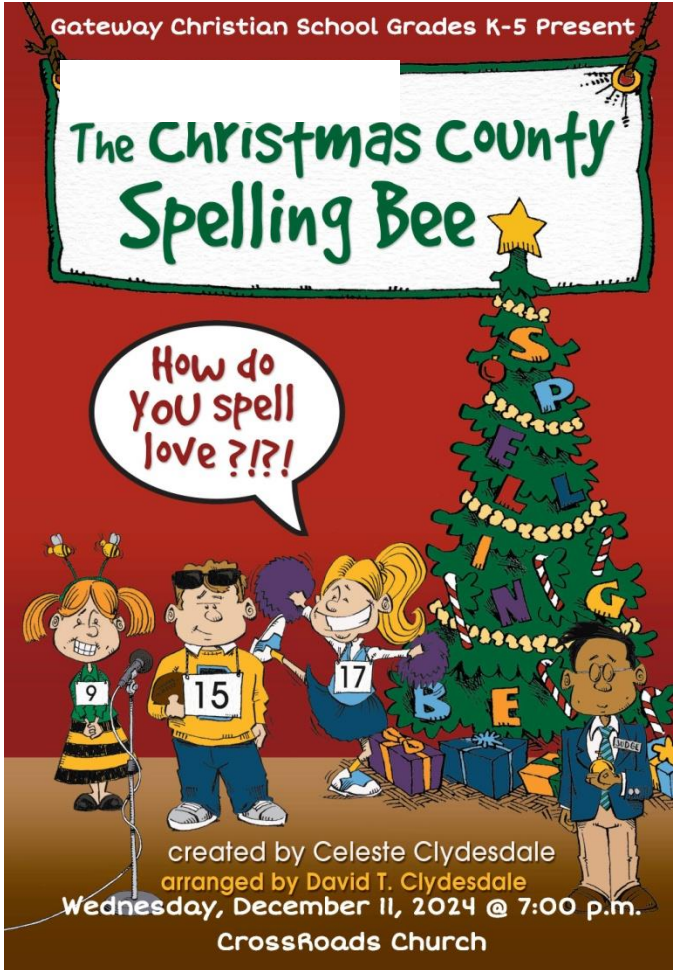




December 9th, 2024 Reminders

Have faith in your future



Our kindergarten to Grade 5 classes
are excited to present
“The Christmas County Spelling Bee”
on Wednesday, December 11th
at CrossRoads Church, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Students are asked to wear their Sunday/Christmas best. Please do not wear hats for the Christmas concert.

The concert will be approximately one hour. Please drop your child off in the gym at 6:45 p.m. You will be asked to sign your child in with their teacher. Please note there will be no supervision prior to 6:45 p.m.

Actors are asked to meet in the Trestle/Prayer room just off of the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

Following the concert, we are asking one adult only to pick up your child in the gym. You will be asked to sign out your child before leaving.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening celebrating the birth of Jesus!

GCS Kindergarten – Gr. 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews are Thursday, Dec. 12th!

Parent/Teacher Interviews are an opportunity to engage in conversation about your child's learning. Let's connect...Let's talk! Book your interview(s) today!

- ▶ phone interviews: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- ▶ in-person interviews: 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. (supper break 5 – 5:30 p.m.)
- ▶ phone interviews: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

To book your child(ren)'s parent/teacher interviews(s), please click [HERE](#).

School code: wnusu

Teachers are looking forward to connecting with you!

Please note:

- Thursday, Dec. 12th: No school for all kindergarten – Gr. 8 students / regular classes for high school students (Gr. 9-12). High school parents: our yellow bus service will not be running on Dec. 12th. Please make alternate transportation plans. Thank you!
- Friday, Dec. 13th: No school for K-Gr. 12 students.

Kinders showing the love of Jesus through acts of kindness!

Please check out this heartwarming “Manger of Kindness” display in Mrs. Capton’s kindergarten class. Kinders have beautifully recorded acts of kindness they’ve both given and received.

Here are just a few of their recordings –

- Leo helped Althea put her things in her locker.
- The Gr. 12s helped us with make Christmas cards.
- Shepard helped Leo with his backpack.
- Daniel helped in our classroom by sweeping.
- Lereign pushed James on the swing.
- Hailey helped a little boy open the door.

Kinders – Letting Their Kindness Shine Bright this Christmas Season!



