

# DECEMBER

## PSO newsletter



### IMPORTANT INFO:

We are expecting increased traffic around the school on Tuesday Dec 9th for Christmas Hamper pick up at the Food Bank. Please expect that access to the front of the school will be limited in the morning and early afternoon. Drop offs/Pick ups should be planned for alternate locations such as the FreshCo parking lot or on the corner of 7th and Alpine at the old RCMP station. Students that drive to school will be able to utilize the bus loop entrance into the back parking lot as the front access will be closed. If your student has accessibility needs please reach out to us at [psoinfo@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:psoinfo@sd27.bc.ca).



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

DEC  
10

Grade Assembly

DEC  
15

PSO Concert 7pm -  
Entrance by donation

DEC  
15

Holiday Game Week 15<sup>th</sup>  
to 19<sup>th</sup>

DEC  
18

Turkey Day Lunch

DEC  
19

Pancake Breakfast & Last  
Day of School before  
Winter Break

JAN  
5

First Day Back at School &  
Gr 8 Elective change E4

JAN  
6

Grade Assembly

JAN  
12

Numeracy & Literary  
Assessments start



## SPORTS

### Basketball Practices

#### **Mondays & Wednesdays**

Gr 8 Girls from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Jr. Girls/Sr. Girls from 4:30 to 6:30 pm

#### **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

Jr. Boys from 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Sr. Boys from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

## GRAD NEWS

Grad Bottle Drive for January 10th at the Stan Halcro Aripex Arena from 10-2pm.



## CLC 12 REMINDERS FOR GR. 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- Capstone proposals are overdue - if you are planning to graduate this year and have not submitted a Capstone proposal, please do so immediately. **This was due Oct. 1.**
- The Assignments portion of this course was due **Nov. 12.** Again, if you are planning to graduate this year, please submit your assignments immediately.
- Work experience - please see Heather Wood if you have not started this requirement.

## STUDENT ART SHOW AT PARKSIDE GALLERY

The show includes an overview of what the students do in the art program grades 9 through 12. The Senior class is also showcasing their skills through signature project pieces. Additionally, some keen students have chosen to put in the extra effort to do independent pieces. The show opens at Parkside Art Gallery on January 17<sup>th</sup> and will remain on display for a month. Some student works will be available for purchase. Come out and see the amazing creativity of these young artists.



## PSO BAND CONCERT

The PSO concert band is jingling all the way with a festive Christmas concert on December 15th at 7pm in our school gym! Admission is by donation!

## NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help out with our annual turkey day lunch on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ms. Currie for more information.



## SNOW RELATED SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Winter is lots of fun but also presents some safety concerns. All students have been advised that snowballs and ice are not to be thrown at school or on school grounds and will have escalating consequences due to the injury hazard they present. Donuts in the parking lot are also a serious safety concern and will be treated as such if they occur.

## TERM 1 LEARNING UPDATES

Learning Updates were posted on MyEd on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't seen them please log into your parent portal on MyEd. If you would like a paper copy, please call the office and speak to Mrs. Zailo. If you have concerns or questions, please contact teachers directly via email or phone the school at 250-395-2461. Course failures at the Grade 10-12 level may have an impact on graduation eligibility.

## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

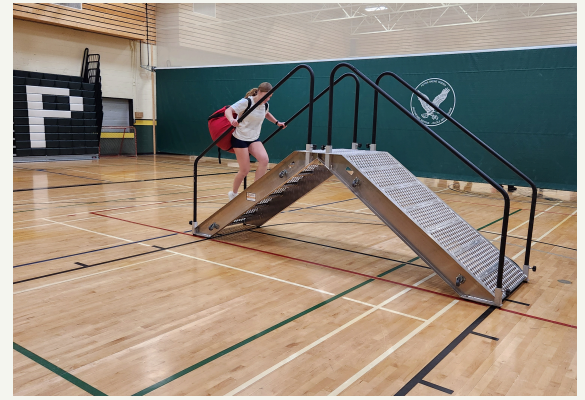
On November 26<sup>th</sup>, we were visited by Justin Brien, former Junior hockey player turned motivational speaker and TED Talks speaker. He talked to our school about complex issues he has experienced including sports, drugs / substance abuse, and mental health. The talk "hit home" for many students, who were visibly inspired after hearing about Justin's journey.



## JR FIRE CREW TESTING

This week, we welcomed the Jr. Fire Crew to conduct testing for our Jr. Fire Crew candidates.

One of our candidates, Kim Baechmann, is currently preparing for the fitness test necessary for Wildland firefighters.



## WINTER WEATHER

Students, Parents & Guardians, as the cooler weather begins to make an appearance, we are asking for students to ensure they are wearing weather appropriate clothing to school so that they can be outside during classes and scheduled breaks. If you need help with purchasing winter clothing for your child(ren), please contact the Principal Caitlin Currie via email at [caitlin.currie@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:caitlin.currie@sd27.bc.ca).

## FAMILIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE

Families requiring food assistance during the winter break are encouraged to reach out confidentially to Principal Caitlin Currie via email at [caitlin.currie@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:caitlin.currie@sd27.bc.ca).

## CONTACT INFO

### **Administration Team**

Caitlin Currie, Principal  
Shawn Meville, Vice Principal  
Robert MacDonald, Vice Principal

### **PSO Indigenous Support Workers**

Angel Smith  
Sharmaine Grimes

### **Clerical Team**

Shantell Silvey, Accounting  
Sylvia Zailo, Records  
Nicki Jackson, Office Front Desk

### **Counselling**

Nicki Hansen, Youth Engagement Worker  
Jodi Wium, School Counselor  
Heather Wood, Career Counselor



Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Family Members of the  
PSO School Community,

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all of you. Your dedication, hard work, and support throughout the year have helped make this school year special and successful. We are truly grateful for the collaboration and kindness that make our community so strong. We wish you all a Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, and peace, and a Happy New Year full of new opportunities, growth, and happiness. May this festive season bring you cherished moments with your loved ones and a fresh start for the year ahead.

Thank you for being an essential part of the PSO school community. We look forward to an exciting year ahead with all of  
you.

Warmest wishes,  
PSO Staff



*Merry  
Christmas*  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



