



# DECEMBER 2022



## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

### **December:**

- 8—Christmas Show
- 14—Hurricanes Night  
& Silent Auction
- 14—Deadline to order  
Hot Lunch—10 p.m.
- 19—Swimming—K, 1 & 4/5
- 20—Courage Assembly  
9:30 a.m.
- 21—Swimming—Gr 2/3
- 21—Hot Lunch Day
- 22—Christmas Lunch for  
all Students
- 23—PJ Day
- 23—Last day of classes  
before Christmas break

### **January:**

- 9—Classes resume
- 16—Council Mtg—6:00 p.m.
- 18—Deadline to order  
Hot Lunch—10 p.m.
- 19—Family Gym Night
- 20—Wacky Hat Day
- 25—Hot Lunch Day
- 27—PL Day—No Classes
- 31—Courage Assembly  
2:30 p.m.

Dear Buchanan Families,

It's hard to believe that November has ended and the New Year is almost upon us. Quality learning takes place each day as students, staff, and parents work together in our school community. A hearty thank you goes out to all parents who supported fund-raising events and attended parent/teacher interviews. We could not be as successful without your continuous support!

As December begins, our thoughts now turn to ways of celebrating the season together as a school community as well as with our families. We look forward to many school-wide celebrations this month. Our Christmas Concert is on Thursday, December 8, followed by our Buchanan at the Hurricanes Game on Wednesday, December 14. We hope you will be able to attend both events.

We are also excited to have our annual "Gifts" the week prior to break. We start with the "Gift of Fun" with Buchanan Team Swimming at the YMCA on Monday, Dec. 19 and Wednesday, Dec. 21. We also have our Courage Awards and Magician Steve on Tuesday, Dec. 20. We are excited to have the "Gift of Yum" with our First Annual Buchanan Turkey Dinner, sponsored by LA Catering, on Thursday, December 22 for students and staff on and the Gift of Time & PJ Day on Friday, December 23. We look forward to having some special time with our students this final week of 2022.

All of our staff wishes you a very Merry Christmas as you celebrate this holiday season with family and friends. We look forward to learning more together in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Lenee Fyfe & Bob White

Your Administrative Team

### **Christmas Concert**

We are very excited to be hosting a large Christmas production on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 8. To accommodate all our families, we need to run **2 performances, which all students will perform in.** Please have your student(s) dropped off at the school between 5:00-5:15 on the evening of the show. We are aiming to Live Stream the show on FB and YouTube. Two tickets per student were attached to a letter sent home at the end of November along with details for each show. If you do not require all tickets that have been allocated to your family, please return them ASAP to the office so we can re-distribute them to families who have requested additional tickets. To request additional tickets, please phone the office at 403-327-7321 to have your name placed on the waiting list. Please return at 8:00 PM to pick up your student(s) from their classroom.

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### **Hurricanes Night/ Silent Auction – December 14, 2022**

We are very excited to announce our next fundraising event. We are having a Buchanan night at the Hurricanes game on Wednesday, December 14. Our Grade 4/5 Select Choir will be performing O'Canada this evening. We currently have a few tickets left in the office for purchase for \$10.00. All Choir and Leadership members will receive a free ticket.

During the game we will have a silent auction table and gift card raffle. We have secured some amazing items such as: Cordless Wet/ Dry Vac, Signed Hurricanes Jersey, Lego Sets and more! If you are able to approach businesses for auction item donations or gift card donations, please contact the office for a letter to provide to the business. Please drop off any gift card donations or silent auction donations to the school office by Monday, December 12. All funds raised this evening will go directly into classrooms.



### **Gift of Fun – December 19 & 21 (Swimming at the YMCA)**

We are excited to wrap up 2022 with Grade Level swimming at the YMCA. Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 4/5 swim on Monday, December 19. Kindergarten MUST have one parent/ guardian attend. Grade 1 parents/ guardians are strongly encouraged to attend. Grade 2/3 will swim on Wednesday, December 21. For details and to **give permission (required), please click on the link below**. Thank-you to parents/ guardians who have completed the link already.  
<https://permission.click/IGb9B/ca>

*Please remember to update your information with the office if you have changes to your phone numbers or address.  
Thank you.*

### **DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL**

We have some **serious safety concerns** about the dropping off and picking up of children at school. We have observed parents/guardians parking directly in front of both sides, and on top of the crosswalks in front of our school. We have also observed illegal parking on street corners, in the alley and in front of neighborhood driveways. There is also continuous dropping off and picking up students in the staff parking lots.