We warmly invite you to our
Kindergarten - Gr. 8
Christmas Celebration
Wednesday, December 18th
@ 9:40 a.m. in our main gym.

(and parent/guardian prayer time
in the Den from 8:45 - 9:35 a.m. on the 18th)

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may His light guide you, His love envelop you, and His joy uplift your spirit.



2025/2026 Kindergarten Program

Do you have a child who will be 5 by December 31, 2025? If you do, they are of age to start kindergarten in September 2025. Registration starts January 15, 2025! Registration is online, click [HERE](#) to register (please note the link does not open until Jan. 15th). We will be offering full day programs (Monday/Wednesday every second Friday and Tuesday/Thursday every second Friday).



Classes fill up quickly....please register as soon as possible!



Entering kindergarten is an exciting time and a big step for children and their families. It is a wonderful time when children are encouraged to grow emotionally, intellectually, physically, spiritually, creatively, as well as socially. Parents and teachers work together to ensure the transition from home to school is as smooth as possible. Alberta Education requires Gateway to have a copy of your child's birth certificate on record. Please email or send a copy of your son's/daughter's birth certificate to Cathy McCullough (cathy.mccullough@rdpsd.ab.ca). Thank you!

Please call the office if you have any questions or concerns. Our office staff would be happy to help.

Our Gr. 12 Co-Impact Service Team – Growing in their FAITH while SERVING others!

Our Gr. 12 Co-Impact Team would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported their fundraisers over the last few months. They are excited to have the opportunity to impact the people of the Dominican Republic over Spring break.

This trip gives students the opportunity to:

- **build strong, life-long relationships with their classmates, the people in the Dominican Republic, and their teachers.**
- **strengthen & grow their relationship with our Heavenly Father.**
- **work as a team towards one overall goal - to build and/or help repair a Christian School in the Dominican Republic.**
- **broaden their view of the world. Learn about the people, culture and land of the Dominican Republic.**
- **empower our students to live passionately for Christ.**
- **understand more deeply how one person can make a difference in the lives of others.**

It's going to be an awesome trip and they thank you for your continued SUPPORT! Please continue to pray for our team as they continue to plan & fundraiser for their service trip of a lifetime.

Thank you, Gateway!

Our Kinder – Gr. 4 Sledding/Tobogganing Hill!

Our students are thoroughly enjoying our sledding/tobogganing hill. To ensure that everyone stays safe and has a great time, we have a few guidelines:

The sledding hill may **ONLY BE USED WITH A SLED & HELMET!**

- NO “sledding” on the hill in snow pants or without a helmet.
- NO jumping, running, diving down the hill without a sled.
- NO SLEDDING OR USING THE HILL WITHOUT A SLED.

Permitted:

- Sleds in good repair with no jagged edges.
- Soft foam, flying saucers/sleds with no jagged edges

NOT Permitted:

- Hard plastic, flying saucers; tubes; GTs; snowboards and crazy carpets.



Monday	Gr. 4's
Tuesday	Gr. 1's
Wednesday	Gr. 2's
Thursday	Gr. 3's
Friday	Kinders

Gr. 1-8 report cards are available for parents to view and/or print on your PowerSchool Parent Portal today – Monday, Dec. 9th!

Red Deer Public School District's Student Information System, that houses all student data, is called PowerSchool. This is where attendance and student information (parent phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact info, etc.) are managed. Parents need a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account to access their child's report card. If you do not have a parent account, please call (403-346-5795) or email cathy.mccullough@rdpsd.ab.ca or heather.poettcker@rdpsd.ab.ca. For a Parent PowerSchool Guide, please click [HERE](#).

Viewing/Printing Gr. 1-8 Report Cards

Log into your parent account using this link: <https://powerschool.rdpsd.ab.ca/public/>

1. Under the "Navigation" Menu on the LEFT side, scroll to find "RDP Reports".
2. You will now see the Report Card Section. Click on the blue link/words "Middle School ReportCard" OR "Elementary School Report Card".
3. This will take you to your child's most recently posted report card. (The red printing will NOT print- it is for the webpage ONLY)

Gr. 6-8 Parents: Viewing Marks / Attendance (available online 24/7)

Log into PowerSchool <http://powerschool.rdpsd.ab.ca/public>

1. Attendance is on the left for the last 2 weeks (total on the right) – we take attendance twice a day so totals are ½ day totals. Divide totals by 2 to get full days.
2. Under the course heading, you will see a list of classes your child is enrolled in.
3. Parents should click on the Mark Detail of the subject they wish to look at to see their child's individual assignments. This will take them to the teachers' class and ALL of the assignments they have inputted.



