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Newsletter: Winter Break Edition

Admin Team Message



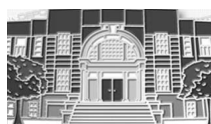
We wanted to take the opportunity to offer a Winter Holiday greeting to all of our families, and to wish you a Happy New Year 2020! It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us already. The school has been buzzing with a multitude of learning activities and various events. The energy is positive and we are looking forward to seeing all of our students, families, and of course our amazing staff in the New Year! A special welcome to Mme Brianne Coughlin, Division 4 teacher. Our newsletter earlier this month focussed on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and positive student behaviour. Please continue to work with your children on reinforcing school rules and expectations. Our target areas lately are “keeping hands, bodies, and objects to self”, following directions of school staff by not wandering in the building during outside time, and resolving conflicts peacefully while seeking help if needed. We will be working on teaching students how to effectively and respectfully manoeuvre and co-exist in tighter outside space – your help and reinforcement of important life and developmental lessons is appreciated! Have a wonderful break!

Parenting in a Digital World

Reminder we have our second Parenting in a Digital World parent/caregiver education night on January 30, 2020 at Churchill Secondary. Please follow the link for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/raising-digitally-responsible-youth-tickets-82373783203>



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Dressing for the Weather

At Tennyson, students are outside for recesses. It is important that students dress for the weather. This includes having jackets, water-proof gear and boots when it rains, and sun protection for sunny days. Some teachers will ask students to have two pairs of shoes at school. Many would benefit from having umbrellas.

Celebrating Student Learning: Daily Sing-a-Long Brings Joy and Cheer

A big thank you to the parent and student organizers of the daily winter caroling that has permeated the halls of Tennyson between 8:30 and bell-time each day during this last week of school. Many students, parents, and staff members have informally gathered each day to sing around the piano, accompanied by the guitar. Students even helped to hand out sheet music! A special thank you to Tyler (Gr. 6) on piano, Bernard (parent) on guitar, and Magnus (Gr. 7) who distributed and announced the songs.



Celebrating Learning: Tennyson Senior Choir Brings Joy to Office Workers and Community Downtown

The Tennyson Senior Gr 4-7 Choir under the leadership of choir director Catherine Campolin and professional pianist Yihan, recently travelled with almost 40 students (accompanied by four parent volunteers and M. Roch) to downtown Vancouver to sing a variety of winter-themed music for passersby at an office tower. As many adults know, this time of year can bring mixed emotions and work fatigue, so these young students performing brought joy and energy to many of the staff and visitors at 1111 West Georgia! About 40 students sang a variety of winter-themed traditional and contemporary choral music. The high ceilings echoed with wonderful music. The feedback of those who stopped to listen was incredible! Plus, the students enjoyed performing for an audience, which is what choir and engaging in musical communication is all about. The students then enjoyed hot chocolate, a lunch, and a variety of treats as a thank you from the property manager and staff. It was a great way to celebrate learning prior to the winter break!

"It felt good to be able to sing for people who were working and doing their regular jobs. It was fun for us to be able to entertain them while they were working. Ms. Catherine is a great choir teacher. It's really fun being in the choir and singing with my friends!" ~Avan, Gr 6



Celebrating Student Learning: Winterfest 2019 – A Festive Success

Winterfest 2019 was a resounding success - it was an evening of fun for the whole family, with great food, an exciting silent auction, cookie decorating, a photo booth, and of course an exhibition of Tennyson's amazing student talent. This included a variety of songs, musical instruments, dance, and other showcased talent. A big thank you to the organizers (for Quebec 2020) including lead parents Karen and Nana, and to our families and many staff members for attending!



Arita (Gr 3) dancing



Ella and Mila (Gr 2) sing a song



Jin & Jaya (Gr 2) at the mic



Magnus (Gr 7) on trumpet



French Immersion Information Night – K and Gr 1 Registration

Tennyson, along with all Early FI schools in the district, will be hosting an information session for parents interested in applying for K or Gr. 1 French Immersion. This session is not so much about Tennyson per se, but about the French Immersion program in general across the district. We will also talk about the application process. This is scheduled for 7pm on January 9th, 2020, in the Tennyson gym.



