



## DECEMBER MEMO



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is a time for family and traditions. Traditions like delicious Christmas cookies and cider, driving around town to admire the lights, Christmas eve services, and Christmas movies. My childhood was full of such wonderful memories as I am certain many of yours were also. With all these traditions came parties, concerts, shopping for the perfect gifts to give, Christmas plays and choir performances; many of these traditions continue today. In all the special events around Christmas, we can sometimes forget to stop and meditate on the true meaning of Christmas, Christ's birth. Immanuel, God with us, God's whole plan of salvation wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger. This little human baby was God incarnate, born to bring hope, peace, joy, and love to all who receive Him. May we all experience His presence this Christmas. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone. . . For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9: 1,6 ESV)

I am so very thankful to God for His hand over our school! God is always working His plan and His purposes; we may not understand His reasoning, but we can trust that He is good and that His plan is perfect! It is my pleasure to welcome Mr. Oxley to High Level Christian Academy. Mr. Oxley has joined our teaching staff to teach grades 5-9 Math and Science; he will also teach a few other classes, meeting various needs in our school. We have a few events to look forward to this month. On December 15, HLCA is hosting a Christmas concert/performance at the High Level Christian Fellowship Church; if you have not marked it on your calendar, please do so. We will be making trips to visit and carol for High Level's seniors as our community service this month. Also keep your eyes open for notes coming home about Christmas parties. I pray that you would all experience Christ's rest and peace over the break and your hearts and homes will be full of hope and joy for the future.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Ms. Jeffrey

#### IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**Dec 15: Christmas Program @ HLCF 7PM**

**Dec 19: Last Day** before Christmas break

**Dec 20-Jan 7: Christmas Break**

**Jan 8: Classes Resume**

## CLASSROOM UPDATES

### KINDERGARTEN

**LA** – We are continuing to build letter recognition, as well, we will be introducing sight words.

**Science** – Kindergarteners will be exploring the various ways in which objects, people and animals move.

**Social** – Our class will start to explore what it means to be a part of a community.

**Math** – Students will continue to build their numeracy skills exploring and comparing numbers within 10.

### GRADES 1 & 2

Christmas is coming!! Our school Christmas Program is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Grade 1's and 2's will be singing one song with the kindergarten class and another with just our class. I hope you can all make it as we have been practicing hard. We will also be having a joint class party with Mrs. Krahn's Grade 3/4 class on December 19<sup>th</sup> (the last day before the break), in the afternoon. Please bring a snack to share, enough for 10 people. Watch for a letter coming home about this.

**L.A: Grade 1s** will begin guided writing and weekly journal writing. **Grade 2s** will learn about and practice contractions, syllables, and grammar. We will continue to write, edit, and journal.

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

**Social:** We will wrap up our study of daily life in Iqaluit, Meteghan and Saskatoon. We will soon begin our next unit: Looking At People.

**Math: Grade 1s** will continue to count to 100 and be introduced to adding and subtracting. **Grade 2s** will focus on 2-D shapes and adding and subtracting strategies. Please practice counting backwards at home as this will help with subtraction.

**Bible:** We continue to learn about Wisdom and Biblical Truth throughout the year. We will learn about the Names of Jesus for Advent during devotions this month.

### GRADES 3 & 4

**LA** – We have started a novel study on *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. We will

continue with our weekly journal entries, spelling workbooks and typing class.

**Science** – This month's study is on lights and shadows. This week specifically will be on reflection and refraction of light. We will also be discussing how optical illusions work.

**Social** – This month is all about Alberta's natural resources.

**Math-** We have been working on multiplication the past 2 weeks. **Grade 3s** will continue developing their skills in this area and **grade 4s** will start division this week.

### GRADES 5 & 6

**LA** – We will continue with our novel study of *Where the Red Fern Grows*. We will also incorporate some Christmas activities to our days.

**Social** – We will begin to study ancient Athens as a historical model of democracy; I will add historical detail, culture, etc. to add interest.

**Science** – We will continue with our study of space.

**Math-** the **grade 5s** will continue with their multiplication unit and the **grade 6s** will continue with their divisibility and integer unit.

**Bible:** We will wrap up our unit on being God's image-bearers then we will learn about servanthood & the Church.

### GRADES 7-9

**LA** – We have begun a unit on functional writing; this unit will carry into January.

**Social** – Students have a chapters 1-4 test on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>; we will begin chapter 4 this week. This is a deeper study of the fur trade in Canada.

**Science** – **Grade 7s** are learning about geology and the earth. **Grade 8 and 9s** are studying space exploration and technology.

**Math** – **Grade 7s** are completing a short unit on Geometry; **grade 8s** are wrapping up a long number sense unit. The **Grade 9s** will begin their new unit shortly, having taken some time out to practice order of operations.



*There will be stockings hung on the teacher and staff doors if you would like to bless them with small gifts or notes of appreciation.*

### (HLCES) UPDATE FROM THE BOARD:

Board Members are:

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

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Purdy's:** A profit of **\$2,974.26** was made with this fundraiser. Thank you for your involvement in the sales!

We encourage you to consider joining the High Level Christian Education Society. Applications and Bylaws are always available in the office.