



**February 2022**

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## Principal's Post

The drive home on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January was like nothing I had ever experienced - especially being born and raised in Australia. At one point of the drive, I was at a complete standstill watching the snow swirl. That moment in time reminded me of Nahum 1:3 which states 'The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. No matter how 'out of control' our life can feel, the reality is, we can trust that he will make His way clear to us, we need only take the next step. He will also fight our fight for us. We need only be still.

In high school sport we congratulate our Senior Girls soccer team for not only becoming provincial champions but now, arguably of greater value the girls have been awarded the SHSAA Sportsmanship Banner. Well done girls, coach and supporters - we are proud of you!

In Chapel our elementary students are learning about Heroes of the Bible. In recent weeks they have learnt about David, Tabitha, and Ruth. In High School Chapel students continue to learn about the person of the Holy Spirit. Some highlights included the visit from Pastor Brent Klassen and also the presentations from the High School Drama team. We would also like to remind parents that attendance to chapel is currently only for school students and not available for parents and visitors to attend in light of recent COVID19 guidelines. We are hopeful this will soon change and look forward to sharing that news when we are able.

Finally, I would like to let you know that I (David Cameron) will be in Australia for the remainder of the school year, reconnecting with family and friends. In my absence I am excited to share that Mr. Murray Neudorf will be acting Vice-principal and Mrs. Lorna Nelson will rejoin our staff on a temporary basis as she works with our elementary students in improving student reading capacity and working as our learning facilitator. We are thankful for the Lord's continued provision for our school.

In Christ,

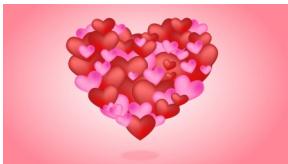
David Cameron



## Coming up....

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)
April 4	PD/Prep Day—No Students
April 13 & 14	Quarter 3 Exams
April 15	Good Friday—No School
April 18—22	Easter Break—No School
April 26	Report Cards—grades 7-12

The grade 7 science class are wrapping up a unit on ecosystems where we ended with learning about composting. Below is the grade 7 class cleaning up the vermicompost bin we have been keeping in class.



## PSSD Covid19 Update

Here is an excerpt that highlights the changes to the guidelines from a letter that all PSSD families will have received via email on January 27, 2022.

- Parents and caregivers are no longer required to notify schools about positive COVID-19 test results for the purposes of close contact notification. Those who test positive are required to self-isolate and will be absent from school and activities for the duration of the self-isolation period. As a result, schools will no longer be providing daily COVID notifications to the school community. Without the requirement for close contacts to self-isolate, notification of being a close contact is no longer required. As schools will no longer be notified of cases, schools will not have accurate information to share with families. In the absence of a Public Health Order or direction from the Saskatchewan Health Authority, we do not have the authority to share health information that parents/caregivers share with us in confidence.
- Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases will no longer be required to self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status.
- An individual who receives a positive test result on a PCR or rapid antigen test will be required to self-isolate for five days, regardless of vaccination status. The individual is required to self-isolate for five days from the date of test or 24 hours after fever has resolved without the aid of fever-reducing medications and all other symptoms have been improving for at least 48 hours, whichever is later. Previously, unvaccinated residents who had tested positive were required to self-isolate for 10 days.
- The Public Health Order remains in effect, which includes mandatory masking in indoor public spaces, mandatory self-isolation for all confirmed cases and proof of vaccination or negative test requirements for public access to a list of establishments, businesses and event venues.
- We will continue to follow our safety practices in Prairie Spirit schools, including: masking, good hand hygiene, reduced visitors to schools, physical distancing when possible and the Division's current vaccination/testing policy.
- We expect students and staff members to stay home if they have any symptoms. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is sick, please report their absence as "illness" when you contact the school. This information is requested by Public Health as part of their ongoing monitoring at schools. We will continue to provide regular updates to families. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.



# Sports

The Sr. Girls soccer team was recently awarded another banner to go along with their Provincial Championship. SHSAA awarded the VCA Sr. Girls Soccer Team with the 2021 Soccer Sportsmanship Award!

This prestigious award, selected by various individuals such as SHSAA representatives and referees, is given to the team at the Provincial Championships that best exemplifies sportsmanship at the player, coach and community level.

To go along with the banner, the team will also receive individual certificates recognizing their sportsmanship, while the school will receive milk for all students and teachers.

Well done VCA!



Tryouts will be held in Hepburn on March 27, 2022 and are open to boys in grades 6 - 10, born between 2010 - 2006, who live in your town and surrounding area. The program will run from March 27 - June 12, 2022 and will be based out of the Hepburn Community Center.



If you have any questions, please feel free to email [knightsbasketball.sk@gmail.com](mailto:knightsbasketball.sk@gmail.com)