Co-Impact Bake Sale TOMORROW, Tuesday, Dec. 10th

Mackenzy, Ava, Bennett, Mollie, Jocelyn, Xavier, Paytn, Jayja & Micah – Co-Impact students would like to thank you for your generous support of their bake sales.

Thanks to the fantastic response to their previous bake sales, Co-Impact students are thrilled to announce that they will be hosting another **Bake Sale over the lunch hour tomorrow, Tuesday, December 10th.**

It's Basketball Season!

- City boys' Basketball: Had early morning practice on Monday, Wednesday practice **7:15** – 8:15 a.m. and a game on Wednesday @ Gateway vs. Fox Run.
Coach: Jaelyn Warkentin and teacher rep Chris Rand.
For a copy of the game schedule, please click [HERE](#).
- City girls' Basketball: Tuesday practice 3:30 – 4:55 p.m. in the small gym and Wednesday game @ Fox Run in Sylvan Lake.
Coaches: Megan Stober, Kate Stober and Val Viala.
For a copy of the game schedule, please click [HERE](#).
- Sr. boys' Basketball: Monday practice 3:30 – 4:55 p.m. in the small gym and Wednesday game @ Glendale.
Coach: Kennedy Wade and staff rep Seamus Lynett.
For a copy of the game schedule, please click [HERE](#).

Please fill out the online basketball permission form on your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account under Rycor/School Fees. Fees: City basketball team \$75.00 / Sr. basketball team \$60.00

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Carol Graham our Athletic Director (carol.graham@rdpsd.ab.ca).

Season Opener for Senior Boys Basketball Team! Go Thunder Go!

Our Senior Boys Basketball Team kicked off their first game of the season on Tuesday against Dawe.



Invitation to Join the Gateway Society for Christian Education's Fundraising Committee

Gateway Society for Christian Education supports and encourages our school as we provide quality education that glorifies Jesus and reflects our statement of faith. The Society has a vested interest in the distinct Christian Alternativeness at Gateway and works alongside our School Council to engage our community as well as coordinate fundraising initiatives to support our school.

Our Society is reaching out to invite you to join their Fundraising Committee.

The Fundraising Committee is instrumental in organizing events and activities that help fund various school initiatives.

By joining the committee, you will have the opportunity to:

- **Contribute Your Skills and Talents:** Whether you have a knack for organizing events, creative ideas for fundraising, or simply a passion for supporting our school, your unique contributions can make a significant impact.
- **Build Community Connections:** Collaborate with fellow parents, Gateway staff to foster a strong, supportive network focused on enhancing our school community.
- **Make a Difference:** Your involvement will directly contribute to the success of our school's fundraising initiatives.

If you are interested in joining their Fundraising Committee or would like more information, please email Shannon (sjmayall@gmail.com) & join them for an informational & brainstorming fundraising meeting on December 18th @ 7 p.m. at Tim Hortons (20 Thomlison Ave. #1101, Red Deer).

We sincerely hope you will consider this opportunity to support our school community. Your participation would be greatly appreciated and valued.

IMPORTANT DATES -

- **Gr. 1-8 Report Cards available online: December 9th.**
- **K-Gr. 5 Christmas Concert: Dec. 11th @ 7:00p.m. @ CrossRoads Church.**
- **K-Gr. 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews: December 12th.**
- **K-Gr. 8 Staff Learning Day: Dec. 12th- No school for K-Gr. 8 students / full day of classes for Gr. 9-12 students (no yellow bus service).**
- **K-Gr. 12 Staff Learning Day: Dec. 13th- No school for K-Gr. 12 students.**
- **Early Dismissal: December 20th- 2:14 p.m. dismissal for Tuesday/Thursday kinder students and Gr. 1-12 students. No school for Monday/Wednesday kinders.**
- **Christmas Holidays: Dec. 23 – Jan. 3.**
- **Classes Resume: Monday, January 6, 2025**

STAFF APPRECIATION

Gateway Society For Christian Education's Mission:

To support and encourage Gateway Christian School as it provides quality education that glorifies Jesus and reflects our statement of faith.



Hello Gateway Families!

