

# CHCS ROUNDUP

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## Preparing for Winter

With the blessings of the sunshine and the warm temperatures God has been sharing with us it seems odd to be thinking about the possible inclement weather that is yet to come our way. Today during lunch recess I went outside on my mission to hire some Jr. High students to help in the finding of a missing earpiece to an ECS set of glasses and I almost didn't need my fall jacket.

Yes, it's truly a blessing working at this school as I find it so easy to request the services of our students in times of need. I had more than 10 Jr. High students walking through the playground looking for this important part of a pair of glasses, and for the small price of \$5.00, the missing earpiece was found underneath the bridge.

But all of these "plus" temperatures will not remain in our forecast all winter and I wanted to take time to explain to all of our new families (and remind our returning families) how we respond to inclement weather.

As a safety precaution, our school follows an inclement weather policy that our neighboring schools and school division follows (see last page of the Roundup). When the weather reaches extreme temperatures or conditions, the Wolf Creek public schools will cancel school. On these days we will also cancel school and will communicate this announcement through our SwiftReach system that will notify you through a text message and automated phone call. We will also post this announcement onto the front page of our website and we also do our best to add these announcements to local radio stations (90.5 Shine FM, and Sunny 94).

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## School Board Meeting:

The next meeting will be on  
Monday, November 27 at 7:30 pm.



*Blessed are the  
peacemakers, for  
they will be called  
children of God.  
Matthew 5:9*

## Dateline:

### November

- 15 Panago Pizza Night Fundraiser
- 16 Gr 1, 2 & 3 to Alberta Museum, Edmonton
- 16 Jr High Foods Class to No Frills, Lacombe
- 23 ECS to Central Vet Clinic, Ponoka
- 24 **No School**
- 29 Gr 4, 5 & 6 Swim at Burman Pool
- 30 [Morning Classes Only, dismissal at 12:30 pm](#)
- 30 Parent Teacher Conferences, 1 - 7:45 pm

### December

- 1 **No School**
- 4-7 Friendship Week
- 7 Seniors Christmas Program & Luncheon, 11 am
- 13 Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm
- 21 Gr 4, 5 & 6 Swim at Burman Pool

**December 22 - January 5 - No School - Christmas Break**

### January

- 8 Classes Resume

Typically, if the weather reaches -40 degrees celsius air temperature or a -40 degree windchill, school is closed. Please stay tuned to these notifications as temperatures and weather get to these extreme cases.

We also hold "inside recess" when we reach temperatures of -25 or with windchill factors of -25. This means that we do play outside and get our students into the great outdoors even if it is -23 or -24. Please ensure that your child has the proper winter clothing with winter coats, snow pants, toques and gloves. Let's prepare for a wonderful winter.

Mr. Steven Gabrys, Principal



CHCS is happy to  
welcome the following new  
students:

Nadja Sawaya ECS  
Benjamin Ferrari Sawaya Gr 1  
Samuel Kipsang Gr 1  
Keira Newbery Gr 8

## CHCS FRIENDSHIP WEEK - DECEMBER 4-7



Partnered  
classes will be  
doing fun  
activities together.





# Happy Birthday!

Apologies to **Sarai Taylor**, her October 21st birthday was missed in the October Roundup.

We wish a Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating the November birthday:

Platon Biglenko, Eliza Emerson,  
Josiah Glasgow, Claire Greenlaw,  
Damien Heintz, Yena Lee,  
Xander Rondael, Nadja Sawaya,  
Caleb Taylor  
&  
Alexys Trenchuk

# CHCS SPORTS PAGE



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"The harvest of life is character"

Volleyball is coming to an exciting close. The A girls team is competing this week in their playoff games. FCA was a success as we had several students engaged in volleyball with seven teams playing in the tournament. I enjoyed watching the students play and encouraging each other through adversity. Seeing the improvement in skill from even the beginning of the season is rewarding. Also rewarding was witnessing our A team come together in their last match and play to their potential. In the words of their coach "The team reached the pinnacle of what I'd have hoped for them. They were totally focused and worked as a team. They read each play and executed on every ball. It took their opponent off guard and they were not ready for us." Well done A team on your victory and bringing home the championship trophy once again.

Basketball will be here before we know it. I am still working on figuring out the last coaching placements. Therefore if you have a passion for coaching please let me know. Very soon we will be in open tryouts to determine what we will have for teams this year. Shout out to two of our grade nine girls who got the opportunity to try out for the PAA highschool team. I look forward to an excellent season of play.

