



**JANUARY 2024 MEMOS**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Happy New Year! For many people, starting a new year is a time to reflect on the past and make changes for the future. People want change; they change their diet; they make reading goals; they buy a gym membership. Sometimes people make relational goals, others make spiritual goals, but others refuse to join the trend and stick to the familiar. There is nothing wrong with identifying areas of our lives that need changing; God is always working and doing something new in our lives. “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV).

The biggest challenge with New Years resolutions is consistency and sticking with them; in July of 2023 I made a big decision for myself, choosing to cut out dairy and gluten from my diet for health reasons. Since then, I have learned personally that self-control, personal discipline, IS a fruit of the Spirit. Paul in the book of Galatians makes that clear, but what I learned in the process of denial and discipline was that when I was faithful in spiritual disciplines, it was easier to be disciplined in other areas. Galatians 5:16 says, “walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” So, if you have chosen resolutions or made goals for the 2024 year, I challenge you to start with the spiritual and the natural outpouring of the Spirit working in your life is self-control.

January is always a cold month, filled with short cold days. Please remember that school policy is that students are outside for recess unless it is colder than -30 ᵒC with windchill. Students need to dress warmly for the winter conditions as it is expected that they will go outside for recess. Swimming begins this month; students returning from swimming will not be outside for recess. Our theme day for this month is team spirit day; students can show off their team spirit by wearing jerseys, team colors, or other team merchandise. Community service will be on January 30th, and we will continue with our tradition of putting together blessings bags for the Friendship Center to distribute.

Welcome Back!

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**January 18**: Jersey Day / Team Spirit Day

**January 30**: Community Service – Blessings Bags

**January Swimming:**

**Gr 1-6:** Jan 12, 19, 26 – 11-12pm

**Gr 7-10:** Jan 11, 18, 25 – 11-12pm

**We need volunteers to help transport students to the pool some days as we have limited bus uses.**

**Please consider and contact the office if you are willing and available.**

**ECS**

In Kindergarten this month we will be focusing on stories while continuing to build our literacy skills. We will be using comparison and building on our numeracy skills in math. We are continuing our exploration of the movement of objects, people, and animals as well as learning more about communities.

**GRADE 1-2**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break. Weather is forecasted to be getting colder so please

come dressed for the weather.

**LA:** Grade 1’s will be getting assessed on letters and their sounds this week (Jan 8-12). Our focus this

month will be on writing. We will journal and begin simple story writing. Grade 2’s will continue with

contractions, syllables and grammar. We will continue to write, edit, and journal, as well as retelling and

personal narratives.

**Math:** Grade 1’s and 2’s will be writing CAT tests (Alberta standardized testing) starting from January 15

to the end of the month. There is no set date yet as we are waiting for test booklets to arrive. Specific

testing dates will be written in agendas when I know them. Grade 1’s will continue to add and subtract,

solve number word and story problems, then measurement. Grade 2’s will add and subtract with

regrouping, solve word problems and begin measurement.

**Social:** We will begin our next unit: Looking At People after we finish our poster project from the “Daily

Life” unit we just completed.

**Science:** We will wrap up and be assessed on our Matter unit and begin our Energy (light and sound)

unit. Due to not having access to applicable field trips in town, we will be having guest speakers and

watching related field-trip videos, for example to a pulp mill, lumber plant, and recycling plant.

**BIBLE:** We continue to learn about Wisdom and Biblical Truth throughout the year.

**P.E.:** Reminder, swimming begins on January 12, and will be most Fridays.

**GRADES 3-4**

**Language Arts:** We will be focusing on the difference between fiction and non-fictional stories. Students will write their own story by the end of the month.

**Math:** We are working on division. This will continue till the end of the month.

**Science:** We are starting our unit on wheels and leavers.

**Social:** This unit is on the people of Alberta. It focuses on the different indigenous groups that live here and how they lived off the land long ago.

**GRADES 5-6**

**LA**: We will continue with our novel study of Where the Red Fern Grows.

**Math**: After strengthening some fundamental skills, 5-6 students will expand their understanding of

fractions and decimals and build strategies to solve mathematical problems.

**Science**: To complete their current units, 5-6 students will finish a project which explores the surfaces of

the planets in our Solar System and continue to explore various technologies we use to explore

space. Most 5-6 Science assignments will be posted in Schoology.

**Social:**  We will continue to study ancient Athens as a historical model of democracy; then begin studying the Iroquois confederacy as another historical example of democracy.

**Bible:** We will learn about servanthood and the Church.

**GRADES 7-9**

**LA:** We have begun a unit on functional writing; we will be focusing on essay writing.

**Math:** After strengthening some fundamental skills, Jr. High students will expand their understanding

of how we compare quantities, how to tackle algebraic equations, and how to interpret linear

relationships.

**Social:** We will be covering chapters 5&6, studying the end of the fur trade and Canadian history from the 1750-1850s.

**Science:** To complete their current units**, 8-9** students will work on a space environments project, and **7s**

will focus on a fossils and biblical flood geology project. Presentations will be on Jan 22-23. Unit

Test is on Jan 31. Most Jr. High Science assignments will be posted in Schoology.

**Health:** 7-9 students will work on a project and presentation focused on how different media influence

our personal choices and what biblical strategies we can take to manage that pressure.

Presentations will be on Feb 9 and 12. Most Jr. High Health assignments are posted in

Schoology and will continue to be updated.



**(HLCES) BOARD:**

Board Members are:

* Shawn Wiebe - Chairman
* Ray Lapka - Vice Chair and Secretary
* Jerry Krahn – Treasurer / Fundraising
* Chris Sullivan – Vice Treasurer
* Josh Clark - Maintenance

There is an open discussion on Schoology in the HLCA Parents group if you have questions for the board.

**FUNDRAISING**

**Amount fundraised this year: $36,226.00**(This does not include donations only fundraising events)

**Goal incoming for the year: $103,000.00**

**Pie Auction – Date to be determined**

There will be a volunteer sign up sheet in the office for making pies and set up & clean up for the event.

There will be a silent auction at the event as well. We are looking for donated items for the auction.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Hot Lunch Order Form