

CROWTHER MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



—Making our *world* a better place

(Vision)

—*United* in our *Diversity*, *Passionate* about our *Learning*, *Confident* in our *Future*

(Mission)

—CMJHS is a *family* where *students* and *learning* come first. Together we create **powerful learning** that fosters collaboration, creativity and innovation while being respectful, caring and kind

(Values)

Crowther Memorial Junior High School December Newsletter



Welcome to December everyone...the month of festivities, quality time with family and friends and hopefully an opportunity to get a little relaxation. You will notice the atmosphere in the building typically a little more festive and energetic than normal as the music from our Social Dance practice fills the air as does the many seasonal events and activities. We appreciate all the support as we work hard with community to bring in extra non perishable food items, toys, clothing, etc for donation to our local food bank. We also work hard at this time of year to support communities abroad as we believe it is important to look beyond our own neighborhood and support others globally. We wanted to take this opportunity to send our appreciation to all of our students and families this holiday season and extend our best wishes to all. Thank you for all your support this school year and we look forward to continuing our work together. Make sure to take some time during the break to enjoy each other's company and relax. Be safe, have fun and Merry Christmas to you all.

Sincerely,
the CMJHS Staff

General School Updates:

Grade 9 Leadership

The CMJHS Grade 9 Leadership classes focus on supporting the local and global community by devoting time and energy to a variety of projects and volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. This is an integral part of developing citizenship in our students

In December we concentrate on encouraging our fellow school mates to give to others less fortunate.

Our food collection drive kicks off with the “Hockey for Hunger” event at the beginning of December, where students cheer on the members of our school hockey program and bring non perishable goods for the local Christmas Hamper program. This continues until December 15 this year as a POD vs POD competition, using grocery carts at school as a measurement device!

Our Leadership classes are also responsible for bringing items for three days of bake sales to raise funds for the purchase of goats and chickens to encourage sustainability for farmers in African countries. All contributions are welcome- goodies and funds.

As volunteers at the local Crisis Shelter, our students discovered that many pre-teens and teens housed there do not receive Christmas gifts, as the majority of donations include toys and stuffed animals. This has led to the creation of “Warm Fuzzy Day”, where homerooms compete against each other by donating gift cards for various store locations, or socks and pyjamas. Students are encouraged to wear their jammies that day- the winner receives donuts from Rocky’s bakery.

Finally, students who attended WE Day are selling Rafiki bracelets to raise funds for education and clean water in Kenya and Ethiopia.

We endeavour to post photos and updates regularly on our CMJHS social media, so please be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram... or BOTH.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR YOUR HELP TO RAISE OVER \$30,000 FOR CMJHS. THE POPCORN FUNDRAISER HAS BEEN OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER SO FAR. ON NOVEMBER 30, WE AS A SCHOOL CELEBRATED THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FUNDRAISER WITH A GAME SHOW ASSEMBLY. TOP 5 SELLERS FROM EACH GRADE COMPETED IN GAMES TO WIN MONEY PRIZES. EVERY STUDENT THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE FUNDRAISER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER A DRAW AND WIN ONE OF THE 30 SURPRISE GOODY BAGS.

ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 DURING PERIOD 6, ALL STUDENTS FROM GRADE 7 WILL BE EATING THE LONGEST ROW OF SUNDAES AT CMJHS. THANKS TO PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND DAIRY QUEEN FOR SUPPLYING THE ICE CREAM AND BRINGING 200 SUNDAES TO CMJHS! THIS REWARD GOES TO THE GRADE 7 STUDENTS FOR BEING THE TOP SELLING GROUP IN OUR SCHOOL, PROFITING OVER \$13000.

ALL POPCORN WILL BE ARRIVING IN JANUARY BETWEEN 15 - 19. MORE INFORMATION ON EXACT DAY AND TIME PICK UP WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER IN DECEMBER. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF CMJHS AND THIS AMAZING FUNDRAISER.