Athletics are simple in some ways. What I mean by this is if you want to improve in a specific skill you simply must put in the time and effort to practice said skill. Hard work pays off. It is a pretty straight forward formula. How does this work with Christianity. I want the character of Christ. Does hard work in this endeavor pay off? Or is it something closer to surrender? Anyway, think about it, then find me and tell me what you think. Steps to Christ is always a great place to go in search of some thoughts on this topic.

Health Challenge: Walk! I know it can be cold but here are two reasons why you still should. 1. A pair of studies from the University of Exeter found that a 15-minute walk can curb cravings for chocolate and even reduce the amount of chocolate you eat in stressful situations. And the latest research confirms that walking can reduce cravings and intake of a variety of sugary snacks. 2. Walking can help protect you during cold and flu season. A study of over 1,000 men and women found that those who walked at least 20 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week, had 43% fewer sick days than those who exercised once a week or less. And if they did get sick, it was for a shorter duration, and their symptoms were milder.

Mr. McAfee



# CHCS Home & School Fundraising Project

## Order your PANAGO pizza today!

### Wednesday, November 15

## Save the date.

### Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>



### Pizza Night with Panago Pizza and College Heights Christian School

On Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> your Home & School Association will be partnering with our local Lacombe Panago Pizza location to offer our families a great deal and raise money for our school.

When you order from the Lacombe Panago Pizza on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, you will receive 15% off any regular priced menu items using the promo code SCHOOL15. Panago will then donate 15% of these net orders back to our school!

Let's all come together and make November 15<sup>th</sup> a pizza night that pays back! We thank you in advance and look forward to a successful fundraising event.

Order online at [www.panago.com](http://www.panago.com).

Call 310-0001 to place your order over the phone.

Order in person at the Lacombe Panago Pizza location:  
5052 Highway 2A, Lacombe, AB (Beside NEW CO-OP Gas Station)



# PANAGO

\*Please note – this fundraising offer and discount is only available on the date listed above at the Panago location listed above. Not available with other offers.

**Tuesday, November 21**

**Report Cards Issued**

**Parent Teacher Appointment  
Scheduler Available for bookings**

**Thursday, November 30**

- Morning classes only (dismissal at 12:30 pm)
- All students go home as usual (walk, parents pickup, school bus)
- CHCS bus service is available to take bussed students home



**PARENT/  
TEACHER  
CONFERENCES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
**afternoon & evening appointments**

**CHCS Grade 9 Winter 2023 Fundraising Project**  
**Poinsettias, Holiday planters, Wreath & Greenery Boughs**

**Orders Due: Monday, November 27, 12 noon**

**Expected Delivery: Tuesday, December 12- school gym**

The ***EASIEST*** method to order and pay is online:

<https://chcs.growingsmilesfundraising.com>



**Red Poinsettia \$14.00**



**White Poinsettia \$14.00**



**Tropical Indoor Planter \$35.00**



**Holiday Wreath \$35.00**



**Outdoor Greenery Bough \$35.00**



**Hanging Greenery Bough \$50.00**

**Your support is appreciated!!**

# Seniors Christmas Lunch & Program Thursday, December 7, 2023

## Cookie/Sandwich Survey

The CHCS Seniors Christmas program and luncheon is planned for **Thursday, December 7**. Our students are busy preparing the invitations for our special guests.

Traditionally student families also help with this event by either sending sandwiches or cookies!

The cookie/sandwich survey is being sent out this week. Kindly complete the applicable cookie and sandwich survey once received and return it to the school office by **Monday, November 27**.

Thank you!





# No School Days

**Friday, November 24**

ECS Students have a  
4 day week, no  
classes on Friday.

***Thursday, November 30 - afternoon***  
*(no ECS-Gr 9 afternoon classes - dismissal at 12:30 pm -  
parent/teacher conferences afternoon & evening))*

**Friday, December 1**

**Friday, December 22**

**December 22  
to January 5, 2024  
Christmas Break**



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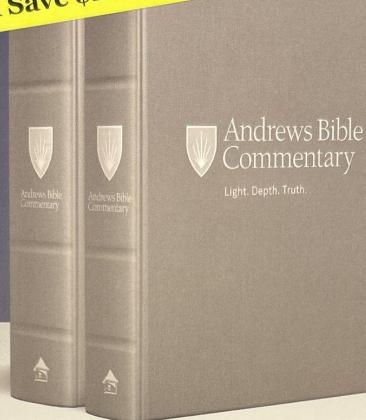
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**This Andrews Bible Commentary is a very rich resource.**

**It's been offered at a discounted price for anyone who wants to purchase it by December 31.**



***Experience the spirit of  
Christmas at the  
Outdoor Live Nativity  
Christmas pageant!***

***Date: December 15 & 16***

***Location: Outside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building, 4049 63rd Avenue, Lacombe (across from the airport)***

***Time: 6:30-8 pm each night Shows are every half hour.***

***Pop inside the church after to warm up and see over 100 Nativity sciences, have some hot chocolate or apple cider and homemade treats. All admission is free.***

## INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS

### Cancelling School Buses and Closing Schools Due to Bad Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of bus transportation and at times regular school operations. We must recognize that there are days when school buses will not be able to operate because of extreme temperatures, fog, freezing rain or other adverse road conditions. Parents/guardians are reminded to review the inclement weather information below for the 2016-2017 school year.

