December 2022

# **SPC Bulletin**

# Reporting an Absence?

Please email <u>spc@psd.ca</u> or call 780-963-2203 anytime and leave a message. Please be sure to include your child's complete name and grade and details of the absence!

#### Stony Plain Central Administrators

Mrs. . T. Neuman - Principal

Mr. W. Moody – Assistant Principal

Mrs. D. Villeneuve – Assistant Principal

# Principal's Message

Winter is certainly in the air as the start of December has been met with particularly cool temperatures! On cold, winter days, when the temperature or wind chill reaches -23, students remain inside during recess and physical education classes. As the temperature warms above this, we will be taking advantage of being outside and it is important that students of all ages are dressed appropriately for the weather.

December is also a busy time for teaching and learning as we begin the second term of the year. We also celebrate and report on the learning that has taken place up to this point in the year. Report Cards will be available online at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2nd. Please take time to access them by logging into your PowerSchool account. The report cards are an important part of communicating student progress with families and setting goals for the upcoming terms.

There are many additional celebrations and activities this month that enhance learning and build up our school community. We are once again supporting our local Kinsmen Hamper Gift Donation Drive and appreciate all the generous gift donations that have already been brought in. We will continue to collect donations until December 9th. There will be a number of School Spirit theme days sprinkled throughout the month that are organized by our SPC Student Leadership Team.



Our School Council and Friends of SPC are also providing a Pancake Breakfast for Early Education and K-6 students, and a Turkey Dinner that will accompany the Grade 7-9 Snowball. We appreciate the generous support of our parent community and the fundraising efforts of our SPC families to support events such as these. Please see the attached calendar for the dates for all events and activities.

We are also excited to once again have an in person Winter Concert for our K-6 families. There are two opportunities to attend this concert on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. or Friday, December 16th at 1:15 p.m. There have been great preparations for this show and we can't wait to share it with you!

These next few weeks of December will fly by as students continue to engage in learning and enjoy celebrating all the extras this season brings! Along with the extras that this season brings, I hope that the holiday season also brings with it a time to pause and connect with loved ones. On behalf of the staff of Stony Plain Central we want to thank our parents and community for your continued support. We wish all of you a happy holiday season filled with joy and peace!

Tanya Neuman - SPC Principal

#### STONY PLAIN WINTER CONCERT

# School Council and Society Meeting.

Friends of SPC next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm

The next School Council will be December 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 3:30 in person or virtural.

All SPC Parents are welcome!!!!

#### Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Please remember that all student drop off and pick up is to be done in the parking lot by the bus area. This year's Winter Concert for Grades K-6 will be in the SPC Gym Thursday, December 15 at 7pm and Friday, December 16 at 1:15pm. Both shows are the same will include all students so it will not matter which show you are able to attend!





#### **REPORT CARDS—December 2, 2022**

Your child's report card will be available online on December 2, 2022. Using the link below, you will sign into your PowerSchool account. On the left side of the screen you will locate "Report Card K-9". Then you will select the 2022-23 school year and then the term! If you require a paper copy be sent home with your child, please send an email spc@psd.ca.

https://powerschool.psd.ca/public

### SPC CHOIR

Our school choir will be participating and singing in the Oil Kings "Sing For Santa" event. This takes place on Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 pm at the Edmonton Oil Kings Annual Teddy Bear Toss game. They will be performing, along with other choirs from the Edmonton area, holiday classics during the Oil Kings' game.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL AND SOCIETY

#### Get Involved. Make a Difference.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

SPC Fundraising: Monday, December 5 1:30pm - 2:30pm School Library



Parent Council meeting: Tuesday, December 13 3:30pm - 4:30pm \*online available

#### Fundraisers and Events - Watch for details on social media and email.



#### Order Pickup @ school

Wednesday, December 14th from 2:30-2:55 and 3:15-5:00

\*\*we <u>will not</u> be contacting individuals to remind of unclaimed orders and orders remaining will be donated at the discretion of the Friends of SPC Society\*\*

\*WANTED: your favorite holiday treats! Bake sale donations will be collected Monday Dec 12 1:00-3:30 and Wednesday Dec 14 2:30-5:00. Please bring packaged and ready for sale.\*



 @ Christmas concert performances on Dec 15 (evaning) & Dec 16 (afternoon)

\*\*Bring Cash! The bake sale, 50/50 raffle, and bench raffle will be cash only payment during the Christmas concerts\*\*

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for:



<u>Bake sale table</u> Dec 15 (evening) & Dec 16 (afternoon) - can still watch your child perform!
Elementary <u>pancake breakfast</u> on Wednesday Dec 21 for approx 5 hrs during school hours.

Email us: <a href="mailto:spc.scchair@partner.psd.ca">spc.scchair@partner.psd.ca</a> to let us know where you can help out - even if it's only for a couple hours!

Pizza Fridays - Cosmic Pizza (pre-orders closed) Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16 \*small quantities available to purchase day of



Hot Lunch (ordering closed) Dec 5 - Dominos Pizza Dec 12 - Jacks Drive In Dec 19 - Edo Japan

January Hot Lunch & Pizza Fridays will be open for ordering mid December



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Stony Plain Central School,

#### Re: Changes to Fundraising Payment and Pickup

We would like to thank you for your fantastic support for the fundraisers we have run so far this year! In order to keep the momentum going, there are a couple of things that need to be addressed as we are noticing a rise in issues surrounding payment and pickup.



The Friends of SPC Society is a separate organization from the school and is completely volunteer based. The individuals who set up the fundraisers and hot lunch programs do so around their already busy schedules of work and family commitments. We kindly ask that you <u>respect their time</u> by reading through the information provided with the fundraisers very carefully, along with your understanding of why we need to implement these payment and pickup procedures going forward.

