

DECEMBER 2021  
JANUARY 2022

# ABERDEEN COMPOSITE SCHOOL

## Principal's Message

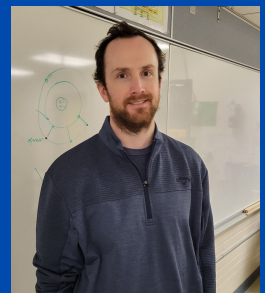
January started off with a cold snap and has left us shivering most of the month! Students are looking forward to some outside time and playing in the snow! Our Jr and Sr Boys basketball teams continue to do well and have played in several tournaments. Stay tuned for some fun outdoor activities for the kids and remember that next week is staff appreciation week! Our staff has been incredible at keeping our students safe, planning lessons for google classrooms, and just carrying on as usual. They are simply amazing.



## Staff Updates

The start of February is bringing a number of changes to the Aberdeen staff. Welcome back to Mrs. Orth who returns from her maternity leave. We know she has been missing the school and the community and is itching to get back to work! Thank you to Mrs. Martin and Mr. Cumming who did a wonderful job filling in as the admin team while she was away.

We'd also like to welcome two new staff members who will be joining our Aberdeen team. Brendan Boyle will be teaching Sr. Science and Sr. Phys. Ed while Mr. Olnhoff is away for quad three. Johnathon Dueck will be taking over Mr. Cumming's Sr. Math classes as he has started a new position as a Sector Facilitator helping the school division shift to a new student information system called Edsby in the fall. We wish him luck in his new role!



**Mr. Boyle**



**Mr. Dueck**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 9 - Long John Sale  
February 9-10 - Candy Gram Sale  
(bring \$2 to commons area)  
February 14 - Wear Red for Valentines Day!  
February 21-25 - February Break  
March 7 - No School (Prep Day)  
March 8/9 - Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences  
March 18 - 7-12 Winter Carnival  
March 21 - No School (Day in Lieu)

## SCC News

The Aberdeen SCC (School Community Council) has had a growing and productive year, even during a pandemic.

With a division focus on mental health for students, teachers, and the community this year, we hosted children's author, Laura Lawrence, for our elementary grades and staff members. We have also had the opportunity to send out invites for virtual zoom meetings with our Prairie Spirit School Division on our social media community page during the first half of the year.

In the new year, we are organizing Teacher Appreciation Week from February 14-18 and invite you to help us celebrate our teachers and staff members. We will be sending home do-it-yourself cards for students in Kindergarten-Grade 5 to fill in and send back to school if they wish. As a small token of appreciation, the SCC is planning to decorate the staff room and host a lunch for our staff members on February 16. Stay tuned for pictures to come!

For upcoming events, we are organizing a Stay Safe / Stay at Home Alone Course & First Aid / CPR Course for those interested in participating. Watch out for signup sheets at school soon. We are planning to continue our Welcome Baskets Initiative at school for new families joining the Crusader family in September, 2022. And we have penciled in Spring Into Reading Literacy Week during May 2-6! Stay tuned for details to come on an awesome week filled of reading contests, parent book choices, a book swap day, our One Book One School Program, and so much more!

## Go Crusaders!

Our Jr and Sr Boys basketball teams, coached by Mitch Rhorke and Philip Loiselle respectively, continue to do well and have each played in several tournaments with playoffs just around the corner. Mr. Males has the curling program rolling in full force with the Jr Boys Curling team returning home this past Friday with a District First Place Championship!! The Sr Girls Curling team are hoping to follow suit next week as they approach their playoffs.



**Our Provincial Champion Football Players!**

## SLT Update

December saw a flurry of activity and spirit days culminating in a spirit week for the last week leading up to the Christmas break. Red and Green Day, Summer in the Snow Day, PJ's and Cookies Day, Formal Day and Dress Christmassy Day were all a rousing success! Throw in a turkey dinner (provided by the ARC and partially funded the SLT) and a gingerbread house building competition and the halls of Aberdeen School were a buzz of activity. January was a quieter month, with a number of no bus days and a focus on final assessments for our high school students.

The SLT is busy planning our next spirit week and a winter carnival for grade 7 - 12 students as well as other activities to engage our student body. Go Crusaders!!