

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. How lovely it was to see the students getting their photos with Santa on Friday; their excitement and fancy outfits were heartwarming to see! Thanks to those who sent in a donation for the Starfish Backpack Program; it's not too late if you'd still like to do that but forgot on Friday. We have a jar at the office where donations can be dropped off. It's going to get busy as we move into December, so here are some things you need to know as we head into week #14 at Sardis Elementary:

*Monday, December 1st, kicks off our annual canned food drive in support of the Salvation Army. Students can bring in any non-perishable items for the next two weeks, until December 12th, and we will be accepting donations at all four of the Winter Concerts as well. We're always such a generous school and we look forward to seeing how many boxes we can fill this year to support our local community!

*We'll be 'Decking the Halls' on Monday afternoon, with classes getting festive with their doors, bulletin boards, and/or classroom environment!

*We are going to have Toque Tuesday this week, December 2nd, and again next week on December 9th. Any kind of toque will do!

*Wednesday, December 3rd is the last day to order for the hotdog hot lunch that will be delivered on Friday, December 12th. Orders can be placed on Munchalunch but just a reminder that they need to be paid for within two hours of placing the order or else the system deletes the order.

*Wednesday will also be our Primary Winter Concert and Thursday is our Intermediate one! The main gym doors will open at 12:40 for the 1:00 performance and 5:40 for the evening one, both Wednesday and Thursday. Students will be able to enter their classroom at 5:40 in the evening, with entry from their outside classroom door where they usually line up in the morning. Access through the front doors will not be possible. We know it's a highlight for many families but we do have a set number of seats available due to fire regulations, so we ask that you be mindful of how many family members you bring and try to attend one show your child is in or the other, but not both. The students have been working hard to learn their songs and are excited about sharing them with you all!

*Student Learning Updates will be coming home on Thursday, December 4th. Please take some time to read over the update with your child and share the positive comments and areas for growth teachers have written about. You can keep the paper copy at home but we ask that you send back the envelope so we can re-use it next term.

*We had Owen and Payton from the Vancouver Warriors out last week and after the assembly on Tuesday, we saw lots of lacrosse sticks coming to school! They left us with some ticket deals, which I have attached to the email in case any of you would like to use one to go see a game.

*This time of year can be challenging for families with all the costs that come along with Christmas. Chilliwack Community Services has prepared a resource sheet of free Christmas Resources available to members of our community and I have attached it to the email in case it's helpful.

I'm really hoping this dry weather will last until at least Thursday night, to make the wait more pleasant for the concert line-ups. I don't have small children anymore so don't get to see them perform in a concert, but I know how it feels to be proud of them when they perform well. My oldest daughter ran her first marathon in Seattle today (might be her last, we'll see!) in 4 hours and 22 minutes and I am feeling so proud of and for her! I hope you feel the same way after seeing the concert.

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