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Principal's Post

Happy New Year everyone. I trust that you had an enjoyable Christmas and holiday with your family. Many staff were saying that it was very relaxing because the frigid temperatures kept us inside.

We have returned to school with a very cold week and busses not running, but I want to thank you as parents for bringing your children each day. I know that this is an additional task for many of you each day and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The PSSD Transportation Department has had a really difficult time since COVID hit finding drivers, especially spare drivers to cover when regular drivers are sick or have appointments. I know that this has caused many cancelled routes and an inconvenience for you as parents and families. We have appreciated your flexibility and hope that (like in many things) things will change in the near future and these inconveniences will decrease.

We have 2 weeks left in this term and we will have reached the half way point in the school year. It's hard to believe that it has gone this fast but with this cold weather, sometimes winter does not pass fast enough.

I spoke in High School Chapel this past week on our theme the Holy Spirit and was reminded in John 16:13 where it says, "However, when He, the spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...". In a world and a time where it is difficult to know or find actual truth's, the Holy Spirit reminds us that we need to focus on the real truth, the truth that is found in scripture. In 2 Tim 3:16-17 it says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." May we keep our eyes and our focus on our Lord and Savior, and simply learn to cope with the challenges the world brings our way.

Mr. Laskowski

Coming up....

January 27 & 28	Quarter 2 Final Exams
January 31	Semester turn around day—No Students
February 4	Report Cards - grades 7-12
February 21	Family Day
February 22-25	February Break
March 7	PD/Prep Day—No Students
March 9	K-12 Interviews (3:30-7:00 pm)
March 10	K-12 Interviews (3:30-7:00 pm)
March 18	Report Cards (Grades 1-6)

High School Chapel Schedule:

Jan 12	Mr. Wollf
Jan 19	Grade 12 Class
Jan 26	Cancelled due to finals
Feb 2	TBD
Feb 6	Grade 8 Class
Feb 16	Mrs. Nickel

Elementary Chapel Schedule:

Jan 12	Mr. Cameron (Heroes of the Bible—Ruth & Boaz)
Jan 19	Grade 4 led Chapel
Jan 26	Mr. Cameron (Heroes of the Bible—David)
Feb 2	Mr. Cameron (Heroes of the Bible—Tabitha)
Feb 9	Mrs. Braun (Heroes of the Bible—Ananias & Paul)
Feb 16	Grade 3 led Chapel

Vacant Positions:

Prairie Spirit has openings for Substitute Teachers, Substitute Educational Associates, Substitute Administrative Assistants and Substitute Bus Drivers. If you, or anyone you know is interested please refer to the PSSD website at www.spiritsd.ca for further information.

PSSD Covid19 Update

Our local Medical Health Officer has provided the following direction:

If a student or a staff member has symptoms, they should not return to work or school until symptoms have significantly improved for 48 hours or your end of isolation date (if COVID positive or close contact) - whichever is later.



Bell Let's Talk Day is Wednesday, January 26 and this year VCA is joining in. Since 2010, Canadians and people around the globe have joined in the world's largest conversation around mental health on this day every year.

Initiatives like this are helping to reduce the stigma around mental health issues. In a recent survey, 82% of Canadians said they are comfortable speaking with others about mental health. In 2012 that number was only 42%. By continuing to have conversations about mental health, we are all helping to make a difference.

This year's Let's Talk Day campaign highlights the ways that we can support ourselves and those we care about through actions like listening, being there and talking. We want to create that atmosphere of openness and support around mental health issues in our school. So, on Wednesday, January 26 we'll offer students in all grades an opportunity to learn about mental health. Please ask your child what they learned on Let's Talk Day and continue the conversation at home.

Bell Let's Talk Day also helps raise money in support of organizations that provide support to people experiencing mental health issues. Here's how it works: On Let's Talk Day, Bell donates 5 cents to Canadian mental health programs for every applicable text, local or long distance call, tweet or TikTok video using #BellLetsTalk, every [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Snapchat](#), [TikTok](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) view of the Bell Let's Talk Day video, and every use of the Bell Let's Talk Facebook frame or Snapchat lens. There is no cost to participants (beyond what they would normally pay their service provider for online or phone access). For more info on how to participate, check out their website: <https://letstalk.bell.ca/en/>

Thanks for your support as we make mental health part of our students' learning!