

December
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Message from Administration

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Mrs. Twyla Badry

December is always a busy month of celebrating and learning. We are looking forward to enjoying the talents of our students during this holiday season!

As the weather becomes more unpredictable, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. We encourage all students to dress for temperatures that can fluctuate drastically from the morning to the afternoon. We value outdoor play time for all of our K-9 students and follow [Parkland School Division's Severe Weather Protocol](#) in providing these opportunities unless the temperature is below -23 degrees celsius.

We would like to thank our hard working custodians for keeping walkways clear. In the event that paths to the East side of the building become tricky to navigate due to snow and/or ice, students and parents will be redirected to use the main entrance, or in extreme cases the Jr High entrance on the West side of the school.

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Head Secretary:
Mercy Rosborough

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Website:
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Report Cards:

Our first term report cards are scheduled to go live on December 2nd at 3pm. Please use Powerschool to view your child's report card (please note that report cards are not visible in the Powerschool App, but only when using a browser version of Powerschool).

Winter break runs from December 23rd - January 8th. Students will be welcomed back to school on January 9th. We hope you have a rejuvenating and fun-filled holiday season.

Twyla Badry
Assistant Principal

Michelle Visscher
Principal

General Information

Upcoming Dates

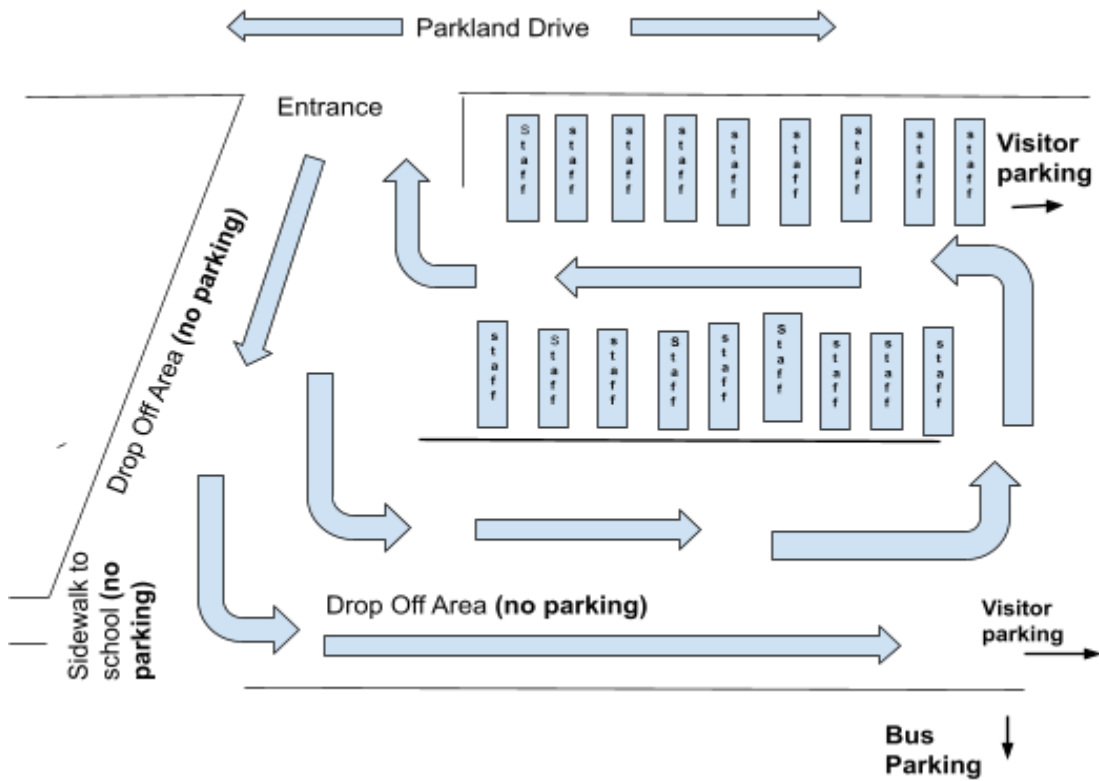
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| Dec. 2nd | Report Cards live on Powerschool @ 3pm |
| Dec. 7th | Christmas Concert Grade 1, 2 and 5 (12:45 and 6pm) |
| Dec. 8th | Christmas Concert Grade 2, 4 and 6 (12:45 and 6pm) |
| Dec. 9th | Kindergarten Christmas Concert @ 1pm |
| Dec. 9th | Ski club registration due |
| Dec. 15th | Ski Club |
| Dec. 16th | JH High Winter Dance |
| Dec. 20th | Grade 7 Field Trip |
| Dec. 23rd | Last day of School before Winter Break |
| Dec. 25th | Christmas Day |
| Dec. 26th | Boxing Day |
| Jan 9th | School resumes/Pajama Day |
| Jan 16th | Grade 9 Immunization |
| Jan 19th | Ski Club |
| Jan 30th | PD Day |