The *Gateway Society for Christian Education's* mission states that we are here to support and encourage Gateway Christian School. As part of this support, we are facilitating Staff Appreciation at Gateway.

We know how we all greatly appreciate the Gateway community and the wonderful staff that serve our children each day in helping us to raise and educate them in a Godly way. This year we hope to show our appreciation once a month by having people bring treats in for them to enjoy during their coffee breaks.

Commitment & Considerations:

- We would ask that those who sign up bring their item to school in the morning of the day you have signed up for, before 10:00a.m. (Feel free to drop it off at morning drop off)
- Gateway has 57 staff members
- Dietary Considerations include individuals who are: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Pork/Seafood Allergies, Diabetic. Please include ingredient lists with your items.

Ideas:

- Baking, Fruit, Veggies, Meat & Cheese, Nuts, Desserts, K-cups and creamers, Cold beverages such as flavored waters, etc.

We are hopeful that we will have enough support to pair people up for the scheduled Wednesday dates (please feel free to sign up for more than one month):

December 18, January 15, February 5, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 18.

This year, staff appreciation will be coordinated by Nicole Kloss. Nicole has some fantastic theme ideas for certain months and once you have signed up for a specific month, she will be contacting you with a reminder and details! For example, for December she is planning on having a "Christmas Coffee Cart".

If you would be willing to take part in showing your appreciation please take a moment to fill out this [google form](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nicole at nicolekloss@outlook.com

Thank you in advance for your willingness to bless and encourage the Gateway Staff as we could not achieve this without you!

Gateway Society for Christian Education



Book of Ephesians:
Ephesians was written by the apostle Paul to the church at Ephesus and churches in the surrounding cities to help people see all that God had done for them in Christ and how they should live their lives.

Before transitioning to the Advent season, students in Mrs. Wolfmeyer's class concluded their Bible unit on Ephesians. They wrapped up the unit with an engaging review game, allowing them to answer questions and strengthen their grasp of the teachings found in Ephesians.



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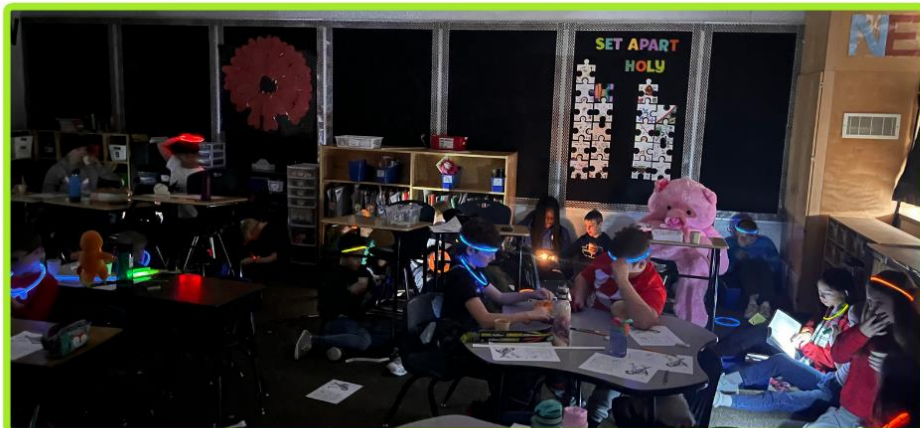
**ORDERS WILL BE
READY FOR PICK UP
TODAY,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
BEWEEN 2 - 6 P.M.**

Dressing for the Weather: A Friendly Reminder -

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the snow & outdoor activities. Students have recess twice daily, and those in Kindergarten through Grade 5 also enjoy an additional outdoor movement break in the afternoon. To keep them warm and comfortable, please make sure they wear mittens or gloves, boots, snow pants, and toques.

Glow Party Celebration

Grade 4V invited their buddies from Grade 8S to join them in celebrating a well-deserved glow party. Students read their books by the soft glow of flashlights and glow sticks, creating a fun atmosphere. They also enjoyed sipping on delicious hot chocolate while spending quality time with their older buddies. This special occasion not only fostered a love for reading but also strengthened the bonds between the two grades.



Skate Hard, Score Big!

Introducing the awesome lineup for our 2024-2025 Hockey team! This group of young athletes is excited to showcase their skills and sportsmanship !

