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Peacocke's Principal Points for Parents

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Christmas Elves

SAPP will be collecting donations for the Beaumont and Nisku Christmas Elves with a special emphasis on rounding up gifts for approximately 50 teens in need. We are asking everyone to participate by bringing in new items and/or cash donations. Please bring donations to Mrs. Butler's room (104) to be entered into a draw for a stocking filled with goodies. As a second way to raise funds (for the purchase of more gifts), students can also pay \$2 to vote to determine which teacher will wear our Christmas Elf Costume on Friday, Dec. 14th.

Suggested items are on flyers around the school and in the Library display case, but items we are looking for are can also be found by going to the link to our school website here:

<https://esbchs.blackgold.ca/sapp-beaumont-and-nisku-christmas-elves/>

Vote for your Elf reminder - staff choices to come

As part of the fundraising efforts for the Christmas Elves, students can donate \$2 to vote for the staff member of their preference to wear the Elf costume on December 14th. Stay tuned for your list of choices!

Hats On and chocolate sales for kids

In another initiative in the series of fundraising avenues to help kids in need at Christmas time, SAPP is organizing a "Hats-on and chocolate sales for Christmas Elves" Campaign for the next 3 weeks. On Friday, November 30 as well as on



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December 7th and 14th students can make donations to allow them to wear their hat for a day or purchase chocolates in support of the cause. Students will need to be wearing a wristband to prove they have made a donation in order to wear their hats - stay tuned for details.

Human Rights Day

One of the great traditions at our school is our celebration of Human Rights Day in early December. This year will be no exception as SAPP and SAT work together to plan for this event which usually involves lots of great live music and awareness of important issues. Please stay tuned for details.

Band Concert - mark your calendars

Want to get in the Christmas mood? Mr. Stade and the ESBCHS Band will be performing on December 13th at 7:00pm at JE LaPointe School as part of this year's holiday warm-up. If you have not seen the new gym at JE LaPointe, this would be a good time to support the band AND see the new gym!

MyPass

All students should be getting registered on MyPass which allows them to see all their course information and, ultimately, their diploma exam marks. Grade 12's in particular need to ensure they have their MyPass accounts set up prior to February in order to be able to access Diploma Exam results. Any student who is re-writing a diploma exam also needs to register themselves for the exam directly on MyPass. Alberta Education will send notifications in January however students can initiate the process themselves by going to MyPass.alberta.ca and following instructions but they must use an email address other than their blackgold address as it expires at the end of June.

Permissions - reminder

Parents, please remember to check to make sure all permissions and payments for any fees or field trips are paid. If students are on a team, you also need to ensure that their permissions are completed before they participate. If they are going on a field trip, they will not be allowed to attend if their permissions and payment are not taken care of by the minimum 24 hour deadline.



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Vaping in school

As you are hopefully already aware, we do not allow students to vape in or around our school at any time and students who are caught vaping receive an automatic three-day suspension out of school. All students have been informed of our boundaries on vaping since last year and they were all reminded this year during our classroom visits at the start of the school year when we welcomed students and reviewed opportunities and expectations here at ESBCHS. Vaping is not only a smoking related activity, but with the unregulated substances and the potential health implications for students, this is an activity that has no place at school. In addition, vape juices can contain nicotine or narcotics raising further concerns, and students who share vapes with each other put themselves at even greater risk by not knowing exactly what they might be inhaling. Please speak to your children about these concerns and boundaries. We are working to find ways to completely eliminate vaping in school as it sometimes occurs in washrooms making many students uncomfortable about going there which is obviously a big concern.

Parking lot safety

Student drivers are reminded to make sure they take extra precautions when driving in school zones and when driving in our own parking lot. With shorter days and some icy conditions, it is imperative that they drive with increased care and attention for everyone's safety.

Information sessions for anyone interested:

There are several information sessions coming up for students of all ages on post-secondary institutions. It is never too early to start to see what programs schools offer and what you need to do to get accepted, so please make sure you keep an ear out for upcoming presentations in our school or go to Student Services if you want to know more.

Upcoming Student Recognition Assemblies for the year

- Tuesday December 4
- Thursday March 21
- Monday June 10



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Thanks for reading!

I hope you have found this week's message informative and that it gives you a sense of the many great things going on in our school. I always welcome your feedback, so feel free to email me at chris.peacocke@blackgold.ca

Sincerely,

Mr. Peacocke