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Peacocke's Principal Points for Parents

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The Band prepares for the December 13th Christmas Concert at JE and SAPP/SAT have done a great job decorating our school for December!

Congrats to the JV Girls - bronze to start the year!

Way to go girls! The JV Girls Bball team brought home a bronze medal from their first tournament of the year at ME Lazerte this past weekend!!

Christmas Elves

Our SAPP (student activists for peace and preservation) and SAT (student action team) students and their teacher supervisors continue to look for donations for the Beaumont and Nisku Christmas Elves with a special emphasis on rounding up gifts for approximately 50 teens in need. 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 - proceeds go to the Christmas Elves

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. We have about 10 teachers who have volunteered to be candidates- should be fun to see who wins the honour in support of the Christmas Elves.



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Hats-on and hot chocolate sales for Christmas Elves

“Hats-on and hot chocolate sales for Christmas Elves” Campaign continues for a couple more weeks. On December 6th and 14th students can make donations to allow them to wear their hat for a day or purchase hot chocolate 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.

Human Rights Day on December 10th

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.

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!



Band concert next week!

PD Day

This Friday we have a PD Day. In the morning, we have Dr. Shawn Reynolds from the Glenrose Hospital coming to speak to our staff about working with students with Autism as well as working with kids with high anxiety and those who demonstrate other behavioural and learning concerns. In the afternoon, staff will be attending a wide range of sessions such as Increasing Student Resilience, Executive Functioning,



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Indigenous ways of knowing, First Aid, Exam blueprinting, developing common assessments, exam item writing just to name a few.

Vaping in school

Last week I mentioned our concerns about vaping and in addition to some upcoming dialogue with students, here are a couple of links that parents may find helpful to learn about the perils of vaping and some ways to discuss the matter with your kids should you wish.

Resources:

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/Quick-Facts-on-the-Risks-of-E-cigarettes-for-Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adults.html

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/smoking-tobacco/vaping.html>

Final Exams - a few things to keep in mind for January

- Starting with this year's final exams, students will be required to display photo ID on their desk during final exams so please remind them to keep this in mind
- Students with exam conflicts need to see Ms. MacArthur directly and ASAP to make arrangements
- Students who go on vacation and do not return until after exams are over will be required to write upon returning to school, even if it is in Semester 2. Marks will be adjusted accordingly after the exam is written and marked by the teacher and then the necessary arrangements will be made for a final mark course correction.

Accessing student supports

If you are looking for avenues of support for your child, please contact your child's administrator or counselor. If you are unsure who that is, please call the main office at 780-929-6282 and the front office staff will point you in the right direction.

Accountability Pillar survey upcoming in February

In the new year, our Grade 10 students and parents will be asked to complete the annual government survey known that the Accountability Pillar Survey focusing on various aspects of our school. We make arrangements for students to complete the surveys at school, but we ask that parents please keep an eye out for this survey as we



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value your perspectives on how our school is performing. We will share more information as the dates for the survey approach.

MyPass Reminder

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.

Upcoming Student Recognition Assemblies for the year

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

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