



Lord Asquith School Newsletter



TO EMPOWER A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

BY PURSUING SUCCESS FOR ALL

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Number 4

Principal's Message

Although it might not look like a Winter Wonderland, Christmas is just around the corner! The holidays are always a busy and exciting time of the year filled with Christmas classroom activities, class parties, assessments ;), door decorating and the **Christmas Concert (December 21st at 6:30pm)**. There's always so much going on in the school, but along side all of the "stuff" I like to take a moment to truly get back to the spirit of the holidays -- the things we're grateful for.

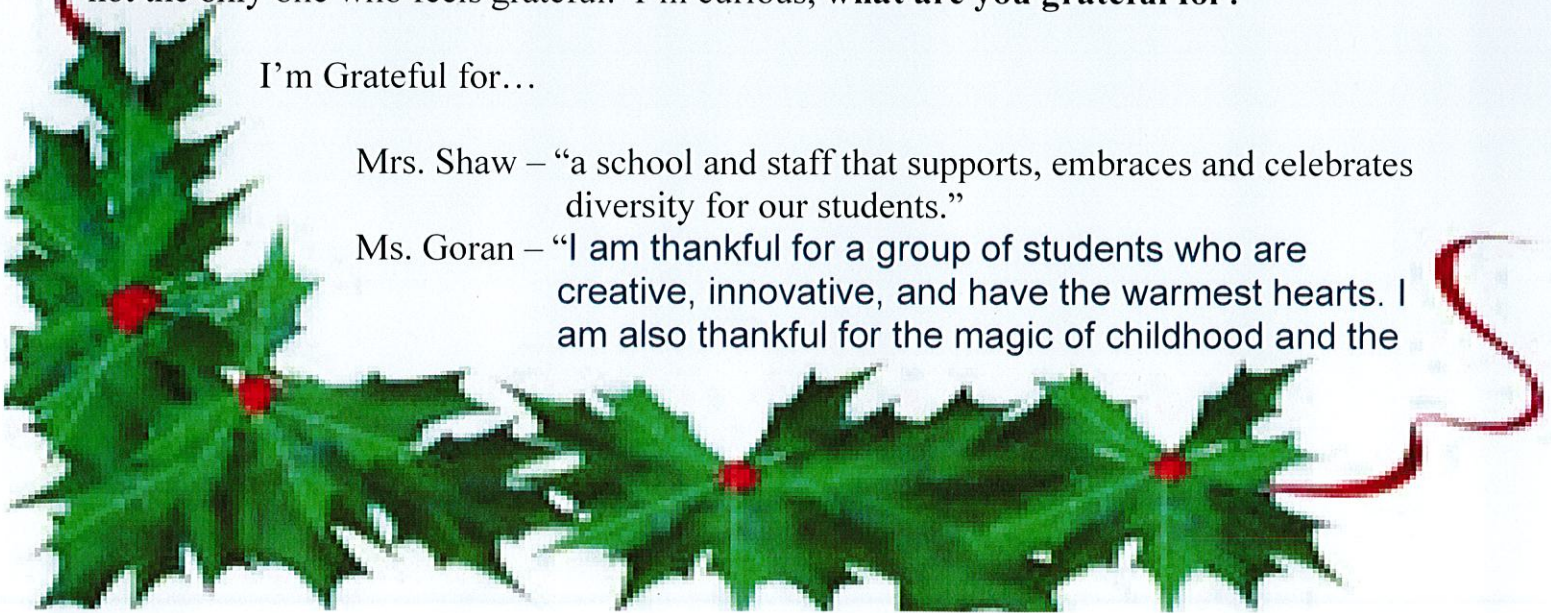
My list is LONG: The coaches and organizers who create opportunities for our kids beyond the classroom, teachers who challenge themselves to try new and different things shifting their class from great to even better (Seriously -- AMAZING stuff is happening in our classrooms), our EAs who work tirelessly with our kiddos creating positive relationships and experiences where all students are able to see success, our Booth for feeding me perogies every Wednesday, our Admin Assistants who keep our school running, our students who are hilarious, hard working, caring, accepting, supportive and exploring (and make things for me in shop class), our parents and community that support the "Heart" work we are doing at LAS, our caretakers who take such pride in keeping our building sparkly and well maintained, and, of course, Mr. Karras for driving me crazy while keeping me sane with his sense of humour and care for our students (Sorry for the run on sentence, Ms. Braun!).

