



YKCS NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I trust you all had a restful time with family and friends over Christmas. I know many families battled the flu over the break and some are still sick. It can make for challenging times in the house! However, when sickness passes there is so much to look forward to.

2018 will bring challenges and rewards alike. We are gearing up for our AGM in February when we will discuss some upcoming events and the status of the school. I would encourage you to mark your calendars and make it out to the evening. We value your input and having a united group of parents and supporters is vital to YKCS. We are so appreciative of your prayers and support. We are extremely blessed in this province to operate as an independent school that is based on revealing God's truth to our students.

CHRISTMAS DOORS

The students had lots of fun working together with their classmates to decorate their classroom doors before Christmas. Congratulations to the Kindergarten and grade 3-4 class for both winning on the elementary side, and the grade 7-8 for winning on the junior/senior side.



The grade 3-4 door.

SPORTS

The YKCS boys and girls basketball teams competed in a tournament over the weekend in Hinton. The students worked very hard to compete and showed a lot of improvement. Please note the missed Holy Redeemer game and Pine Grove game will be rescheduled for January 25th and February 21st respectively.

SCHOOL PRAYER

Please keep the school in your prayers and consider joining the Board for prayer on January 23th at 6:30 p.m.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The total raised from the Gift Card Orders is \$572.31. The next orders will be placed January 25th and February 8th.

There will be a pizza hot lunch on January 31st, please find the order form attached. Please return the form to the school office by Tuesday, January 30th.

The next fundraisers will be: Calahoo Meats, Purdy's chocolates, and Cutie Pies. Look for order forms/catalogues starting in February.

NO BUSES

Just a reminder that there are no buses on Thursday February 8th and Friday, February 9th due to the public schools having Teacher's Convention. Please make alternate arrangements for your child(ren)'s transportation.

BRING-A-FRIEND DAY

February 9th is "bring a friend day." Students are welcome to invite their friends to school that day; please give at least 24 hours' notice to the teachers if you will be bringing someone along with your child that day.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, February 21th @ 7:00 p.m. (date change from the calendar sent

home earlier in the year) for our Annual General Meeting. In order to vote on issues at the meeting you must be a member of the YKCS Society. Annual membership dues are \$5. If you have never been a member before, an application form will be sent home shortly.

BIBLE FAIR

The Bible Fair is Wednesday, March 13th. Our general topic for this year will be the Old Testament. We will have a free lunch for parents and friends to enjoy while checking out the projects in the gym.

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR SURVEYS

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 students for success. 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.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports in November 2018.

STUDENT CONCIL

We as a Student Council have many exciting plans for 2018! Our first Spirit Day of the new year is on Friday, January 19th, and it is Snow Sports themed. We're excited to see students come out dressed up as skiers, snowboarders, figure skaters, and sledgers. To wrap up the Spirit Day, we will

have tons of fun using the hill behind the school for some good ol' tobogganing. The quarter fundraiser for our sponsor child, Seema, is still going on as the deadline was extended to January 30th. Bring your quarters to school and help us fill up our trees until there is no more spaces to fill... and the winning house team gets free hot chocolate on the 31st so keep that in mind! Our next fundraiser is going to involve entertainment additions to our Elementary and Senior High wings. We look forward to announcing it in February!

EXAM PREPARATION

Final Exams and PATs are nearing. It is important to start preparing now.



Regular review of material learned is more beneficial than cramming the night before. A good sleep and a good breakfast in the morning are also helpful to being alert and better able

to concentrate during the test. Also please note that Diploma Exams must be written on the scheduled date, whether the buses are running or not. Grade 9 – 12 students are not required to be at school unless writing an exam January 22nd - 26th.

WEBSITE

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, Jan. 19: Last day of Semester 1

Mon, Jan. 22-26: Exam Week

Thurs, Jan. 25: Gift Card Order

Mon, Jan. 29: First day of Semester 2

Wed, Jan. 31: Pizza Hot Lunch

Wed, Jan. 31: Report Cards Gr. 5-12

Thurs, Feb. 8: Gift Card Order

Thurs, Feb. 8: No buses – make alternate arrangements.

Fri, Feb. 9: No buses – make alternate arrangements.

Fri, Feb 9: Bring a Friend Day