IMPORTANT - PARKING LOT SAFETY! - Please read

Please be mindful of posted signs and avoid parking in the “no parking” drop off area. If you are dropping off your children, please go around to the drop off area (see BELOW), and then continue around the parking lot to exit. **Please don't make u-turns at the entrance after you drop your children off.**

Our front parking lot goes in a “one-way” direction. Please be mindful of students and staff who are trying to cross the parking lot to get to and from the school, as it is now dark in the mornings and it's hard to see people walking. If you are parking to come in with your children, please use the far west side of the front (south) parking lot to park, after the designated staff parking spots (there is no parking in the drop-off area). The back parking lot (where the buses come in), is closed to vehicles while the buses are there (arrival and dismissal times). Also be mindful of the handicap parking stall by the gate. **Thank you for your support in making our parking lot a safe environment!**

Parking Lot



Report Cards

Report cards will go live on December 2 at 3:00pm. On this day, you can access your child's report card through [PowerSchool](#). Please note that you must use the browser version of Powerschool (the report card is not accessible through the app).

Holiday Concerts

Elementary concert dates are approaching quickly. Please take note of the following performance times:

December 7th: Grades 1, 3 & 5

- Matinee performance @ 12:45pm
- Evening performance @ 6pm

December 8th: Grades 2, 4 & 6

- Matinee performance @ 12:45pm
- Evening performance @ 6pm

December 9th: Kindergarten Performance @ 1pm



Winter Break

Our last day of school before Christmas is Friday, December 23. Students will return to school on Monday, January 9th.

Student Absences

To ensure the safety of all of our students at Blueberry School, it is imperative that we are aware when they are absent from school. We ask that parents phone the school and leave a message on the *attendance voicemail* (Option 1) or email prior to 8:30 am to avoid the automated call out cut off at 8:45 am. **Please include your child's full name, homeroom/teacher and reason for the absence.**

Phone: 780-963-3625 (Option 1) Email: blueberry.absence@psd.ca

If your child is in grade 1-9, you can access activities while they are home on their Google Classroom.

School Fees

[School fees](#) are added to your child's Powerschool account. Fees can be paid with a credit card online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/home.html>. You can also see any fees that are added, such as option fees, field trips as well as your account balance. Fees are posted to the website. Feel free to contact the office if you need further assistance.

Visiting Blueberry

To ensure our school day runs smoothly, we ask that you contact the office if you need to drop off a student after bell time in the morning. If a pick up is needed mid-day, parents/guardians can call the main office and the student will meet them there. All visitors are required to check in at the office.