With all the amazing things happening in and around this school, I know I'm not the only one who feels grateful. I'm curious, **what are you grateful for?**

I'm Grateful for...

Mrs. Shaw – "a school and staff that supports, embraces and celebrates diversity for our students."

Ms. Goran – "I am thankful for a group of students who are creative, innovative, and have the warmest hearts. I am also thankful for the magic of childhood and the



many amazing discoveries we have made together. Also, I am thankful for a Rider Grey Cup 2018, and cats."

Mr. Johnstone (Intern) – "that I have learned so much from all the staff... P.S.: and coming back in January!"

Mrs. Kucherhan – "Each day as they are filled with new questions, new ideas and new relationships."

Mrs. Plummer – "I'm grateful for student success, supportive parents and colleagues, family traditions, and online shopping!"

Ms. DeCorby – "**I am grateful for the amazing supportive staff and students who are full of discovery and wonder at LAS.**"

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!

Leanne Gruending

NOTICE!!

Our loyal Bus Drivers have informed the Office that we have MANY drivers driving past our buses parked in front of the school for either morning drop off/afternoon pick up of students. When the STOP sign on the buses are activated, you DO NOT PROCEED past these buses!! If you do, the result would be a \$360 fine if you are reported. Our Bus Drivers and staff supervisors are responsible for the safety of our children and have a duty to report any vehicle not obeying the law. This also applies to grid roads, provincial 2-lane highways, and at ANY TIME day or night!



**DO NOT DRIVE PAST OUR
BUSES WHEN THE STOP ARM
IS ACTIVATED!!!**



“Sleigh Ride”
An Elementary Christmas Program

Thursday, December 21st
6:30 PM
Lord Asquith School Gym

Everyone Welcome
Silver Collection

Believe!

Registration for New
Kindergarten Students
for the Fall of 2018
Please call 329-4331

Students presently registered in Pre-K
(Age 4) are already registered.





We have had a few new students enroll this month so our numbers have changed a little bit. To date, we have collected **91.47%** of our fees for the 2017/18 academic year. **That leaves us with 8.53% left to collect!** We know the Grade 1/2s have **100%** of their fees paid already. Many other classes are close behind with only 1-2 students left to pay. With only 11 families (18 students) remaining, **we would really like to have this collected by the end of December and have this task completed at the office.** Reminder letters are being sent out weekly.

Mrs. Rousell, Administrative Assistant

Academics



Entrepreneurship 30

The Entrepreneurship 30 class participated in the Christmas Market on December 10th and had a successful sale. They have raised \$170! That's **FANTASTIC!** Great work, Entrepreneurship 30 class!



January 2018 Final Exam Schedule

Time	Grade	Thursday, Jan. 25 th	Friday, Jan. 26 th	Monday, Jan. 29 th	Tuesday, Jan. 30 th
9:00 AM	Grade 10		ELA A10	Math Workplace and Apprenticeship 10	
	Grade 11	Physical Science 20	Math FD 20		ELA 20
	Grade 12	ELA A30	Math FD 30	History 30	Pre-Cal 30
Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM	Grade 10				
	Grade 11	Math Workplace and Apprenticeship 20		History 20	
	Grade 12	Math Workplace and Apprenticeship 30 Departmental	Life Transitions		

Extracurricular

Spirit FRIDAYS!!!!

Mark your calendars!!!

December 22nd - Formal "Black Tie" Day



Other News

Jr. SLC News

A big "Shout Out" for the Jr. SLC members who raised \$73 for Operation Santa! Way to Go!!!



