



FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Fraser River Middle School recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This marks the last newsletter of the year 2021. This is a year where our world has certainly experienced adversity. Watching the resiliency that our students have developed as a result of what is going on in our world brings me so much joy and pride as a Principal. The constant through all these changes is our strong community at FRMS. Listening to students converse and share empathy towards the flooding in the Fraser Valley, COVID-19 health and safety measures, or someone needing a smile to cheer them up are just a few small examples of the collective strength at this school. I look forward to 2022 and all the amazing possibilities.

November marked the completion of volleyball season. Our grade 8 Girls and Non-Binary team took 3rd place in the North Fraser Zone Tournament and the grade 7 Boys, Girls, and Non-Binary teams competed in tournaments at GMS and FRMS. Our grade 7 Girls and Non-Binary Team took 1st place in the tournament at FRMS! Thank you to Ms. Mountain, Mrs. Kaselj, Mr. Dimond, Ms. Boulding, Mr. Ruus, and Mark for dedicating your time and coaching our young athletes.

For December, we have many events on the go! Term 2 begins on December 6th and Report Cards go home on December 10th. Basketball season has started and we have two spirit assemblies to celebrate the conclusion of volleyball season. We can't forget about Holiday Fun Day on December 17th and Find Your Fit Event on December 16th. December 13-17 will be another Spirit Week and Non-Perishable Food Drive. FRMS is working with Greater Vancouver Caring Neighbor Program to support anyone needing assistance over the holidays.

As we head into the final portion of 2021, I would like to ask that you reinforce mask wearing and hand hygiene with the students. This is part of our daily messaging through our announcements and teachers but in these unprecedented times and cold and flu season, reinforcement is key. In closing, all the best of the season to our entire community. I know 2022 will bring incredible things. Looking forward to continuing our journey together.

Yours in learning,
Ms. J. Harrison



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 6... .. PAC Meeting (7pm) Zoom Only
- Dec. 8... .. Grade 6 Immunization
- Dec. 10 . . . First Term Report Card available on MyEd
- Dec. 14.. . . Band Concert 6pm - FRMS Gym
- Dec. 17 . . . Last Day of School before Winter Break
- Jan. 4... .. First day of school after Winter Break
- Jan. 26/27 Early Dismissal
 - Group 1—12:00 pm Group 2—12:09pm
 - Student Lead Conferences

International Travel Reminders

As we cast forward to the Winter Break, we know many of you are in the midst of making plans for your holidays. And, as international borders slowly start to re-open for non-essential travel – by air, sea or land – we know some of you may be considering travel options.

If you decide to travel internationally while these restrictions are in place, please coordinate with your teacher or school in advance of your trip, to ensure your child stays on top of their school work while they are away and for the 14 days following their return.

<https://newwestschools.ca/international-travel-reminders/>





Winter Spirit Week

Monday Dec 13— One Colour Day
 Tuesday Dec 14— Flannel / Comfy Day
 Wednesday Dec 15— Festive Day
 Thursday Dec 16— Ugly Sweater Day
 Friday Dec 17— PJ Day

Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa for Spring Break 2023!

For more information please visit:

www.eftours.ca/2504607uh

NEW WEST YOUTH SERVICES

Winter Break Drop-In

...at the Youth Centre for youth in
 Open to all ages 11-18
 Dec 20, 22, 29—12:30pm-9pm
 Dec 21, 23, 30—3pm-9pm
 Dec 24 and 31—12pm -4pm



Cost is \$1.00

Annual Membership Fee \$20.00

See www.newwestcity.ca for any updates over the holidays.



Candy Grams

Our leadership club will be selling candy grams

Dec 7th -9th in support of Caring Neighbours

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!

Non-Perishable Food Drive

Thank you to all that have donated money toward our Holiday Hampers this year.

We will be collecting Non-Perishable food the week of Dec 13-17.



Grade 9 2022-2023 Course Planning and Information Virtual Evening

When: Monday January 10, 2022 6pm -7pm

Where: MS Teams - https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTNIYTRkYTMtOTI3ZC00M2ZjLWEyNTctY2Y2YjQ5NDM0YWJl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%226a0da203-1754-4e34-9fe8-976f0353c52a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22795ba21a-baa3-4456-8ebf-92ba0d96e4f2%22%7d

What: Course Planning and Information evening via Microsoft Teams

Grade 9 Administrator and Counselling Team will be hosting this Evening

Who Should Attend?: Parents and Students entering Grade 9 at NWSS in September 2022

Personal Electronic Devices

We should not see cell phones between 8:41 am and 3:09 pm unless permission is granted.

Please note, unless permission is given by a staff member, NO photographs, voice or

Go Girls

- Go Girls is a **free 8 session program** for self-identified girls and non-binary youth in grades 4-7.
- Go Girls focuses on friendships, confidence and self-esteem, living a healthy life and much more. Two (or more) volunteer mentors lead each session which is filled with **fun games, activities, and discussions.**

Participants must live in the Lower Mainland

Click here to find day/time options that are open for registration: <https://linktr.ee/gogirlsbclm>

New West Minor Lacrosse opens up early bird box registration, with 25% savings for the month of December, 2021. Register today at minorbellies.com