STUDENT COUNCIL

ON NOVEMBER 17/18 OUR STUDENT COUNCIL STUDENTS HAD THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITY OF ATTENDING THE ANNUAL JUNIOR HIGH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, HELD THIS YEAR IN PONOKA. OUR STUDENTS GOT TO MINGLE WITH STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOL AND SHARED IN GREAT ACTIVITIES THAT HELPED NOT ONLY BUILD COMMUNITY WITHIN THEIR

BREAKOUT GROUPS, BUT ALSO TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT IDEAS AND THINGS THAT ARE DONE IN OTHER SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP AND BRING A SCHOOL COMMUNITY TOGETHER. THERE WERE DIFFERENT SPEAKERS SUCH AS ALVIN LAW WHO IS AN AMAZING INSPIRATION. HE TALKED TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT PURSUING THEIR PASSIONS, OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AND TO NEVER ALLOW ANY OBSTACLE BIG OR SMALL, TO BE A CAUSE TO NOT FOLLOW A PASSION, INTEREST OR DREAM. IT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENT COUNCIL TO BE AROUND OTHER STUDENTS THAT SHARE IN THE SAME INTERESTS AND HAVE THE SAME DRIVE IN WANTING TO MAKE THEIR SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE TO BE FOR EVERYONE. OUR STUDENTS ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOPEFULLY GET A CHANCE TO ATTEND AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

New Reporting System

AS YOU KNOW, GHSD LAUNCHED A NEW REPORT CARD AT THE JUNIOR HIGH LEVEL THIS FALL. AT CMJHS, WE EXPERIENCED THE ROLL-OUT ON NOVEMBER 17TH AS THE REPORT CARDS WENT HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THIS NEW PROGRAM. WE WERE ABLE TO TALK WITH PARENTS AT PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS AND RECEIVE SOME INITIAL FEEDBACK. AS WITH ANY NEW SYSTEM, THERE ARE ALWAYS GLITCHES AND NEW LEARNING. WITH THIS NEW REPORT CARD WE ARE STILL GROWING AND LEARNING ALONG SIDE YOU. WE DO HOWEVER WANT TO INVITE YOU TO A PARENT INFORMATION SESSION SO THAT TOGETHER WE CAN TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PROGRAM AND SOME DETAILS AROUND IT. WE WILL HOST A COUPLE INFORMATION EVENINGS IN OUR LIBRARY AND WELCOME TO YOU ATTEND. BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT (403) 934-4646 AND CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE SO THAT WE CAN ACCOMMODATE ALL PARENTS.

GRADE 7 AND 8 PARENTS- TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH 7:00-8:00PM
GRADE 8 AND 9 PARENTS- WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH 7:00-8:00PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

CMJHS SOCIAL DANCE CONTEST

EVERY YEAR, TO CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND ALL THE HARD WORK STUDENTS HAVE PUT IN, WE TAKE THE AFTERNOON OF OUR LAST DAY- DECEMBER 22ND AND HAVE A SOCIAL DANCE CONTEST IN OUR GYM. FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IN PE, STUDENTS HAVE LEARNED MANY DIFFERENT DANCES AND ARE ABLE TO SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS IN THE AFTERNOON OF OUR LAST DAY BEFORE THE BREAK. THE SOCIAL DANCE CONTEST ALWAYS PROVES TO BE A FUN, ENERGETIC AFTERNOON- ESPECIALLY THE JIVE! THIS IS A TRADITION WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR OVER 25 YEARS. LEGEND HAS IT THAT SANTA MAY MAKE AN APPEARANCE.

CMJH SCHOOL (PARENT) COUNCIL UPDATES

SCHOOL COUNCIL, ALONG WITH CMJHS STAFF ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW MONTHLY RECOGNITION AWARD ENTITLED "SCHOOL COUNCIL CRED" STARTING IN JANUARY. THE SCC AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO ONE STUDENT FROM EACH GRADE.

EACH MONTH, A WORD WILL BE CHOSEN BY SCHOOL COUNCIL THAT DESCRIBES A 'DESIRABLE TRAIT' OR A CHARACTERISTIC THAT WE LOOK FOR IN AN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT.

THE JANUARY RECOGNITION AWARD WILL BE FOR THE CHARACTERISTIC OF:

"WILLINGNESS"

RECIPIENTS OF THIS AWARD WILL ALSO RECEIVE A GIFT CARD, THEIR PICTURE TAKEN AND POSTED ON OUR BULLETIN BOARD AND SOCIAL MEDIA. WE ARE HAPPY TO TEAM WITH THE SCHOOL IN RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING SO MANY HARD-WORKING AND COMMITTED STUDENTS.

ALSO, Also, thank you to anyone who purchased the Sobey's, CO-OP, and No Frills gift cards through the school council fundraiser. We will hand gift cards out at the December 20th Christmas Fine arts performance in the evening.

FINE ARTS UPDATE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FINE ARTS CONCERT AT 7PM AT CMJHS ON DECEMBER 20TH.