The team invites you to their next game at the Dawe South Arena on Friday, December 13th, at 7:15 p.m. as they face off against the Stettler Team. Grab your jersey, bring your enthusiasm, and be prepared to be part of the experience. It will be a game night filled with heart-pounding action, incredible plays and roaring cheers. The team hopes to see you at the rink!!

A BIG SHOUT-OUT to their awesome coaches: Mr. G. Froese, Mr. S. Toews and teacher rep Jenna Parsons.



January 2025 Hot Lunch Menu

Please visit gateway.hotlunches.net to place your order(s). The access code is GCSR
high school students: please note your hot lunch pick-up time is 11:50 a.m.



MONDAY, JAN. 6 - BOOSTER JUICE

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., DEC. 27 @ 4 P.M.

Snack & Regular Strawberry/Berry Blossom/Mango Mania Smoothies
Chipotle Chicken Wrap
Chicken Quesadilla Wrap

MONDAY, JAN. 13 - BURGER BOY

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., JAN. 3 @ 4 P.M.

Plain/ Regular Hamburger
Plain/ Regular Cheeseburger
Grilled Chicken Burger
Vanilla/ Strawberry/ Chocolate Milkshake



MONDAY, JAN. 20 - BOSTON PIZZA

K-GR. 8 ONLY - HIGH SCHOOL EXAM WEEK

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., JAN. 10 @ 4 P.M.

Kids Penne with Marinara Sauce
Kids Bugs 'N' Cheese
Kids Lasagna
Kids Glutenwise Pasta w/meat sauce

Kids Sweet & Sour
Stir Fry
Tossed Salad
Veggies & Dip

MONDAY, JAN. 27 - FRESHII

K-GR. 8 ONLY - HIGH SCHOOL EXAM WEEK

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., JAN. 17 @ 4 P.M.

Super Kids Salad with Chicken
Super Kids Wrap with Chicken
Kids Chicken Caesar Wrap
Kids & Adult Cobb Wrap
Kids Mexican Bowl with Chicken
Kids Power Bowl with Chicken

Kids Power Bowl w/ Falafel
Fiesta Wrap
Teriyaki Twist Bowl
Teriyaki Twist Bowl w/Chicken
Fiesta Salad (Gluten Free)



Congratulations on your years of service milestones!

On Tuesday, Red Deer Public Schools honored the following Gateway staff members for their milestone years of service. Thank you staff for the significant impact you've all had on our students, staff & parents.

Superintendent Chad Ericson and Board Trustee Jim Watters visited Gateway to hand out the awards.



15 Years of Service

- Bobby Nelson - Caretaker (not pictured)

25 Years of Service

- Leah Baker - Acting Vice-Principal
- Lynette Loonstra - Student Support Room Teacher
- Abe Tuazon - Teacher

Engaging Workout Stations!

Last week, Mrs. Graham's middle school PE students enthusiastically engaged in a series of workout stations thoughtfully arranged in the den.

The workout stations aimed to build muscle, improve heart health, and optimize the effectiveness of the exercises. The stations were inclusive and adaptable to all fitness levels.

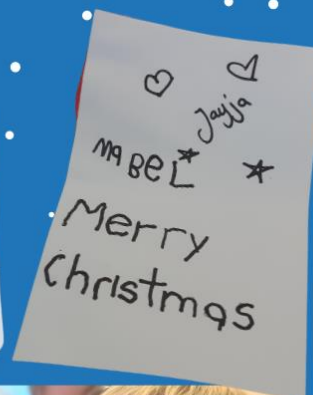


As you can see, students gave it their all!

Buddy Worship....spreading the JOY & WARMTH OF CHRISTMAS!

Our kindergarten students recently teamed up with their big high school buddies to craft beautiful nativity scene Christmas cards. These heartfelt cards will be shared with the residents of the Central Alberta Women's Emergency Centre (CAWES), spreading the Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love of Jesus.

Mrs. Capton's class has been helping their high school buddies by contributing to their "12 Days of Christmas" initiative to help benefit the CAWES.



Community News...

Please find below ways to build assets in your family with your children during the holidays from SPARC Red Deer.



Ways to Build Assets During the Holidays



The goal of SPARC Red Deer is to educate and excite our community on building blocks that all children and youth need in order to thrive, which includes the 40 Developmental Assets.

The holidays are a great time to reconnect as a family. These small, but meaningful connections can help build assets in your child.

The 40 Developmental Assets are building blocks that children and youth need to grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

Strong family relationships are the very heart of asset development.

