

December 11 - 15, 2023

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| Monday Dec 11 | Tuesday Dec 12 | Wednesday Dec 13 | Thursday Dec 14 | Friday Dec 15 |
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HEALTH AND SAFETY

As we head into the cold and flu season, we would like to remind parents and students, that if a student is sick and cannot fully participate in all class work, they should stay home until the symptoms have resolved and the student is feeling better. Please help us keep everyone healthy and safe. If you need to let the school know about your child's absences, please call **604-668-7813**.

WINTER CONCERT

Mr. Naso and our music students will be having their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00pm—come out to enjoy some music from our talented musicians!

GRADUATION ASSESSMENT

The next sitting for the Graduation Assessments will be January 15-25. All current grade 10 students will be registered to write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA 10). Any students missing an assessment for graduation will also be registered so graduation requirements are met. If you are a grade 11 or 12 student missing an assessment, please check with Ms. Poon about when you will need to complete the assessment.

LAUNCH OF SUICIDE CRISIS LINE (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.

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISING

To everyone who ordered **Meridian Meats Gift Cards** to help support DAG 2023/24. Please remember to pick up your cards **Dec 15 between 2:55 and 3:30pm at school by the office**.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 07-15: Hannukah
- Dec 08: Bodhi Day
- Dec 14: Boyd Winter Concert 7:00pm
- Dec 18: At-Risk Interim Reports sent out
- Dec 22: Last day before Winter Holidays

REDI – RECONCILIATION, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION 2023 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AS FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

December 10, 2023, marks the 75th anniversary of **Human Rights Day**. The United Nations has declared the theme for 2023 Human Rights Day as **Freedom, Equality and Justice** for all, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. [Learn more about the day](#) when it was first declared and what can we do to learn and do more for justice for all.

HANNUKAH – DEC 7 – 15

Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

BODHI DAY – DEC 8

A Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Gautama Buddha (Shakyamuni) is said to have experienced enlightenment, also known as bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali.

INTERNATIONAL HUGH RIGHTS DAY – DECEMBER 10

A celebration of the day on which the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

SALGIRAH

Ismailis around the world celebrate Mawlana Hazar Imam's birthday — an occasion to reflect on the unique spiritual bond that links each murid to the Imam-of-the Time.

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