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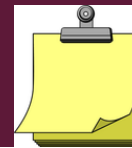
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# Principal Notes:



Happy New Year, Seven Persons School families! As we begin this January, I want to take a moment to reflect on our school environment and share how we are working together to ensure every student thrives.

The *Alberta Education Assurance Survey* is a tool our school (and schools across the province) uses to keep getting better by listening to your feedback. Every year, all teachers, as well as [parents and students in grades 4, 7, and 10](#), are invited to share their thoughts through this survey. It measures how the school is doing in five main areas: how students are growing and achieving, the quality of teaching, the supports available to students, how the school is governed, and our local community connection.

Specifically, the survey asks if students are engaged in their learning, if they are learning to be good citizens, and if our school is a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe place to be. We check these results by comparing them to other schools in the province and by looking at our own three-year average to see where we have improved or where we need to focus more attention. This process is vital because it helps our team identify our successes and create plans to fix any issues that are important to our families.

We deeply value the feedback provided in our [Spring 2025 Assurance Survey](#), which indicated that fostering a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environment is currently an area of "Issue" for our school. Specifically, we noted a decline in perceptions regarding student safety and rule-following, particularly among our Grade 4-6 students and parents. In response, we are dedicating ourselves to the divisional goal of "Kindle Hearts," where we prioritize well-being, connection, and service. Our primary strategy is the intentional cultivation of Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs), which serve as a foundation for optimal development and lifelong well-being.

To turn this issue into a strength, we are implementing several key school-based strategies:

- **Deepening Adult Connections:** We are committed to ensuring that every single student has a genuine connection with at least two caring, non-parent adults in our building who take an interest in their success.
- **Building Belonging:** We are utilizing school structures like CLANS and CREW, along with school-wide spirit days and displays of student work, to ensure every child feels they belong.
- **Social-Emotional Learning:** To help students navigate relationships, we are teaching friendship and empathy skills through the Second Step SEL program.

## How Parents Can Support Our Safe & Caring Culture

Parents are our most vital partners in this work. To help us move the needle on school safety and respect, we invite you to support the "Kindle Hearts" initiative through these three pillars:

### 1. Model Respectful Citizenship

- **At Home:** Reinforce the principles of mutual respect. When children hear adults speak positively about school rules and staff, they are more likely to follow those expectations in the classroom.
- **Celebrate Diversity:** Support our PCE (Positive Childhood Experiences) goal by volunteering to share your cultural or local traditions with our classes.

### 2. Proactive Communication

- **Report, Don't Just Vent:** If your child mentions safety concerns or social friction, please alert us early. Open dialogue allows our team to address issues before they escalate.
- **Participate:** If you are a parent of a student in Grade 4 or 7, please complete the upcoming Assurance Survey. Your honest data is what drives our improvement plans.

### 3. Active Presence & Engagement

- **Join School Council:** This is the best way to help us identify community needs and connect classroom learning to real-world experiences.
- **Support our PCE (Positive Childhood Experiences) goal by being a "Trusted Adult":** Whether volunteering for a field trip or a school event, your presence provides an extra layer of care and supervision that strengthens our entire school climate.

Together, we will continue to create an environment where every member of the Wolfpack feels cared for, respected, and safe.

Until next month,

Catherine Usher, Principal

# January 2026

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Welcome Back!	6 Toonie Treat	7 Hot lunch - Grit City	8 NYE - Dance 6pm-8pm	9 Soup du jour - Chicken Noodle	10
11	12 Feb Hot lunch Opens	13	14 Hot lunch - Subway	15 Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser starts Young at Heart Reading	16 Soup du jour - Chili	17
18	19	20 Toonie Treat Term 3 JrH Options Start	21 Hot lunch - Dominos	22	23	24
25	26	27 Grade 9 @ EBHS	28 Feb Hot lunch Closes Hot lunch - Booster Juice	29 Young at Heart Reading	30 Jump Rope for the Heart 2-3pm Parent Council Lunch Sausage and Perogies	31