Here are some ideas to help your family grow closer and maintain a positive atmosphere at home.

Have your child teach you something new.

Talk about family traditions & explore those of others.

Plan and cook/bake a holiday recipe together as a family.

Build a snowman together, then warm up with some hot chocolate.

Make holiday crafts together.

Have a screen free day - get active.

Shovel your neighbours' driveway together.

Curl up as a family and watch a favourite holiday movie.

Merry Christmas



Walk around the neighbourhood to look at festive lights. Say hi to the neighbours that you see.

Get to know your kids friends and invite them along to one or more of your great holiday activities.

Volunteer together with your kids.

Go tobogganing or skating.

Celebrate your spiritual values with seasonal practices or gatherings.

Read Christmas or winter stories together as a family.





SPARC red deer



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For more information about the 2025-2026 Red Deer Public Schools Little Learners Pre-Kindergarten, please click [HERE](#).

Little Learners Pre-Kindergarten at Red Deer Public Schools provides welcoming, play-based programs for children of all abilities to grow, play and thrive. Through fun, hands-on activities, our supportive classrooms focus on developing curiosity, creativity, independence, and a sense of belonging.



Scan the QR code to learn more about this program and find your school.
Applications open January 13, 2025!

Funding is offered for children with diagnosed delays, and paid spots are open for those who don't qualify.



Between Friends W.E.S.O.A.R (Weekend and Evening Social Opportunities, Activities and Recreation)!

Between Friends provides unique opportunities for individuals with disabilities to have social interaction with peers who may or may not have a disability, through programming that is inclusive and accessible.

They will be offering 2025 Winter Programs starting in February, with registration in January.

Red Deer Winter 2025 Programs

Get Crafty! (10-17)
With a different craft every week, there will be no shortage of fun. Enjoy the process of making art while catching up with friends

Wednesday Night Bowling (17+)
Join us weekly for strikes, spares and a whole lot of cheers & laughs

Saturday Afternoon Adventures (10-17)
Meet with your peers to explore the many sights and activities that our city has to offer with a new location every week

Friday Evening Escapes (17+)
Meet with your peers to explore the many sights and activities that our city has to offer with a new location every week

Music with Steven
Join Steven for a night of music, singing, dancing and learning

Sunday Movie Matinee
Whether you like action, comedy or romance - there's something for everyone

Red Deer Rebels Game
Come join us and cheer on the Red Deer Rebels for their annual Family Day game

Questions? Contact us!
swheeler@betweenfriends.ab.ca
403-508-0117

Between Friends
connect • grow • belong

This week's Reminders:

Monday, December 9th

- City boys' basketball practice from 7:00 – 8:15 a.m. in the small gym.
- Gr. 1-8 Report Cards available to parents/guardians on their PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Gr. 4-6 Popcorn Day (for those who ordered).
- Boston Pizza Hot Lunch (for those who ordered).
- Poinsettia Pick-up Day from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Den.
- Sr. boys' basketball practice from 3:30 – 4:55 p.m. in the small gym.

Tuesday, December 10th

- Co-Impact Bake Sale over the lunch hour.
- City girls' basketball practice from 3:30 – 4:55 p.m. in the small gym.

Wednesday, December 11th

- City boys' basketball practice from **7:15** – 8:15 a.m.
- City boys' basketball game @ Gateway vs. Fox Run.
- City girls' basketball game @ Fox Run.
- Sr. boys' basketball game @ Glendale Middle School.
- K-Gr. 5 Christmas Concert @ CrossRoads Church @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 12th

- No School for all Kindergarten – Gr. 8 students.
- Regular Classes for Gr. 9-12 students (please note there will be no yellow bus service today).
- K-Gr. 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews (please see above for the link and access code).

Friday, December 13th

- No School for all Kindergarten – Gr. 12 students.
- Deadline to drop off Christmas Bureau donations at the school office.
- Gr. 7-9 Hockey Team: Game at Dawe Arena South at 7:15 p.m. against Stettler.

Monday, December 16th

- Popeyes Hot Lunch
- Mrs. Capton's kindergarten Christmas Celebration @ 2:15 p.m.
- Sr. boys' basketball practice in the small gym from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
- City boys' basketball practice in the big gym from 3:30 – 4:55 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the office.

We'd be happy to help,

Have a great week ahead,

Cathy