Making Learning Visible: The Art of Giving to Those in Need

Tennyson parents Katherine, Tara, and Shana recently heard of a Vancouver school in need of hampers for ten families who were struggling financially. Unfortunately, this school's support could not help as anticipated. So, Tennyson families stepped in to make it all happen! With just a few days' notice, students and families pitched in to ensure that ten hampers were created. This is phenomenal social-emotional learning our students in the area of being generous, and practicing kindness. If you haven't already, please talk with your child about how they can be generous and kind towards others, both at our own school, and in the community. In the photo, you can see the massive number of items donated as our parent volunteers organize the hampers in the hallway (and this photo does not show all of the donations)!



Celebrating Student Learning: December Assemblies and Sing-Along are a Great Success!

Our Grade 7 Equipe Leadership in collaboration with Grade 2 students from Div. 13 were happy to write, practise and present short scenes during the year-end assembly on Wednesday. The presentation touched the Tennyson school Code of Conduct RALE and emphasized the importance of following the rules of Respect, Attitude Positive, Leadership and Effort Maximum. The presentation finished with a festive sing-along incorporating songs from a variety of winter traditions. Thank you to the students who worked so hard, to Mme Kateryna for working with the students, and to Mme Jacinthe for working with the Gr 2 students who were featured in the scenes.



Appreciating our New School Building Contractors

This past Thursday, a team of students and parents organized a special treat drop off for our contractors who have been working so hard on our new building. This team has been great to work with, and the construction workers have made an above-and-beyond effort with our students, such as saying hello and retrieving lost balls in the site, despite being quite busy with tight timelines. The DGS site supervisor called M Roch after asking all of our parents and students to know how much the workers appreciated the kind and appreciative gesture, especially in a rainy day! Thank you to parent Orla for the wonderful idea and organization of this!



Celebrating Student Performance: Gr 1 & 2

During the last week of school, the Gr 2 students in Mme Simone's and Mme Jacinthe's classes held a wonderful concert for the families. They sang a variety of French songs with a seasonal theme, and brought beautiful voices, French language and culture, and a festive feeling to the school. Well done!

Friday is the big Grade 1 Concert for all Gr 1 families to attend. We have been looking forward to this, as students have been practicing a variety of seasonal music from different traditions, as well as several songs adapted from ABBA! The students recently attended the VSB offices to decorate the tree and to perform several of these songs for District staff and visitors, receiving widespread acclamation and appreciation (see earlier December newsletter for more info!). Thank you to the students, and of course to Mme Evelyne, Mme Preston, Mme Lichimo, and Mme Taillefer for all of their work on this concert!



Parking Around the School

Please be aware of parking restrictions around the school. We have been hearing of families getting tickets in these zones, as the neighbourhood is patrolled regularly by City parking enforcement. Please be cognizant of the restricted areas and avoid parking in the prohibited zones, as you are highly likely to receive a ticket. We have also been hearing some frustration from families and from community members regarding vehicles stopped or parked for a long period of time in front of the school. We ask families to use other streets for drop off or parking. If you do need to do a

pick up or drop-off in front of the school, please do so quickly, and be aware of the many people that use 10th Ave for various purposes. Most appreciated!

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Tennyson PAC News

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on January 20th at 7pm in the library. All Tennyson parents/guardians are welcome!

Here is the Tennyson PAC website: www.lordtennyson.ca

Please make sure you are getting the weekly PAC emails! Go to the website above to sign up if you are not – they contain a lot of important and interesting information, and inform you of our many PAC-sponsored initiatives and events.



IMPORTANT DATES

Please check the school and PAC websites for the ongoing addition of items and events

Dec 20: Last day of school prior to Winter Break

Jan 6: Back to School!

Jan 20: PAC Meeting @ 7pm in the library

Jan 27: Professional Development non-instructional day (note it's a Monday)