GROUP BAND PICTURES AND HEAD SHOTS FOR FINE ARTS CONCERT

DURING DIRT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 STUDENTS IN ALL 3 CONCERT BAND PROGRAMS WILL BE HAVE THEIR **GROUP PICTURES** TAKEN FOR THE FINE ARTS CONCERT. PLEASE WEAR BAND **COLLAR SHIRT FOR PICTURES (IF YOU DID NOT PICK UP YOUR BAND SHIRT YET, MRS. HOMAN HAS THEM WAITING FOR YOU IN THE BAND ROOM)**

DURING DIRT ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 - JAZZ BAND GROUP PICTURES WILL BE DONE. - DRESS CODE IS BAND SHIRT, AND TIE (MRS. HOMAN HAS IT) - HAT IS OPTIONAL

DURING DIRT ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - ROCK BAND GROUP PICTURES WILL BE DONE. - DRESS LIKE A ROCK STAR.

HEAD SHOTS OF ALL BAND STUDENTS WILL BE DONE BY OUR PHOTOGRAPHY 8 CLASS. THERE IS NO DRESS CODE FOR THIS HEAD SHOT; WE WILL START TAKING PHOTOS OF STUDENTS WITH THEIR INSTRUMENT ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 ENDING THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

FOR CONCERT BAND 7, 8, 9 STUDENTS

DECEMBER 20 WE WILL BE CAROLING WITH OUR INSTRUMENTS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SENIOR HOMES FROM 9 AM TO 12 PM. STUDENTS WILL PLAY IN THEIR LITTLE GROUPS AROUND STRATHMORE TO GIVE A HOLIDAY CHEER. WE WILL BE TAKING A BUS TO TRAVEL WITH OUR INSTRUMENTS TO EACH LOCATION. WE WILL RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL AROUND 12:00. MRS. HOMAN WILL BE SUPPLYING PIZZA AND WATER BOTTLES FOR LUNCH THAT DAY. THERE IS NO DRESS CODE BUT EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A SANTA HAT TO WEAR FOR THIS OCCASION.

DECEMBER 20TH FINE ARTS CONCERT AT 7PM AT CMJHS - ALL STUDENTS IS ASKED TO BRING BAKED GOODIES TO BE SOLD BEFORE THE CONCERT STARTS.

ALL BAND STUDENTS MUST BE AT THE SCHOOL AT 6:15PM IN FULL UNIFORM - **COLLAR BAND SHIRT, DARK PANTS OR SKIRT, AND DARK SHOES. CONCERT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR LONG.**

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT POINSETTIAS THIS YEAR. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY ON DECEMBER 13 AFTER SCHOOL AT THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM.

CMJHS LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN A BUSY PLACE THE LAST MONTH WITH HARRY POTTER, AND RENAISSANCE PROJECTS!! THE BUTTON MAKER HAS GOTTEN A WORK OUT WITH MOVEMBER BUTTONS. FOR DEC. MANY STUDENTS ARE MAKING PARACORD BRACELETS AND CARD MAKING WILL START SOON. IF ANYONE WANTS TO DONATE CARD MAKING SUPPLIES AND/OR PARACORD WE WILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPT.

ALSO THE LEGO ADVENT CALENDAR IS SURE TO BE A BIG HIT. HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE HOLIDAY!! SEE YOU ALL IN JANUARY

Important Dates (subject to change)

December 20 – Fine Arts Concert @ 7pm
December 22 – Social Dance
December 23 – Start of Christmas Break
January 08 – Back to School
January 30 – Report Cards Sent home
January 31 – No school for students
February 01 – Parent/Teacher Interviews, 5-8pm
February 19-23 – No school for students
March 02 – No school
March 16 – No school for students
March 28 – Spaghetti Supper, 5-8pm
March 30 – Start of Spring Break
April 09 – Back to School

April 20 – Report Cards Sent home
April 26 – Take Our Kids To Work Day
April 27 – No school
May 07 – Music Monday! CMJHS Band @ Brentwood
May 09 – Language Arts PAT Part A
May 11 – No school for students
May 12 – 18 – GR. 9 Eastern Canada Trip
May 14 – 18 – GR.9 Western Canada Experience
May 21 – No school
May 24 – Fine Arts Concert @ 7pm
June 01 – No school
June 20 – Language Art PAT Part B
June 22 – Mathematics PAT
June 25 – Science PAT; AM Gr. 7/8 Science; PM Gr. 7/8 Language Arts
June 26 – Social Studies PAT; AM Gr. 7/8 Social Studies; PM Gr. 7/8 Mathematics
June 29 – Report Card Pick Up



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