Attention Grads: 2018 Grad Photo Dates!!

Grade 12 Grad Photo Date:

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Grad Retake Date: Call Saskatoon Office
@ 306-956-3040.



Please mark these dates in your calendars!!

Lost and Found

We have collected a wide variety of items over the past 3 and a half months in our Lost & Found bin. They are now being displayed in the Main Foyer Hallway for all to see. If you or your child is missing an item of clothing or school supplies, chances are you will find them here. Please check it out at your earliest before we bundle up these items on the week of **December 18th.**



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- » Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- » Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- » Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- » Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- » Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- » Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- » Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- » Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- » Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- » Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Nearly half** of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

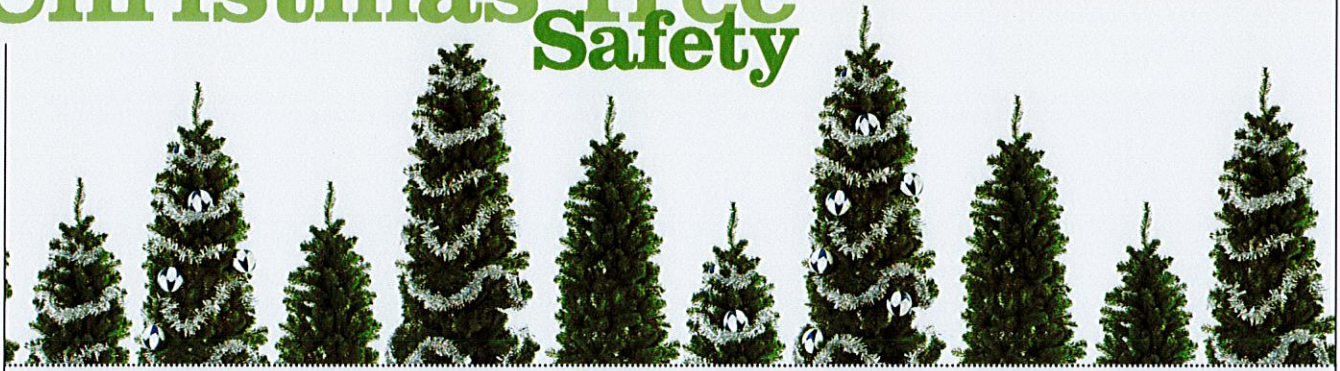


Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- » Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- » Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- » Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- » Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



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Contact Information Goes Here

Hot Meal News....

Hotmeal will be on December 22nd. This the Annual Christmas Banquet that the Hot Meal parents host for the school and community. There is turkey and all the fixings, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and veggies and dessert!



The Hot Meal parents will be roasting the turkeys and doing the cooking and serving but they will need some help. They will need donations of the following food items from the following classes:

Grade 6/7: 1 large bag of pre-cut pre-washed romaine lettuce

Grade 7/8: 1 kg. of frozen vegetables (Grade 7 – peas; Grade 8 – corn)

Grade 9: 2 boxes of Stovetop stuffing

Grade 10: 1 doz. Dinner buns

Grade 11: 1 dozen cookies, slices or squares (NO NUTS, please)

Grade 12: 8 lbs. potatoes each.

You don't want to miss out!! The Hot Meal parents appreciate your support!

Also, the Hot Meal Parents desperately need help in organizing and preparing upcoming Hot Meals. If you think that you can volunteer your time to help out, please contact the school as soon as possible!

Leanne Gruending

Students, Staff and Hot Meal Parents

From the Booth

Our Booth's menu offers a variety of hot foods and healthy snacks for our students' grumbling tummies. Items range from \$.50-2.50.

Breakfast Clubs of Canada

If you haven't already contributed to help subsidize the Breakfast Program, it's not too late! Please have your child give the following donations to their classroom teacher:

PreKindergarten – any nut-free cereal (plain Cheerios, Rice Krispies, etc...)