Save the Dates

Please stay informed using our [school calendar](#), but also note some important year end dates:

- May 15: Grd 9 PAT English Language Arts Part A
- May 17: Grd 6 PAT English Language Arts Part A
- June 20: Grd 6 & 9 PAT English Language Arts Part B
- June 21: National Indigenous People's Day
- June 22: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Math Part A (Mental Math Portion)
- June 23: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Math Part B
- June 26: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Social Studies
- June 27: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Science
- June 29: Junior High Awards (am) and Grade 9 Farewell (pm) *Farewell will end in time for buses

The Kinsmen Christmas Hamper *(check out the video [here](#))*

For the 44th year, the Stony Plain Kinsmen and volunteers are working to make Christmas brighter for local families struggling with a limited income. Last year, with your help, we assisted 697 families in our area and supported over 2000 residents!

The Kinsmen will continue with the changes to the Christmas Hamper program made in recent years, and will **NOT be asking for non-perishable food items.**

To ensure a diverse selection of age-appropriate gifts, we are asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts or gift cards that are based on age. For children 10 and older, gift cards are ideal. Please refer to stonyplainkinsmen.ca for additional information and gift ideas. Items can be sent to the school **until December 9th.**

THANK YOU for your incredible support of local families at Christmas. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!



Counselling at Blueberry

Blueberry is currently looking to replace Mrs. Grimes as she moves on to other endeavors. We will share information on her replacement once this is finalized. Any students currently receiving supports will continue to do so as communicated to families by Mrs. Grimes.

Athletics

Intramurals

Our grade 7-9 students have been enjoying weekly intramurals in the gym at lunch recess.

Basketball

Basketball tryouts will begin soon. Students are encouraged to listen to daily announcements to stay informed.

If you are interested in helping coach this season, please contact Mrs. Visscher. We'd love to have the support of community coaches.

Calendar

Check out our [school website](#) to see our school's [monthly calendar](#). Here you can filter by type of event and you can also add our calendar to your own iCal or Google Calendar. You can also check out our rotating Fridays.

School Council & Fundraising Foundation

School Council

Our next meeting will be held in person in the library on **January 9th at 6:30pm**. You can also join us online using this link: <http://meet.google.com/jpo-bhfa-wjb> Everyone is welcome, please come and have your voice heard and learn more about our amazing school.

Congratulations to our newly Elected School Council

Chairperson - Heather Bader-Kopp

Vice Chair - Jen Richens

Secretary - Erin Craig

Members at Large - Sarah Corker, Pamela Sheriff, Cayla Nelson and Karlyn Prince



Blueberry School Fundraising Committee

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS 50/50 CASH RAFFLE Nov 16 - Dec 21



**Draw date: December 22nd
GRAB YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/bsfc>

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

JANUARY 3 & 4 CENTURY CASINO ST. ALBERT

January 3rd:

*Cashier (11am-7pm)

*1 countroom worker (11pm-2:30am)

January 4th:

*Chip Runner (6:30 pm-2:30am)

*1 countroom worker (11pm-2:30am)

E-mail: blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

No meeting in December. Join us in person for our next meeting on January 16, 2023 at 6:00pm.
Stay connected with us: <https://www.facebook.com/BlueberrySchoolFundraisingCommittee>
Questions? Email: blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Hot Lunch

Blueberry School provides a healthy, nutritious meal to our students through our hot lunch program. Hot lunch runs three days a week - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from October to May. Students are required to pre-order and pre-pay for these meals online. We will be using a new website platform this year for ordering and paying for school lunches called Munch a Lunch, please follow the instructions below to register and Login.

Ordering Lunch Online:



1. Go to: munchalunch.com/schools/blueberry
2. Click the "Register Here" button. The system will guide you through
3. After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
4. Next time, just click the "Login Here" button to access your account.

Contact Jennifer Fiddler at jenniferdavina@hotmail.com or 780-886-7344 if you require assistance or have any questions about the hot lunch program.

Photo Album

Blueberry Senior Girls and Senior Boys Volleyball



Winter Fun





Grade 5 Field Trip Telus World of Science



Remembrance Day





Kindergarten In-School Field Trip

