving a survey for this year in the mail in January. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to Alberta Education. This is an important part of our accountability to the Government for our level of funding. All students in Grades 4 - 12 will be participating in the survey in February during school time.

WEBSITE

Please check the school website regularly to view updates, homework, and the calendar.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues, Dec. 19: Board Meeting

Wed, Dec. 20: Gr. 5-12 Report Cards

Fri, Dec. 22: School Spirit Day (PJ's)

Dec. 25-Jan. 7: Christmas Holidays

Mon, Jan. 8: Classes resume

Tues, Jan 9: (Boys only) WW @ YKCS

Thurs, Jan. 11: Gift Card Orders

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