Kindergarten – 1 pkg (400 count) napkins

Grade One – any nut-free cereal (plain Cheerios, Rice Krispies, etc...)

Grade Two – large jar of jam

Grade Three – brown sugar

Grade Four – 1 pkg (400 count) napkins

Grade Five – (200) baking cups and 2L bottle of pancake syrup
Grade Six – large bag of chocolate chips (1 kg)
Grade 7 – 2 L tub of margarine **or** 1 pkg (400 count) napkins
Grade 8 – 1 box of disposable gloves
Grade 9 – Cheez Whiz
Grade 10 – 2 L tub of margarine
Grade 11 – 2 L jug of canola oil
Grade 12 – 1 bag of pancake mix



All donations are gratefully appreciated!!



Allergy Aware

At Lord Asquith School we do not allow anything with peanuts or any kind of tree nut at school. Thank you for keeping our children with life threatening allergies safe.

Doing your Christmas baking and want a peanut-free option? Try these cookies!

Peanut-Free Blossom Cookies

Ingredients

½ cup shortening
¾ cup SunButter
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 egg
2 Tbsp. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 ½ cup flour
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 package of Milk Chocolate Kisses



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375° F and unwrap the milk chocolate kisses.
2. Beat shortening and SunButter in large bowl until well-blended. Add 1/3 cup sugar and brown sugar; beat until fluffy. Add the egg, milk and vanilla; beat well.

3. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, baking soda and salt. Gradually beat into SunButter mixture.
4. Shape the dough into 1" balls. Roll in sugar then place on an ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately press an unwrapped milk chocolate Kiss into the center of each cookie (cookie will crack around edges). Remove from sheet to wire rack and let cool completely.

www.save.ca/community



School and Community Council

The next meeting of the School and Community Council (SCC) will be held on Tuesday evening, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. All community members and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any suggestions or questions, the SCC can be contacted via email: asquithscc@gmail.com. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**



Dates to Remember:

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| December 15: | Newsletter #4
"Ugly Christmas Sweater" Spirit Day |
| December 15-16: | Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament at Unity |
| December 18: | Jr. Girls Basketball Game @ Delisle, 4:30 PM |
| December 19: | SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM
Sr. Boys Basketball Game at Dalmeny, 6:30 PM |
| December 21: | Elementary Christmas Concert, 6:30 PM |
| December 22: | Hot Meal Christmas Banquet at Noon
Formal "Black Tie" Spirit Day |
| December 23 -
January 5: | Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL |



January 9:	Jr. Girls Basketball Game @ Perdue, 3:30 PM
January 10:	Deadline for Newsletter #5 Mass Band Rehearsal Sr. Basketball Games at Warman, Boys @4:30, Girls @ 6:00 PM Jr. Boys Basketball HOME Game vs. Langham, 4 PM
January 12-13:	Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament at Biggar Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament at Langham
January 15:	Newsletter #5 Jr. Boys Basketball at Vanscoy, 4 PM
January 16:	Jr. Girls Basketball HOME Game vs. Perdue, 5:15 PM
January 17:	Sr. Basketball HOST RJC, Boys @ 5:00, Girls @ 6:30 PM
January 19-20:	Sr. Boys Basketball HOME Tournament Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament at Birch Hills
January 22:	Jr. Boys Basketball HOME Game vs. Leask, 4 PM Jr. Girls Basketball HOME Game vs. Delisle, 5:15 PM
January 23:	Sr. Boys Basketball Game at Waldheim @ 5:00 PM SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM
January 24:	Mass Band Rehearsal
January 25-30:	High School Final Exams
January 29:	Jr. Boys Basketball HOME Game vs. Hepburn, 4 PM
January 31:	Semester Turn Around/Prep Time - NO SCHOOL



February 1:	Sr. Boys Basketball HOST Waldheim @ 5:00 PM
February 2:	Report Card Day, Grades 9-12
February 2-3:	Sr. Girls Basketball HOME Tournament
February 5:	Jr. Girls Basketball Conferences
February 6:	Jr. Boys Basketball Conference



