



The Third Academy Howler



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Principal's Message



February 24th marked the official Pink Shirt Day. Thank you to all our students who participated. At Third Academy, we continue the campaign by wearing pink shirts each and every Wednesday! In this way, we all can have the chance to learn these valuable lessons

again and again. We ask parents to remind their children that Wednesdays are Pink Shirt Days, not casual days. If students chose not to wear their Pink Shirt, they are expected to be in full uniform.

High School students persevered and finished writing their exams this week. Next week, high school students will be back to their regular schedule and routines.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Sonita Bhavra to our team. Mrs.

Bhavra is assigned to the J1 (Grade 7-8) class as Mrs. Smith goes on maternity leave. We wish Mrs. Smith all the best in her new role of mom and look forward to meeting the baby.

Our very own Joe Smith will also be working with the J1 team to make sure our students are 'happy and learning'. He is also working with Mr. Finney in the J2 (Grade 9) class.

Report cards will be send home next week Friday. Parent Teacher interviews will be held on March 15.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents and students who have volunteered not only to paint our school, but also to Yvonne Anderson for providing an Anti Bullying Dance Program, Carmen Gordon for helping with our Hot Lunch Program, and Brendan Walsh for helping us to change out all the gym lights. Finally, thank you all for supporting your PACs by volunteering at the this weekends Bingo.

Rehana Mattu
Acting Principal for Jr. & Sr. High

This Week's Feature—BINGO!

We are still looking for 3 volunteers for the bingo on Saturday, March 5. Please take time out of your busy life to make our school community stronger for your child and all our children. Remember, the bingos and casinos are PACs major fundraisers, and are a great way to earn your volunteer hours.

If you are able to volunteer this weekend please let the office know, or sign up using this link <https://www.volunteersignup.org/F3JFB>





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

The students had a great time at the Calgary Zoo on Friday! There were a lot of good discussions about the animals, adaptations and our responsibility to our planet.

We are continuing to work with our novel study groups this week. Parents are encouraged to ask their child about what's happening in their novels, sometimes topics come up in their reading that spark excellent conversations and debates. Our numeracy groups are changing next week to focus on the applications side of the math curriculum. Groups will be led by Ms. Fischer, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Bhavra, Mr. Finney and Mr. Smith. We are concluding our rocks and minerals unit in science with a small, in-class research project. Also, our unit of Japan will continue through the month of March. Next week we will be discussing the history of Japan.

Finally, this was my last week in the classroom. I will be starting maternity leave as of March 7 in preparation of Baby Smith's arrival. The class is being turned over to the awesome team of Mrs. Bhavra, Mr. Smith (yes, he's back in part-time!), Ms. Williams and Ms. Fischer. It's been wonderful working with your children and I will definitely miss being a part of the classroom.

Michelle Smith, Sonita Bhavra, Joe Smith, Brianna Fischer and Meagan Williams

Jr. High 2...Grade 9

We have been completing research assignments on superheros and video games. We have also completed an anti-bullying workshop for personal development. Students are responding very positively to having Mr. Smith join me in the classroom.

Thank you and take care.

Scott Finney & Joe Smith

High School 1...Grade 10

It has been a busy week for students as they persevere through this term's examinations. Good effort on all students for pulling through! Students will be moving onto the next unit in their courses. Grade 10 Math students will be moving onto angle calculations and will eventually finish the year with trigonometry. In science, students will be finishing off ecosystems and will move onto chemistry after spring break.

Novel studies will be a main focus for English classes while Social studies will be focusing on the history of globalization.

Keep moving straight ahead, Grade 10's!

Peter Lu and Shannon Renkema

High School...Grades 11/12

As we quickly approach our final exam (Social Studies Thursday), a reminder to students and parents that we have report cards going on next Friday (Mar. 11) and parent/teacher interviews the following Wednesday (Mar 16th).

Some key dates coming up:

- Friday (Mar 4th) is the last day to hand in assignments in all courses for term 2.
- Grade 12s- Mar 17th will be Grad Ring viewing
- PD day- No school March 18th
- Grade 12s- March 24th Grad picture day
- March Break begins March 25th

Christos Kazyas & Curtis Kennedy

Expressive Arts

This week in the Expressive Arts, students in the Junior and Senior High School will begin rehearsing the story of the star crossed lovers from the 1950's, Danny and Sandy, in the Broadway Musical **GREASE**. In full costumes and props, students will rehearse text and music scenes from the musical and then hopefully will perform these numbers to their peers and then finally to parents and family at our annual Spring Concert.

David Gillespie

Music Arts

This week the Jr./Sr. students will be continuing to learn and apply the basics of counting/clapping rhythms, discussing early music history and performing new songs – Stressed Out, Can't Feel My Face and Sunshine of Your Love.

“True music must repeat the thought and inspiration of the people and the time” – George Gershwin

Curtis Kennedy



PAC & Fundraising

PAC MEETING

Please join your Junior & Senior High PAC Team
one evening per month.

NEXT MEETING—MARCH 17 @7pm

NEXT BINGO

- March 5th -

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

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

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Report Cards go home	12
13	14	15	16 Parent Teacher Interviews NO after school	17 Subway Lunch SOUTH PAC MEETING 7PM	18 PD NO SCHOOL	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	29 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	30 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	31 Spring Break NO SCHOOL		Back to school April 6th!