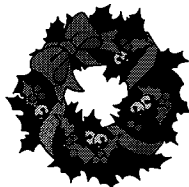


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Christmas Newsletter



Joyeux Noël! Peace & Joy in the New Year

I wish you peace...I do not say this lightly. To wish for peace, one has a duty to make peace possible... And I invite you all to make peace possible around you, in your homes.

Back in 1970 (I was 6 years old!), Alvin Toffler wrote his best seller, *Future Shock*. The author shared his view in an era governed by increasing diversification and an exponential growth in all means of communication technology. Almost 50 years ago, Toffler was describing a future where the work place was almost irrelevant as most workers would be able to "work from home". Toffler predicted that it would be possible to be in constant communication with our co-workers, wherever they might be. It would be possible to remain informed and to be aware of all expectations related to work on a 24-7 basis...

Reading Toffler 47 years after the publication of *Future Shock*, all we can say is this: He was right on... But, as we all live in this society described by the author, my question is: Where is peace in all of this?

Toffler, in his chapter on family, explained how family is and has always been the "bumper" of our society. It is in our family that we may find the peace and the security needed to heal from our wounds. It is in our family that we can find the support and the encouragement needed to meet the needs of our very demanding society.

I wish you peace and I wish for you to have the courage to enable peace in your homes...Our children, all children, need a safe haven. They need to be able to rest. They need the peace required to build their own self-confidence. They need continuous encouragement. They need to be able to talk and to be listened to. They need a time out of this scheme of a 24-7 performance model ... For most of us, this safe haven is called home. And what is wrong with some "unproductive" time...Contemplation of beauty requires some time. Did you ever lay back in the snow and look at the clouds moving slowly in the sky?

I wish you peace... May your home be the safe haven needed by all children...

Pierre Rousseau, Principal



Eagle staff presented to Sir George Simpson

On December 6th, Ryan Arcand, a former SGS parent and Cree artist and activist, offered a traditional Eagle Staff, a very high honour, to the school. The Eagle staff is displayed in a glass case in the office.

Report Cards

The first semester is coming to an end and your child's report card for Term I will be sent home on Friday, January 26, 2018. Please note that, in order to allow teachers to work on the report cards, the PowerSchool Portal will not be available from January 12 to 26, 2018.

The Report Card is a summary of your child's progress. It indicates the final percentage obtained in each subject. The Report Card is a very important document. It is kept in your child's cumulative file and it is used to determine your child's program placement, as well as High School placement.

In each of the Core subjects, the final mark for the year is a weighted average calculated as follows:

Term I	40%
Term II	40%
Final Exam	20%

"Honours with Distinction" is awarded to all students who have achieved an average of 90% in core subjects and no mark lower than 4(E) in option courses.

"Honours" is awarded to all students who have achieved an average of 80% in core subjects and no mark under 3.5(G) in option courses.

Mark your Calendar:

January 8, 2018: First Day Back!

January 10, 2018: Early Dismissal

January 11-12, 2018: Band students at Camp Nakamun

January 12, 2018: Grade 7 French Immersion students (except Band students) to Le Canoë Volant

January 12, 2018: PowerSchool Portal will be closed to allow teachers to work on Report Cards

January 12-13, 2018: Junior Basketball Tournament in Morinville

January 18, 2018: Play Production 9 students attend "Les Misérables" at the Arden Theatre

January 18-20, 2018: SAPEC Basketball Tournament

January 19, 2018: Ski Trip to Rabbit Hill

January 23, 2018: School Council Meeting at 7 pm

January 25, 2018: School Assemblies

January 25-27, 2018: Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament at Dan Knott School (Edmonton)

January 26, 2018: Report Cards and End of Term I