February 8:

Sr. Basketball Games at VCA, Boys @ 4:00, Girls @ 5:30 PM

February 9:

Jr. Boys Basketball Conferences

February 10:

Sr. Basketball HOST LCBI, Girls @ 5:00, Boys @ 6:30 PM

February 13:

Deadline for Newsletter #6

Jr. Boys and Girls Basketball Finals

Sr. Basketball HOST Warman, Girls - 5 PM; Boys - 6:30

SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM

February 14:

Mass Band Rehearsal

February 15:

Newsletter #6

February 19-23:

Family Day/Winter Break - NO SCHOOL



March 1: Sr. Boys Basketball HOST Dalmeny @ 5:00 PM

Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament in St. Brieux

March 7: Mass Band Rehearsal

March 9: Deadline for Newsletter #7

March 10: Sr. Boys and Girls Basketball Conferences

March 12: Prep Time .5/PD .5 - NO SCHOOL

March 15: Newsletter #7

March 16-17: Sr. Boys and Girls Basketball Regionals

March 20: SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM

March 23-24: Sr. Boys and Girls Basketball Provincials, Prince Albert

March 29: Report Card Day, Grades K-12

March 30-

April 6: Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

April 9-14:

Resonate

April 10:

Deadline for Newsletter #8

April 11-12:

Student Led Conferences, 4-7 PM

April 16:

Newsletter #8

April 17:

Jr. Badminton Pre-Conferences

SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM

April 18:

Mass Band Rehearsal



April 19: Jr. Badminton Conferences
 April 21: Jr. Badminton Districts
 April 25: Sr. Badminton Conferences
 SCC Spring Assembly, Division Office, 7:00-8:30 PM
 April 28: Sr. Badminton Districts

May 5: Sr. Badminton Regionals, VCA Osler
 May 7th: Band - Music Monday
 May 7-18: SCC Elections
 May 8: SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM
 May 10: Deadline for Newsletter #9
 May 12: Sr. Badminton Provincials, Wilkie
 May 15: Newsletter #9
 May 16: Track and Field, Conference A, Griffith Stadium, Saskatoon
 May 18: Prep Time - NO SCHOOL
 May 21: Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
 May 22: Day in Lieu of SLC's - NO SCHOOL
 May 25: Track and Field Districts, Griffith Stadium, Saskatoon
 May 30: West Division Band Spring Concert, 7 PM



June 1-2: Track and Field Provincials, Prince Albert
 June 8: Deadline for Newsletter #10
 June 15: Newsletter #10
 June 19: SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM
 June 22-27: High School Final Exams
 June 28: Prep Time - NO SCHOOL
 Graduation Day
 June 29: Report Card Day/Prep Time - NO SCHOOL















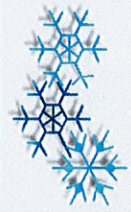

Merry Christmas



December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 	4A	5B Sr. Boys Basketball HOST Delisle @ 5:00 PM	6C 	7D 	1F Jersey Day Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament at Kindersley 	2 Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament at Kindersley
10 Christmas Market 10 am-4 pm	11F Sr. Basketball HOST VCA, Girls @ 5:00, Boys @ 6:30 PM	12A Winter Band Concert @ Lakeview Church 7 pm 	13B 	14C Sr. Basketball Games at LCBI, Boys @ 5:00, Girls @ 6:30 PM	15D Newsletter #4/Ugly Christmas Sweater Day Sr. Boys BB Tourney at Unity 	16 Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament at Unity
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24 	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day NO SCHOOL 	27 Christmas break NO SCHOOL 	28 Christmas break NO SCHOOL 	29 Christmas break NO SCHOOL 	
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January 2018

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	1 New Year's Day 	2 Christmas break NO SCHOOL 	3 Christmas break NO SCHOOL 	4 Christmas break NO SCHOOL 	5 Christmas break NO SCHOOL 	6 
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