- Payment We ask that payment is made via the online platform that is advertised with the fundraiser. Cash and cheque payments ARE NOT ACCEPTED and going forward your order will be returned to you if submitted in this manner. This is not only to protect Friends of SPC from misplaced and lost payments, but also yourself.
- 2. Pickup Once we know the specific pickup date, it will be clearly communicated through email and/or social media (@spccouncil). We do not have storage space to keep orders and have always asked that if you are unable to pick up your order during the designated time to please find someone who can. When the organizers have to arrange *multiple alternate pickups* on unclaimed orders it is time consuming and frustrating. Going forward we will not be contacting individuals to remind you of your order that is waiting to be picked up and orders remaining after the pickup window will be donated at the discretion of the Friends of SPC Society.

By placing an order in future fundraisers, you will be accepting these changes.

We can be reached at <a href="mailto:spc.scchair@partner.psd.ca">spc.scchair@partner.psd.ca</a> should you have any questions.

Kind regards, Friends of Stony Plain Central Society





### Student Council News SPC Spirit Days and Activities for December

December 7 <sup>th</sup>	- Flannel and Plaid Day – Wear your flannels and plaid!				
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	- Final day for collection of items for the Kinsmen Hamper – Thank you to our school community for your support.				
December 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16	Door decorating begins this week. Classes will decorate their classroom door for Christmas and Student Leadership students will be judging on December 21 <sup>st</sup> with prizes awarded.				
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	- Candy Cane Day – Wear red, white and green – all students will receive a candy cane from student council.				
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	- Toasty Tinsel Tuesday – Wear cozy comfy clothes with Christmas spirit and sparkles and don't forget a Santa hat or Christmas headband!				
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	- Grinch Day – Dress up as a character from the Grinch Movie.				
	-Classroom Door Decorating Contest Judging				
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Christmas Sweater Day – Show your Christmas spirit by wearing a Christmas sweater.				
	- <b>Drop Everything and Carol</b> – During random times during the school day Christmas carols will be played on the intercom and student will drop everything and sing!	appi not a Dec			
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	- K- 6 Elementary PJ Day – Wear you comfy cozy pjs to school for the day!	2023			

- 7-9 Snow Ball

# WINTER IS HERE!!!

Remember that the cold weather is now here! Please ensure that your child is dressed according to the weather....hats, warm mitts, boots!!!!!

# **Christmas Break**

Christmas Break is fast approaching. Students are not at school from Decmeber 23– January 6, 2023.



# STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2022

THANK YOU to the students and their families, and all staff at the local area schools that support the Christmas Hamper program in Stony Plain and west Parkland. For the 44<sup>th</sup> year, the Stony Plain Kinsmen and volunteers are working to make Christmas brighter for local families struggling with a limited income. Our goal is to support families in need with food and gifts for the holidays. Last year, with your help, we assisted 697 families in our area and supported over 2000 residents! We anticipate a significant increase this year.

We will continue with the changes to the Christmas Hamper program made in recent years. We will NOT be asking for non-perishable food items. If you do receive food donations, we will be happy to take them to the Parkland Food Bank for you. We will collect monetary donations, gifts, and local grocery store gift cards to 'upsize' the Parkland Food Bank's December hampers for all clients. We will continue to run the gift portion of the program as usual and will collect and distribute gifts and gift cards to children 17 and under.

To ensure a diverse selection of age-appropriate gifts, we are asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts or gift cards that are based on gender and age. For children 10 and older, gift cards are ideal. Please refer to <u>stonyplainkinsmen.ca</u> for additional information and gift ideas. Last year, we provided gifts to 837 children in our area!

Items will be picked up at the schools on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Hampers will then be assembled and distributed to registered families on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Families must register through the Parkland Food Bank to receive a Kinsmen Christmas Hamper.

Ray Côté will be your contact and is available to speak with any class and/or assembly. Please leave a message on the Kinsmen phone at (780) 915-6934 and he will return your call. Also, visit stonyplainkinsmen.ca for 'School Information' and a list of 'Gift Ideas'.

THANK YOU for your incredible support of local families at Christmas. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely, The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain



### STONY PLAIN AND WEST PARKLAND

# CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2022

#### GIFT IDEAS (Children 9 and under)

Lego

Games

- Stuffed animals
- Puzzles

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Craft kits

Dolls

Other popular children's toys.

Please do not send "weapon" toys.

#### LOCAL GIFT CARD IDEAS (Children 10 and over)

- Red Apple Store
- Superstore
- Wal-Mart
- Landmark Cinemas
- Canadian Tire
- Michaels
- Sport Chek
- Winners
- Chapters Indigo

# DECEMBER 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Day 4	Day 5
			Bookfair	Bookfair
				Term 1 Ends
				Report cards Online
5	6	7	8	9
Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Friends of SPC 1:30		Flannel and Plaid Day		Gr 2W Stony Public Library
Term 2 Begins				Kinsmen Hamper Final Collection Day
12	13	14	15	16
Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Classroom Door Decorating	Gr 9 Immunization Teaching	Classroom Door Decorating	Christmas Concert 7pm	Christmas Concert 1:15pm
	School Council Mtg 3:30		Classroom Door Decorating	Classroom Door Decorating
	Classroom Door Decorating			
19	20	21	22	23
Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2
Charlie and the Choc. Fac. 1:30pm Gr 2, 3, 6 and Drama	Toasty Tinsel Tuesday	Grinch Day	Christmas Sweater Day	Turkey Lunch Gr 7-9
Spirit Day - Candy Cane Day		Door Decorating Judging	Drop Everything & Carol	Snow Ball - Gr 7-9
	Pancake Breakfast - ECSB & EEpm	Pancake Breakfast - Gr K-6 and EEam		K-6 PJ Day
26	27	28	29	30
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