**This creates a very serious safety hazard for our students and parents trying to use the crosswalks. This is also a safety hazard as students are walking through the parking lots rather than going around to use the sidewalks, as staff are leaving at the end of the day.**

We ask that all parents/guardians observe the **“no parking areas”** around the school, including the crosswalks and alley to the east of our school. The east and west parking lots are for **staff only** and not to be used for picking up and dropping off of students. This year we have already had one accident occur due to congestion, people blocking lanes and blocking the bus drop off.

We have requested an increase of LRPS presence during busy times at the school to support our request for safer practices with respect to dropping off and picking up students. If you witness unsafe practices, we encourage you to phone the police service complaint line at 403-328-4444 to share what you observed.

We understand that school parking can be frustrating and is limited. We suggest parking on the westside of our field along the fence where there is lots of room for vehicles. We are doing our best to keep our students safe and hope we can ask our parents/ guardians to observe traffic rules to support us.



# December 2022

## Isstááato's 'Cold Month'

STORYTELLING IS AN EVERYDAY ACTIVITY BUT LONG WINTER NIGHTS WERE A WONDERFUL TIME TO SHARE EXPERIENCES, LEGENDS, AND STORIES IN A BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY. CHECK OUT SOME OF THE LINKS BELOW FOR SOME TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS STORIES.

 [First Nations Pedagogy Online](#)

 [Blackfoot Stories: Chief Mountain and First Marriages](#)

 [Blackfoot Online Oral Stories](#)

 [Glenbow Museum Collection](#)

 [Métis Storytelling](#)

 [Inuit Stories](#)



## Around town...

**December 6th:**  
Southside Elementary  
Indigenous Family Night 5:30-7:00 pm

**December 9th:**  
Indigenous holiday market @  
Lethbridge College 1:00-4:00 pm

**December 10th:**  
Downtown Library Christmas  
Market 10:00 am-5:00 pm

**December 13th:**  
Northside Elementary  
Indigenous Family Night 5:30-7:00 pm



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Ohh-bo-tow  
It's snowing



**po'táán**  
bo-tan  
Campfire



**apahtook**  
a-bah-doug  
Christmas Tree



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Coat



A few highlights from November....



- **Métis Week**
- **Rock your mocs**
- **U of L collab**
- **Think Outside!**
- **Indigenous Family Nights!**



**Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones. I hope you have a wonderful break and send you well wishshes for the new year.**



# December

**LETHBRIDGE  
FOOD BANK**

FEED THE NEED



# Mobile Food Support



**Westside Community Church**

(480 McMaster Blvd W)

**December 3rd from 4pm**



**YMCA**

(140-74 Mauretania Rd W, North Entrance)



**December 7th from 4pm**



**Lethbridge College**

(3000 College Drive S)

**December 9th from 4pm**



**Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization**

(500 11th St. S)

**December 12th from 5pm**



**Seventh-day Adventist**

(2606 16th Ave S)

**December 20 20th from 4pm**





Make a difference with a handmade card! Cards will be given to a senior citizen, veteran, or member of our community this holiday season.

Scan to learn more:



Contribute Today!

[www.HolidayCardDrive.ca](http://www.HolidayCardDrive.ca)



# SWIM SESSIONS

## STARTS

**Jan 16, 2023**

## AT

**Fritz Sick Pool**

**420 11 St S**

**Our club offers children an opportunity to swim at a variety of levels: from competitive, to swimming as a cross training opportunity or to swimming as a life skill.**

**SPARTANSAQUATICSClub.COM**

## AGES 6+

### DATES

**Our winter session starts Jan 16 and runs for 13 weeks.**

### FLEXIBLE

**Our club offers a variety of times and days of the week as well as make-up classes.**

### SKILL LEVEL

**Our beginner group is for kids who can swim a length of the pool independently.**

## COST

**The winter session fees start at \$260 for the session.**

## ADULTS

**Our club offers a Masters program for adults.**