

WEEK AT A GLANCE

December 11- 15, 2023

Monday Dec 18	Tuesday Dec 19	Wednesday Dec 20	Thursday Dec 21	Friday Dec 22
SPIRIT WEEK <i>Holiday head Gear</i> ABCD	<i>Bring your own blanket</i> PLT ABCD	<i>White out!</i> BADC	<i>Red and Green</i> PLT BADC	<i>Pajama day</i> <i>Holiday Breakfast</i> <i>Last day before Winter break</i> BADC

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (DEC 22)

Please be reminded that **Friday, December 22nd** is the last day of classes before the Winter holiday. The day will start at 8:00 for the **Holiday Breakfast** in the Old gym (*wear your PJs!*). Classes will start at 9:30 and we will go through all 4 1-hour classes and **dismiss for the day at 1:50 PM**. Please see attached for the Bell Schedule for the last day of school. If you have any questions or comments, please call the school at (604)668-6615.

ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO! FINISH STRONG!

Only 5 school days left before a well-deserved two-week Winter holiday. Finish strong and please enjoy lots of time to relax and rejuvenate with family and friends. You have all worked incredibly hard for the first four months of the year. In January, the sprint to the end of semester 1 will be busy, so get some rest over the break.

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT (DEC 14)

Congratulations to **Mr. Naso** and all members of the **Music program** for their efforts at the **Winter Music concert on December 14th**. Parents and staff were treated to a magnificent display of talent and hard work as young and aspiring musicians displayed their talents. A great show full of memorable and recognizable tunes! *Thanks to everyone and kudos to all involved.*

BASKETBALL SEASON ON NOW!

The basketball season is now in full swing! Come on out and cheer on your friends as they play hard and represent our school and themselves in basketball games from now until late February. The Senior Boys and girls got off to great starts with Home Opener victories. The Junior Boys opened with 2 wins, and our Junior Girls and Bantam Boys and Girls teams are already showing tremendous promise and improvement. Special thanks go out to our coaches, sponsors, scorekeepers and referees, who make the games happen. *Special thanks also to Ms. Maika for organizing all teams!*

WINTER SOLSTICE – DEC 21

The shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. This date is celebrated by, and has significance to, multiple cultures and religions.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 18: At-Risk Interim Reports sent out
Dec 18 – 22: Spirit Week
Dec 22: Last day before Winter Holidays
Dec 25: Christmas Day
Dec 25 – Jan 5: Winter break
Jan. 08: School reopens

SPECIAL THANKS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Thanks to Student Council for organizing the final day **Holiday breakfast**, as well as organizing the different theme days for the last week of classes before the holidays. As a reminder, **Monday is-Holiday Head Gear, Tuesday-Bring your own Blanket, Wednesday-White out!, Thursday-Red and Green, and Friday-Pyjama day** for the Holiday breakfast. **Show your spirit and get dressed up! It's going to be a fun last week!**

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

The next setting of the Graduation Assessments will be January 15-25. Our goal will be to complete the assessments the January 15-18. The January sitting will be for the Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10 (GNA 10), and any grade 12s missing an assessment for graduation. If any grade 11 or 12 student is missing an assessment, please contact Ms. Poon by December 22 about when you will need to complete an assessment. Grade 12 students will write the GLA 12 in April 2024.

LAUNCH OF SUICIDE CRISIS (9-8-8)

Launched by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Canada's new suicide crisis helpline started taking calls last week. People across the country can call and text 9-8-8, a three-digit number for suicide prevention, giving people experiencing thoughts of suicide, or people worried about someone else, an accessible and easy number to call when they need urgent help. Help is also available through [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868) and the [Hope for Wellness HelpLine](#) (1-855-242-3310). The Hope for Wellness Helpline is available to all Indigenous people across Canada. Experienced and culturally competent counsellors are reachable by telephone and online 'chat' 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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