



# The Third Academy Howler



*Third Academy South*

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## Principal's Message



Classrooms are buzzing with many exciting new things to learn and projects to create. This week is a short week with a PD day on Friday.

I would like to extend a big welcome to Ms. Sharon Renkema to our Third Academy Team. Ms. Renkema will be teaching the grade 10 class alongside Mr. Lu. She comes to us with an extensive background in teaching special needs students in the classroom as well as at the university level.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Sandie Smith, our Volunteer Coordinator, for helping us arrange a group of parents/students to come in this Saturday January 16th to: 1. Clean walls 2. Replace ceiling tiles 3. Replace fluorescent bulbs 4. Get ready to Paint. Volunteers, you rock!

This week, the weather has allowed us to spend more time outside on the WIC field and we will resume going to Blackfoot Park next week Friday. Southland Leisure Centre has rescheduled our fun swim day to February 5th. Forms will be coming home shortly.

*Rehana Mattu  
Acting Principal for Jr. & Sr. High*

## This Week's Feature— Why Pink Shirts?

Pink Shirt Day began in Nova Scotia, Canada in 2007. A group of students decided to defend a kid who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In a show of solidarity, many of his peers turned up to school the next day wearing pink shirts, and PSD was born. By wearing a pink shirt, people identify themselves as an ally. The pink shirt is a way of showing those being bullied that there are many people around who care.

**Our Pink Shirt Days are every Wednesday!  
Students are expected to wear a pink shirt or wear full uniform.**



**Order your pink shirts at the link below in time for the official Pink Shirt Day on February 24th.**

<http://pinkshirtday.ca/>

Jr. High 1.....Grades 7/8

Hello Junior High One families!

The students were very excited to catch a glimpse of the elusive Mr. Smith this Monday. He is on the mend but still needs our support and understanding on his road to recovery.

Numeracy groups are off to a great start this week. The students are settling in to the routine and expectations of their group leaders.

We are finally ready to build our catapults in Science! Starting on Thursday and going into next week, we will be testing our group (and individual projects) in three areas: distance, accuracy and force.

In Social Studies, the students are learning about the events leading up to Confederation, including the Charlottetown and Quebec Conferences.

Talk soon!

*Michelle Smith, Joe Smith, Brianna Fischer and Meagan Williams*

Jr. High 2...Grade 9

Hello to all parents and supporters of the Third Academy. Grade 9s are continuing to work hard on a number of endeavours. These include: more practice with the basics of calculation, continued reading of our Harry Potter novel, playing a new game in physical education called survivor ball, and lots of practice on our up coming spelling test.

*Scott Finney and Caron McBride*

High School 1...Grade 10

Dear parents, guardians, and students;

S1 students have finished reviewing pre-winter break materials for both Math and Science classes. This week, students will be finishing units about Number Concepts in Math. In Science, students will be wrapping up on units revolving around Health and Nutrition.

In the near future, students will be working on Shapes and Space for Math. Science classes will be transitioning into units based on Environmental Stewardship.

Keep up the good work, Grade 10's!

*Peter Lu and Curtis Kennedy*

High School...Grades 11/12

The high school class were both eager and excited for our field trip to Chinook for Star Wars: A Force Awakens last Tuesday.

As we approach a long weekend.... two quick reminder: Our social studies quiz has now been moved to Wednesday and please bring in your field trip forms for our upcoming swimming day.

Have a great long weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Christos Kazyas & Curtis Kennedy

Expressive Arts

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in Grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 are continuing to examine the themes of friendship, loyalty and love through the aspect of being in a group or gang. As students gain confidence in performing as a gang, this work will hopefully lead to the Spring Concert Show: he musical GREASE. Students in Grades 7 and 8 are continuing to explore the wonderful and magical world of HARRY POTTER. As the theme of our academic year is based on the mythology of Harry Potter and the magical world he lives in, students will explore the themes of friendship, love and the triumph of good over evil. As the entire story of Harry Potter stretches over many novels, I will be focusing on the exciting conclusion in "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows."

David Gillespie

Music Arts

The next four weeks will feature a unit based on the basics of music theory and history while continuing to work on their performing skills as a band. Also stay tuned for an announcement of our first Third Academy Talent show (date TBD).

"Music can change the world because it can change people" - Bono  
Curtis Kennedy

Volunteers & Fundraising

Please refer to the "Principal's Message" for volunteer information.



# PAC & Fundraising

## NEXT PAC MEETING

Please join your Junior & Senior High PAC Team

For one evening each month!

## NEXT BINGO

- March 5th -

Contact Kerrie— ([ksenyk@shaw.ca](mailto:ksenyk@shaw.ca)), call or text (403-862-5185)

**\*\*Remember, any family member over 18 can cover a Bingo shift.\*\***

# January 2016

| Sun  | Mon                 | Tue   | Wed  | Thu                | Fri                       | Sat |
|--|---------------------|---|--|--------------------|---------------------------|-----|
|  |                     |   |  |                    | 1                         | 2   |
| 3  | 4<br>Back to school | 5   | 6 Pink Shirt                                     | 7                  | 8<br>Subway orders due.   | 9   |
| 10   | 11                  | 12<br>S2 Star Wars Film<br>Studies Field Trip | 13 Pink Shirt<br>PAC Meeting<br>Jnr/Snr High 7pm | 14                 | 15<br><b>PD—No School</b> | 16  |
| 17   | 18                  | 19  | 20 Pink Shirt                                    | 21<br>Subway Lunch | 22                        | 23  |
| 24<br> | 25<br>31            | 26  | 27 Pink Shirt                                    | 28                 | 29                        | 30  |