

Good evening, Sardis Families. It was nice to see the sun today and some snow/ice melting with the warmer temperature, so hopefully that will continue and we won't get any more snow before the holidays! Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #14:

- 1) Our food drive in support of the Salvation Army begins on **Monday, December 5** and will run until **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. This year the Salvation Army is trying something new and they have asked that Sardis Elementary focus on donations of pasta sauce/tomato sauce and pastas although all non-perishable food donations will be gladly accepted. We appreciate the work that Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Mulder, and Mrs. Noer's classes are doing to run this for us, collecting items from classes and getting it ready for pick-up.
- 2) Students will be receiving mandarin oranges and milk/soy beverage again on **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** provided by the Agriculture in the Classroom program. Thanks to Ms. Joe and her student helpers for counting and delivering the produce to classes!
- 3) Our volleyball teams are playing again this week. The Boys team is playing on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, at Stito:s, and the Girls team is playing on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, at Sardis vs. Rosedale. Go Skyhawks!
- 4) **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, is the last day to place an order for the Chopped Leaf hot lunch on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Order before midnight that day in order to avoid disappointment if you don't want to miss out.
- 5) We have our White Spot hot lunch on **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. I can't wait for the Legendary burger, but I know there will be a lot of kids enjoying chicken nuggets that day as that seemed to be a popular choice!
- 6) **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** is also going to be a Theme Day – either Red and White Day or Dress Like Christmas Day. Our hallways and classrooms look great after the Deck-the-Halls activities last week so this will see us end the week on a festive note!
- 7) With all of the colds and illness going around, we decided that we would have another virtual Christmas Concert presentation this year. Students and staff have been working hard to learn a song or poem or something fun to share with you and we will be sending out the link for that towards the end of next week. Next Sunday I will be able to share exactly what day to we'll send it out, so watch for that date to be announced next week.
- 8) We still have some winter jackets and boots available if your child is in need and funds are tight. If you let your child's teacher know that your child could use one or both of those items, we'd be happy to check to see if we have a size that would fit.
- 9) Our last day of school before the holiday is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Term 1 report cards will be coming home on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Due to January 1<sup>st</sup> being on a

Sunday, Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup> is recognized as the statutory holiday and so we will be coming back to school on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2023.

- 10) Congratulations to Everett (the Intermediate student) and Kohen (the Primary student), who were the winners of the first Super Reader random draw for a fantastic prize of a Sardis Swag Toque! It's never too late to return Super Reader slips to the box at the front of the school. Thanks to Mrs. Ricka and Mrs. Kupp for their work in keeping track of our readers and purchasing the prizes for the kids. A big thanks to the PAC too, for providing the funds for the awesome prizes this year.
- 11) We still have some Sardis Swag for sale at the office. There is one toque left, with some student (\$40) and adult (\$50) hoodies available a few sizes and colours.
- 12) Purdys chocolates have arrived and will be sorted out early this week. Watch for an email, if you've ordered, about what day they will be ready for pick-up. I'll be honest, there is a very good chance the peppermint white chocolate I ordered will not last until the holiday if I open the bag when I get it!

Our December Character Trait is Generosity and I just know our Sardis family and staff community are going to do an amazing job of filling the boxes for the food drive in the next week and a half! Hard to believe next week will be the last weekend update until 2023.  
Mrs. Kasper