In case of inclement weather, the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is determined prior to 6:00 a.m. and is communicated thereafter in the following ways:

- Telephone recording and/or text message sent to all registered student households via PowerAnnouncement
- Wolf Creek Public Schools website newsfeed ([www.wolfcreek.ab.ca](http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca))
- Notifications automatically sent to subscribers of WCPS' **Media** newsfeed
- Twitter - School closures and bus cancellations will be tweeted to followers at **@WCPS72**
- Facebook - School closures and bus cancellations updates are posted to **Wolf Creek Public Schools**
- Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation webpage regarding school bus route status (<http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/Busing.php>)
- Television/Radio Stations: Global News, Sunny 94.1 FM, Big 105.5 FM, CKGY 95.5 FM, ZED 98.9 FM, CHED 630 AM, CFCW 790 AM, KJR 1440 AM

***It is a parent's decision whether or not they send their child to school on inclement weather days when buses are cancelled and schools remain open.***

### Diploma and PAT Exams

Inclement weather includes situations where the weather conditions prevent a student from being able to arrive safely at the nearest available writing location or where the writing locations have been closed due to severe weather. This can include situations where division school buses were not operating due to weather conditions.

In the event that a group of students are impacted and unable to access the writing of a diploma exam as a result of inclement weather, an application will be made on their behalf to the Alberta Education Special Cases Team to indicate how the students were impacted. The decision to provide an exemption is provided at the sole discretion of Alberta Education.\* (excerpt from *Alberta Education General Information Bulletin*)

During inclement weather, schools with writing locations will, where possible, remain open for Diploma exams to be completed by students who are able to make their way into the exam location. Students, where possible and where safe to do so, are encouraged to write Diploma exams on the assigned day as these are not able to be rescheduled. Writing times will be accommodated for late arrivals on the same day of the exam.

Students in Grade 6 and 9 who are writing PAT exams and miss the exam due to inclement weather will be accommodated on an alternate day, where possible.

Students and parents should watch for notifications with further details on any inclement weather day where a Diploma or PAT exam is being written as specific details will be provided on school websites and radio.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- When a decision is made to cancel bus transportation in the morning and schools remain open, buses will typically run at the end of the school day to return students home.
- Bus drivers have the individual authority to cancel their route, or decide not to stop at a particular pick-up site if they feel the weather/road conditions warrant such action. This can occur regardless of a decision being made by the Superintendent regarding bus cancellations.
- The decision to cancel all bus runs for a full day of school automatically includes the closing of the affected school(s) for all students. However, there may be occasions when the following occurs:
  - Area bus runs (eg. Bluffton, Clive, etc) are canceled in the morning but schools remain open, or
  - Cases such as fog conditions and freezing rain, where road conditions are expected to improve significantly within a short period of time, but improvement in road conditions occurs too late to operate morning bus routes.
    - In such cases, schools will remain open, and the bus runs will be re-opened for operation in the afternoon in order to transport students home who found alternative modes of transport to school. Reminders that the afternoon bus runs will operate and will always be announced on the radio immediately in the morning.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when air temperature in excess of -40 degrees C exists regardless of wind conditions. In instances where the air temperature is between -30 degrees C and -40 degrees C, the wind chill factor may be considered if it creates a temperature in excess of -40 degrees C with the wind chill factor included.
- Schools will be closed with no buses running when dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility (e.g. heavy snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain, heavy fog) are present.
- Pay careful attention to the bus cancellation message if your child/children are bus riders. Waiting for buses in extreme cold temperatures is very dangerous and being cognizant of bus cancellations will ensure your child/children are not outside waiting for a bus that has been cancelled.
- Dress warmly on cold weather days as school buses may be delayed and your child/children may be waiting for the bus for a longer time than usual.
- Wolf Creek Public Schools will continue to announce any district-wide busing cancellations due to inclement weather, fog, or poor road conditions using WCPS' communication practice.
- Sign up on Wolf Creek Public Schools' website to receive notifications on bus cancellations and school closures as well as updates on what is happening throughout our division on important initiatives and events.
  - <http://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/News.php>