## Monthly Newsletter

## Upcoming Events in December

| Dec 1 | Holiday - No Classes |
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| Dec 4 \& 5 | Girls Basketball Tryouts for Gr 6-8 3:30-5:00 |
| Dec 5 | Choir at Rotary Carol Festival at Zion United Church in Moose Jaw 7 pm |
| Dec 6 | Last Day to Purchase Tickets on SchoolCash for the CES Christmas Extravaganza Dinner (Concert is free) |
| Dec 6 | Grade 1 Field Trip in AM |
| Dec 6 \& 7 | Boys Basketball Tryouts for Gr 6-8 3:30-5:00 |
| Dec 11-15 | SRC Food Drive - Classroom Challenge |
| Dec 13 | CES Christmas Extravaganza SCC Fundraiser See details in Newsletter |
| Dec 18 | SRC (Dress as a) Christmas Character Day |
| Dec 19 | SRC Ugly Sweater Day |
| Dec 20 | SRC PJ, Popcorn \& Movie Day |
| Dec 20 | Last Day of Classes Before Christmas Break |
| Dec 21-Jan 3 | Christmas Break - Happy Holidays! |
| Jan 4 | First Day of Classes After the Christmas Break - Day 1 |

## Dear CES Community,

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together and share some important updates and highlights from CES.

First and foremost, I want to congratulate our students, staff, and parents on the outstanding achievements we've witnessed since September. From academic successes to extracurricular accomplishments, our CES community continues to shine brightly.

We have some exciting events planned to celebrate the festive season. Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Christmas celebrations where we'll come together to share joy, laughter, and the spirit of togetherness.

First, our Christmas Extravaganza is December 13th, starting with a catered supper organized by our SCC, followed by our Christmas concert. This event will be held at Edwards Chapel and Hildebrand Chapel. Our staff and students are hard at work preparing for the concert and look forward to performing for you. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful evening!

Second, our SRC (School Representative Council), has a few festive school engagement activities planned, ranging from a food drive for the Food Bank to festive dress up days. Please keep an eye on our school website and social media channels for all dates and details, along with additional updates and announcements.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We remain committed to providing a nurturing and inclusive learning environment that empowers our students to reach their full potential.

In closing, the staff of CES wish each of you a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, love, and laughter. May the coming year bring us even more opportunities for growth, learning, and shared accomplishments.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year! Merry Christmas \& Happy New Year!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Neufeld


## CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. Which ornament is traditionally placed on the top of our Christmas trees?
2. Throughout the holiday season, under which type of plant are people supposed to kiss?
3. In which country do people celebrate Christmas by gathering on the beach?
4. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree first?
5. What country has the tradition of filling children's clogs with treats and candies on December 5 th?
6. Ikea allegedly made the largest gingerbread man-true or false?
7. Which drinks manufacturer is said to have popularized Santa's red and white costume?
8. Which country does Eggnog, a Christmas drink, originate from?
9. What sport was traditionally played on Boxing Day before it was banned?
10. In the song 'Twelve Days of Christmas', what is given on the seventh day?

Answers can be found on another page of the Newsletter.

How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth?
They had a weigh in the manger.
What do snowmen eat for dessert?
Ice crispies.


In light of a few students with peanut and tree-nut allergies, we ask that any food brought from home is nut free. Thank you.


## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

Please help your child come dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Students are expected to go outside for breaks and will need to be dressed suitably with snow pants, mitts, a scarf or face covering and boots. You may wish to take a moment to write your child's name in their boots and outside gear like jackets and mitts. This is helpful when trying to locate lost items.
SchoolCash Link

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| This link can also be found on |
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| the CES Website. |

## Join the CES Facebook Group!

Open the camera on your phone and hold if over the QR code on the right. Click on the link in the pop-up that appears once the app detects the QR Code. This will take you directly to our Facebook Group. Click 'Join'. It's that easy!


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## SCC

## (School Community Council)

The SCC is getting excited for our Christmas Extravaganza on December 13th! We would love for you to join us for our fundraiser supper to further improve the CES schoolyard. We have made great strides in the past few years, and we have more ideas brewing, but we need your help! All of the important details are on the poster in this Newsletter, but it's important to note that you can buy tickets using School Cash Online until December 6th. See you there!



## Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10\%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's acadernic success.


## WHAT YOU CAN DO

## Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay horne because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.


## Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor you teen's acadernic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.


## Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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## Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!



CES Volleyball Recap
The CES volleyball season was a huge success this year! This was the first year in a long time that CES had 4 volleyball teams. Both the Bleague teams and A league teams developed their skills and saw great growth throughout the season. Some of our biggest highlights included both the A girls and boys teams winning 1st place in our home tournament, the A boys finishing 2nd in the Sunningdale tournament, and the A boys making the City Championship game where they finished 2nd overall. All teams and coaches worked very hard and represented our school well! Thanks to everyone for all of the support. Go Congars!

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Team


TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. A star or an angel.
2. Mistletoe
3. Australia
4. Germany
5. The Netherlands
6. True
7. Coca-Cola
8. England
9. Fox hunting
10. Swans a-swimming

