



# FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 604-517-1800

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The winter break is here and students are excited about having, well deserved, time with their family and friends.

On December 4, 2018 all four bands (two grade 6 bands, one grade seven and one grade 8 band) performed in the Fraser River gym. Originally the grade 6 bands were not going to play this winter because Mr. Colish was concerned that they were not ready. Both grade 6 bands played so well together you would never have believed that they may not have played. The grade 7 and 8 bands out did themselves. As well, new this year, the Jazz band sounded like they had been playing for years. Special shout out to the soloists: on "Any Way You Want It" Lea Anicic (alto sax), and on "Jammin' with Charlie" we had Dysen French (alto sax), Lea Anicic (piano), and Cyrus Yap (drums). Well done everyone, you make us proud!

I predicted that we would need more chairs after last year's performance and I was correct. The chairs and the stands were full. I had amazing feedback from many who attended. Thank you for helping put away chairs and for your generous donations to the band program.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas hampers. We were able to support ten families again this year. All ten families were appreciative of the support.

The staff would also like to thank the PAC for the lunch they provided on December 18, 2018 and all of the families who brought in treats from Monday to Wednesday. The staff are feeling very appreciated.

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Debbie Jones

### Special Announcement

Our Vice Principal, Jennifer Bourne will be leaving us January 11, 2019 to become the Principal of Connaught Heights. We are very sad to see her go but wish her all the greatest success on her new adventure.

I would also like to announce that Tanya Kaselj will be taking on the role of Acting Vice Principal for the duration of the school year.

Please help me congratulate both Jennifer and Tanya.

### Important Dates

- Jan. 7 - School reopens after Winter Break
- Jan 10 - School Nutrition Program—Parent Info Night
- Jan. 14 - PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm in the FRMS Learning Commons
- Jan 29/30 - Early Dismissal (11:55 am) 3 way conferences
- Feb. 6 - Collaboration Day-(11:45am Dismissal)
- Feb. 18 - Family Day - School Closed
- Feb. 22 - Non-Instructional Day- School Closed
- Mar. 14 - Term 2 Report Cards go home
- Mar. 15 - Last Day of school before Spring Break
- Apr. 1 - School reopens after Spring Break
- Apr. 9 - Collaboration Day (11:45am Dismissal)
- Apr. 19 - Good Friday - School Closed
- Apr. 22 - Easter Monday - School Closed

### SCHOOL GOAL PLAN

"Our goal is to create an engaging environment where students collaborate and learn through cross-curricular explorations".

Parents/Guardians: We kindly ask that you do not send noodles to school for lunch. Filling the containers up with boiling water is dangerous as students could burn themselves. We thank you for your cooperation.

### STAFF PARKING

Parents/Guardians are requested NOT to park in the parking lot located at the side of the school on Queens Ave. or in the parking lot located at the back of the school on Eighth St. There is a limited number of parking spots available and they are reserved for staff or for anyone needing handicap parking.

Thank you for your cooperation!

### Personal Electronic Devices

Once the bell rings at 8:31 am students should put away their electronic devices .

Students will be asked to put away any personal electronic devices which students have out in class, without permission, or in the hallway or outside during nutrition break or lunch.

We should not see cell phones between 8:31 am and 3:00 pm unless permission is granted.



### PAC MEETING

The next PAC Meeting is on January 14th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons.





# FRMS FALCONS BASKETBALL NEWS



Teams are hard at work practicing for their games. **GO FALCONS!**

### GRADE 8 GIRLS

Practices are Mondays from 7:30—8:30 am and Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in the gym. Games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays after school.

### GRADE 8 BOYS

Practices are Tuesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in the gym. Games are played Mondays and Wednesdays after school.

### GRADE 6/7 GIRLS

Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 am in the gym. Games start in January. Dates and times to be announced.

### GRADE 7 BOYS

Practices are on Mondays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and Fridays at lunch in the gym. Games start in January. Dates and times to be announced.



### INTRAMURALS

Basketball Intramurals will start in January and will be played at lunch (12:00—12:30 pm) in the gym on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All students in Grade 6, 7 and 8 are welcome to join.

## NEW WEST YOUTH SERVICES

### Winter Break Drop-In

...at the Youth Centre for youth in Grades 8 - 12

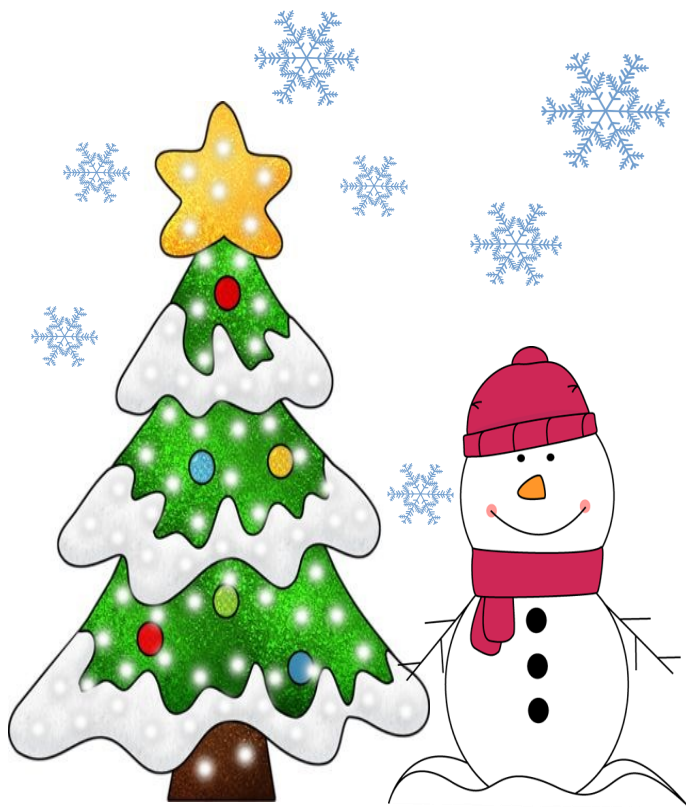
Dec. 27 from 3:00-9:00 pm

Dec 28 from 12:00- 3:00 & 3:00—9:00 pm

Jan. 2 - 4 from 3:00 - 9:00 pm.

Cost is \$0.50

See [www.newwestcity.ca](http://www.newwestcity.ca) for any updates over the holidays.



### *NWSS Dance presents...* **The Elf and the Orphan & Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer**

Tuesday Dec. 18th, 7pm at Massey Theatre

Cost: \$8.00 (plus service charges)

For Tickets, go to [ticketsnw.ca](http://ticketsnw.ca) or call Massey Theatre at 604-521-5050



### LOONIE SKATE



Moody Park Arena is having a Loonie Skate on Dec. 24th from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Admission is \$1.00 and skate rental is \$2.10

## NWSS Pre-IB Programmes

An IB information session for parents and students entering Grade 9 in September 2019 will take place on Monday, January 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m., in the NWSS Library. New Grade 10 and 11 students (and parents) are welcome to attend.

No need to register.

For more information, please call 604-517-6210.

Application packages will be available at middle schools starting Jan. 15, 2019.

