

The



Times

December 2024 Edition

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Principal's Message...

Hello Tomahawk Families!

We are all so excited to be gearing up for many winter celebrations and events here at Tomahawk School! A huge thank you to the Friends of Tomahawk, who hosted a wonderful Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday. Despite the weather taking a turn for the worse, it was very well attended with some fantastic local vendors and plenty of options for the whole family. Congratulations to grade 6/7 who won the Christmas Tree decorating contest, what a way to start the Christmas season!

Our classes are busy preparing for the Winter Concert which we have scheduled for 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Thursday 12th December. We hope to see you there for more festive fun.

We are also looking forward to supporting the local community by collecting donations for the Drayton Valley Santa's Anonymous (see details below), as we reflect on the difficult times that many families in our region are facing this year.

It has been wonderful to see so many students now bringing indoor shoes to school each day. It is so important that we protect our brand new floors in the hallway and the gym, so thank you for taking the time to make that happen! Reminder: they do not need to be new, they just need to be clean and dedicated to indoor use only going forward.

Please also make sure that students are dressed for the weather. We look forward to spending time outdoors in the beautiful snow.

I would like to wish our basketball team all the best as they play their seeding games next week. It looks like it will be a competitive season ahead!

Have a great December!

Miss Gilmour

Santa's Anonymous



Once again our school is partnering with Santa's Anonymous in Drayton Valley to provide needed support for our school and community families. If you are able to provide a **new unwrapped toy, book, gift card or monetary donation** it would be greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted until December 20th. Also, if your family, or a family you know could benefit from the support of Santa's Anonymous, please contact the school office in confidence, and names will be passed along to Santa's Anonymous.

Christmas Extravaganza Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to Friends of Tomahawk and the Christmas Extravaganza Committee for all of the planning and hard work that they put into making this year's Christmas Extravaganza a HUGE success! A special thank you goes out to the following individuals:

*Carmen Vanderwell	*Monica Weber
*Tish Bell	*Keena Chausse
*Sarah Reich	*Carmen Buchanan
*Jim Barrera	*Delaine Steel
*Susan Houle	*Woodruff family
*Munch family	*Chausse family
*McKeen family	*Cross family
*Androschuk family	*Dreilick family
*Weber family	
*Kathy Strocher & The Tomahawk Agra	

Hot Lunch



Hot Lunch for **December** will be the following:
December 5th - Cheeseburger Chowder Soup
December 12th - Sub Sandwiches & Chips
December 19th - Perogies & Garlic Sausage

January hot lunch forms will be sent home towards the end of next week, and will need to be returned before the Winter Break begins.

Christmas Concert - December 12th

Please join us on Thursday, December 12th, at either 1:30pm or 6:30pm for this year's Christmas Concert. Doors will open 30 minutes before the start of each performance. We encourage any family members that can attend the afternoon performance to please do so, to help the parking situation for the evening concert. All students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will take part in some way in this year's Christmas concert. We are excited to meet together as a school family. Please have students dropped off and into their classrooms for the evening concert by 6:15pm.



Reporting Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to contact the school office, and their teacher. You can call 780.339.3935 or email tomahawk@psd.ca. On days when buses are canceled, please report that your child is safe at home, so that our records are accurate.

Winter Break



Winter Break will be from December 20th - January 5th.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 6th for all students. Have a wonderful holiday!

Friends of Tomahawk/School Council

Our School Council/Friends of Tomahawk are always on the lookout for more friends, and they would love to have your input. School Council is a great way to stay connected with your school community. Meetings are hosted on the third Tuesday of each month, online. If your schedule allows, please plan to attend the December meeting on **Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30 pm**, using the following link to join: meet.google.com/npx-bepk-pxa

Dressing For The Weather



Although the official start of Winter is still a few weeks away, winter-like weather is here. Although students remain indoors if the temperature drops below -23 with wind chill, it is important that they come to school with proper Winter clothing and footwear, and that they are prepared for all types of weather while at school, or on the bus.

Brickhouse Smokery Fundraiser

Our Brickhouse Smokery fundraiser forms were due on Friday, November 29th and many order forms were turned in. Delivery of orders is expected on Tuesday, December 10th. Thank you to everyone for the great response, and for supporting our School Council, who in turn is able to support our school and students through this fundraiser.

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A 90% attendance rate means you're **chronically absent**. It's equivalent to missing one month of learning in a year. Absences reduce your chances of academic success and can negatively impact your mental well-being.



December

- 3 - School Counselor In
- 5 - Hot Lunch - Cheeseburger Chowder
- 10 - School Counselor In
- 12 - Hot Lunch - Subs & Chips
- 12 - Christmas Concert - 1:30pm & 6:30pm
- 17 - School Counselor In
- 17 - School Council/Friends of Tomahawk Meeting - Online @ 7:30pm
- 19 - Hot Lunch - Perogies & Sausages
- 20 - Last Day to Donate for Santa's Anonymous Campaign
- 20 - Last Day of School
- 21 - Christmas Break Begins

January

- 6 - Classes Resume
- 27 - Family Literacy Day
- 30 - Semester 1 Report Cards
- 31 - No School - PD Day