



The Third Academy Howler



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Principal's Message



As it gets closer to Winter break, students are getting busy with decorating their doors, practicing for the Winter concert, and collecting food items for the Mayor's Annual Food Drive.

Walking through the hallways, I see students learning about Matter and Chemical Change, building boats and taking a peek into the realm of microbes and cells. Some very busy students and staff!

I am proud to see high school students show school spirit by participating in the Run Santa Run! 2015. There is even a student led fundraising campaign! They say that 'charity begins at home'. I think our students are beginning to understand that.

Please make sure to take a look at the Calendar on page 4 as the last two weeks are filled with many fun events.

Mr. Chim is welcomed back. Thank you to all staff for 'stretching' to keep programming moving forward for all of our students.

Finally, I encourage everyone to be good, safe, and helpful.

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



*It is our choices... that show what we truly are,
far more than our abilities.
Albus Dumbledore*

This Week's Feature—Run Santa Run!

It's time for our 6th Annual Run Santa Run! 2015 Event

December 12th at 10am—Eau Claire Market

Register as a participant and spread awareness through your social media connections!

OR sponsor our very own Blessy Alexander, Zeljko Puric, or Scott Finney as they complete the 5k and 10k challenges!

Visit our website or runsantarun.ca for details.



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

Hello Junior High One families!

We have just finished reading Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. Tomorrow we will be watching the movie and comparing the novel and film. Next week we are starting our poetry unit and breaking the students into three novel study groups. In math, the students are currently learning about quadrants and integers. We will be working on transformations (translations, reflections and rotations) as soon as the students have mastered plotting points on the grid. In Social we are discussing the government of New France and the Seven Year War. Finally, in Science, the students are building boats on Friday to test the following week. The final project for our Structures and Forces unit will be to create a miniature catapult.

Mrs Smith, Mr Smith, Ms Fischer and Ms Williams

Jr. High 2...Grade 9

Happy December from Grade 9 and ¾!

This week Junior High Grade 9s continue to complete research and word processing on their own personal laptops in class. Students are beginning a new Science unit on Matter and Chemical Change. They have begun researching an endangered species of Alberta to present and teach classmates in two weeks. For reward time students are reviewing websites www.Tu47.com and www.Sokoban. Language Arts includes the practice of 11 spelling words for Friday’s post-test. In Current Events we are discussing the Climate Change Conference taking place in Paris. For Art students are creating large canvas paintings of which several were submitted to a Remembrance Day Contest. Other students continue creating with political cartoons and Cultural themed canvasses. Floor hockey continues in Physical Education. In Math we are working on Mathletics and continue our focus on the development of basic calculation skills. We invite all of you to come down to walk/run with us in our annual Run Santa Run event. Please pledge to support Mr. Finney in his effort to win his fifth straight 10K run! Come on down to Eau Claire Market and join in on the fun, December 12 at 10am races start!

Thank you for continuing to support communication between your child and teachers.

Scott Finney and Caron McBride

High School 1...Grade 10

Dear parents, guardians, and students;

This week, all students in High School Science will be focusing on both personal and public health. Students have had the opportunity to take a peek into the realm of microbes and cells and will be moving onto large systems of life. How these systems interact with one another and their surrounding environment will play a key part in figuring out how to stay healthy. The biology units in Science will be a great way for students to start thinking about how to stay fit, active, and clean! In math, students will be continuing discussions about personal financing and the applications of mathematics.

Students. Get excited for the upcoming Christmas Concert a couple of weeks from now as it will be full of fun activities to watch and participate in.

Thank you to all parents who have been patient in waiting for the rescheduling of parent-teacher interviews. We look forward to meeting with you.

Keep working hard Grade 10s!

Mr Lu and Mr Chim

High School...Grades 11/12

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the month of December the HS #2 class will like to remind students, parents and guardians that the Duke of Edinburgh will be collecting food products for the Calgary Food Bank. More information will be sent home this week.

A quick note for parents and guardians. The HS #2 class will be having a Socials quiz on Monday the 7th of Dec. on chapters 5 and 6.

Christos Kazyas & Curtis Kennedy

Expressive Arts

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in the Junior and Senior High School are coming to the end of rehearsing the classic story "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas. In the final class rehearsals, students will engage in the final battle between good and evil to preserve the virtue of the Queen of France.

David Gillespie

Music Arts

The Winter concert is fast approaching! This week the Junior and Senior music classes are working hard on polishing their songs for the performance as a celebration of the season as well as a showcase for what they learned so far this year. I am so proud of them and cannot wait to hear their hard work.

“If music be the word of love, play on” - Shakespeare

Mr. Kennedy

Volunteers & Fundraising

Run Santa Run! 2015 December 12th

All families should have received a Run Santa Run! information package. December 12th is just around the corner. Please help us make our Sixth Annual Run Santa Run! 2015 the best ever.

Visit www.runsantarun.ca for more information.

Sabrina Isabelle, RSR Race Coordinator
Karen Narfason, PAC North Chair
Kathryn McFadden, PAC South Chair
Scott Finney, RSR Staff Lead





PAC & Fundraising

PAC POSITIONS

We are in need of a Secretary and a Vice Chair for the South PAC.
 If you are interested please contact
 Kathryn McFadden at kathryn.mapleleaf@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed @ Grey Eagle Bingo

December 13th

Contact Kerrie— (ksenyk@shaw.ca), call or text (403-862-5185) or
 Joe Smith—(jsmith@thirdacademy.com), call or text (403-680-5124)

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

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Pizza Order due	3 Pizza Day	4	5
6	7	8	9 Pink Shirt	10	11	12 RUN SANTA RUN! Sign Up Now!
13 BINGO	14	15	16 CHRISTMAS CONCERT! FOOD DRIVE	17 Subway Lunch	18 Last Day of Classes!	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	Back to school January 4th	