# SPS Athletics

Important reminders:

## Basketball

# January 2026

Sun				Sat		
				1 Christmas Break	2	3
4	5 B Boys Practice	6 B Boy Game 5:15 @ St Marys B Girls Practice	7 B Girls Game Hosting 5:15	8 B Girls Practice	9 B Girls Tournament at St. Mary's	10 Continued
11	12 B Girls Game @ Parkside 4pm B Boys Practice	13 B Girls Practice	14 B Boys Practice	15 B Boy Game 5:15 - Host	16 B Boys Tournament at Irvine B Girls Tournament St. Mary's Taber	17 Continued Continued
18	19 B Boys Practice	20 B Boys Game 4pm @ Parkside B Girls Practice	21 B Girls Game @ CHHS B Boys Practice	22 B Girls Practice	23	24
25	26 B Girls Game @ 3:15 NDA B Boys Practice	27 B Boys Game 4pm @ Irvine B Girls Practice	28 B Boys Practice	29 B Girls Practice	30 B Boys Tournament at St. Mary's	31 Continued B Girls Home tournament



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Happy New Year, Everybody!!!

With such a long break, your child(ren) may have forgotten which book—or how many books—they have from the library. They are welcome to come see me during the first recess on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, and I can help them figure out which books to look for.

Our Christmas Raffle was a massive hit, with some awesome prizes! Our five big prize winners were Hildy (JK), Lily (4), Beau (1), Georgia (4), and Clara (K). We also had 11 mini prize winners. Congratulations to everyone, and I hope to have a new raffle set up soon.

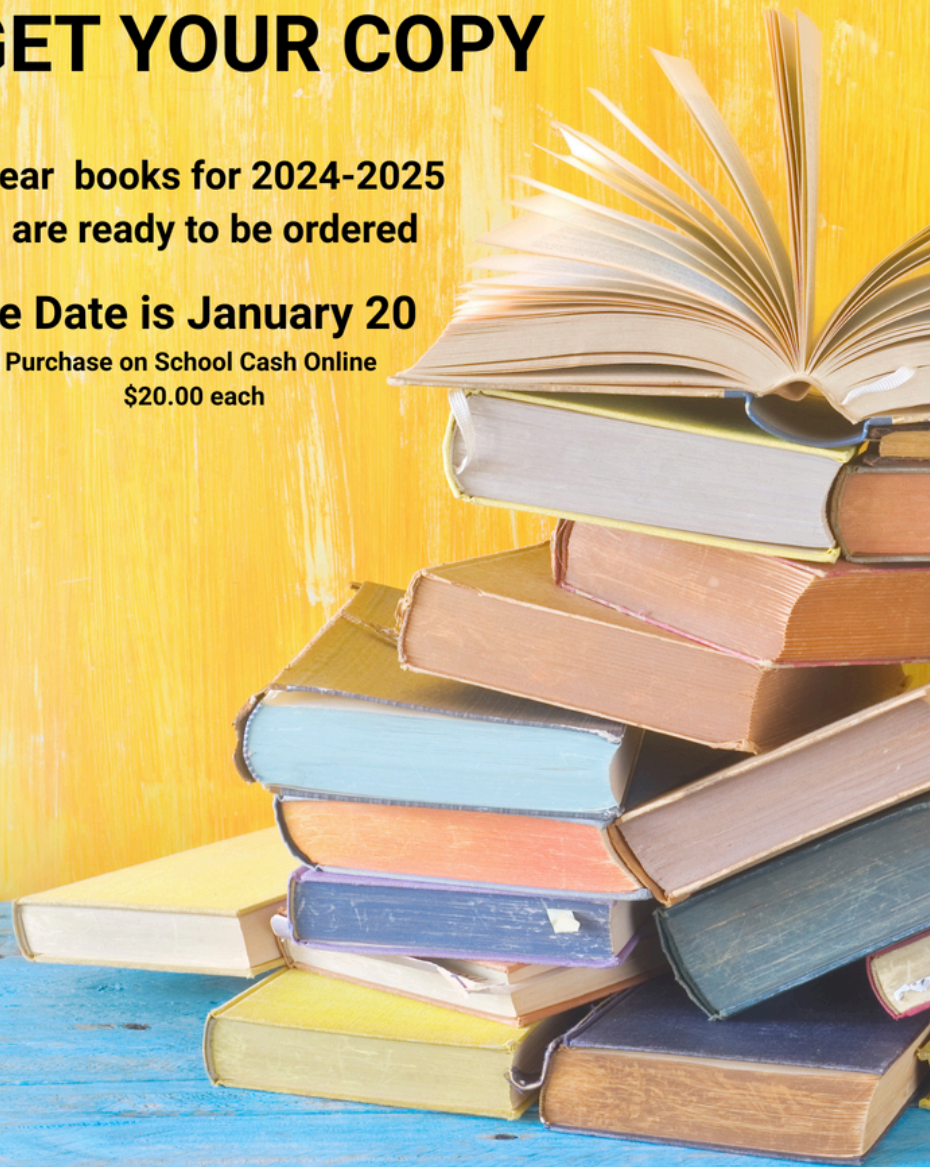


# GET YOUR COPY

Year books for 2024-2025  
are ready to be ordered

**Due Date is January 20**

Purchase on School Cash Online  
\$20.00 each



Presenting Partner



## Support heart health with Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fundraiser that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back.

### Here's why we're participating

1. Money raised by our school helps Heart & Stroke drive important heart and brain research that will save lives, prevent heart disease and stroke and support families living with these conditions.
2. Jump is an inclusive event for all abilities to get kids moving and help them discover new and exciting ways to get active.
3. Students learn the EASY Healthy Habits that they can use to keep their hearts and brains healthy and help reduce their risk of developing heart disease and stroke later in life.
4. Jump gives back! Students can earn thank you gift cards from Indigo, Amazon or Walmart based on their fundraising level as a heartfelt thank you for their hard work.

### How does Jump Rope for Heart work?

#### At School:

- Starting today, we'll be practicing some awesome skipping and heart-pumping activities!
- We'll be learning about Heart & Stroke's Easy Healthy Habits to keep our hearts and brains strong and healthy to help prevent heart disease and stroke.
- It all leads up to our Jump Event Day, where we'll celebrate what we've learned and the funds we've raised with fun jump rope stations, games, activities, and more. It's going to be a blast!

#### At home:

- You can help support lifesaving research by collecting donations from family and friends.
- There is no cost to participate.
- Fundraising starts now until our Jump Event Day
- Jump Rope for Heart uses an online fundraising platform. To register, create a personalized fundraising page for your child using the link below.
- When you register, you'll also get:
  - o Helpful fundraising tips and ideas
  - o Information and tools about the EASY Healthy Habits
  - o Insights into Heart & Stroke's life-saving work

### Our Jump Event Day is:

To learn more about Jump Rope for Heart  
visit [jumpropeforheart.ca](http://jumpropeforheart.ca)

### Register Now!

or visit [jumpropeforheart.ca/registration](http://jumpropeforheart.ca/registration)  
and search for your school



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**Friday, Jan 30 @ 2:00pm**



**ATTENTION PARENTS!!!!!!!**

**LET'S HELP THE BUS DRIVERS BE EFFICIENT!!**

**When you have a student that will not be on the bus in the morning, is getting picked up after school, has a practice or has gone home sick, please TEXT your driver to let them know.**

**\*\*Dress them according to weather\*\***

**You should have their phone numbers.  
If you do not, please contact the office.**



We are collecting dried markers and pens. We are working together with I. F. Cox to collect as many old writing tools as possible. We will weigh our collection each month and see how many pounds we can collect by the end of the year. Please bring any to Mrs. Duchscherer's room!

We collect:

pens  
mechanical pencils  
sharpies  
whiteboard markers  
markers  
highlighters

They are recycled into benches, flower pots and picnic tables.

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