

Tofield Titan Newsletter

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Thank You!



On behalf of Tofield School, thank you for your generous donations of food, clothing, and toys to be used for the Tofield Christmas Hampers.

Athletics



Basketball season has started at both the junior and senior high levels. The staff and students of Tofield School would like to thank the following volunteer basketball coaches for donating their time and effort:

Junior High Girls Coaches:

Rob Gillrie, Kim Gillrie, Ruth Gill

Junior High Boys:

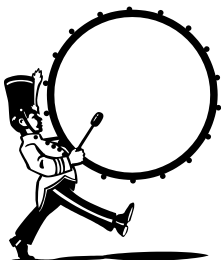
Danielle Souster, Trevor Tedrick

Senior High Girls: Ryan Wenger

Senior High Boys: Marcel Flasha

Thank-you very much for helping our basketball program.

Band



Thank you to everyone who attended, participated in, and was a part of the Christmas Concert. The concert went well and all music students had a chance to show-off their talent and hard work.

January will see students turning in Christmas music and starting to work on year end concert and festival music. It should be a fun month with lots of interesting and new music.

Have a great break and don't forget to get some practice in over the break.

Drama

Musical Theatre

We are looking for unique props. If you have any of the following items, and wouldn't mind lending them to the Drama department for the next few months, please contact Ms. Korpan at the school or email her (mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca)!



Needed Props

- Fishing Rods
- Old Cameras, Camcorders

A reminder to all cast members to check the call board outside the Drama room for any rehearsal changes and important notices.

If you are UNABLE to attend rehearsal due to illness/unforeseen circumstances, please contact Ms. Korpan at the school or email (mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca).

Kids Sports Club 4 5 6

For the months of December and January we will meet on Tuesdays. We have 35 curlers, and all participants are very well behaved. We have enough brooms and sliders for everyone thanks to the curling club members. Remember: no school - no curling day.



Expectations while curling:



- Students are responsible for getting themselves from C.W Sears School to the curling rink. Suggested walking path is through the gate by the tennis court and straight to the rink. Students are to walk on the side of the road and to be respectful of oncoming traffic and other people. Try using the buddy system. Walk with someone you know.
- Wear proper winter wear like hats and gloves.
- Students are to bring inside shoes for curling. No clean shoes - no curling.
- Students may have snacks in the lounge area only. No food or drink in the ice surface area.
- Concession will be open from time to time depending on availability of staff.
- Students needing to leave ice surface area must report to a parent supervisor.
- Helmets are suggested for students trying for the first time. (parent/student decision)
- Students are responsible for their personal items. i.e. backpack, sliders, broom, etc.
- Student must make suitable arrangements for after curling transportation home and to report any changes to an adult supervisor.

Most of all have fun!

Library News



Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas contest in the library. They were: Matthew Beckman, Breanne Jackson, Emily

Sjursen, Noah Kallichuk, Ashley King, Miriah Malic, Sydney Oliver-McCurdie, Austin Thompson, Will Forrester, Samantha Daigle, Kayla Hunt, Cassidy Gates, Brandon Thompson, Chantel Yakimets, Jade Stelkovic, Skylar Hall, Amanda St. Laurent, Katherine Lee-Brooks, James Spinks, Taylor Lyslo, Ryan Lehman, Johnathan Olsen, and Keziah Weans.

Enjoy your Christmas break and see you in 2010!

Student Services

Forum for Young Canadians

Congratulations to Natasha Gacek and Madison Nickel for being nominated by Tofield School to attend the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa in April. The Forum for

Young Canadians is a program to promote understanding of the role and function of the three levels of government in Canada and the meaning of Canadian citizenship. Thank you to Beaver County for their financial support of this program.

Study Skills Workshop

Good study and work habits do not magically appear – good habits are learned and practiced over time. To prepare for diploma exams and provincial achievement tests grade 12 and grade nine students will have the opportunity to review effective study skill practices. Thank you to Mr. Manchak and Miss Sokolov for co-facilitating these workshops.



Battle River Regional Career Fair

Tofield School grade 11 students will be attending Battle River's annual career fair on Thursday, Feb. 18th, 2010. For the first time, participants have completed an on-line registration process to select the three sessions they would most like to attend. In addition, each student will be able to ask questions of the representatives for a wide variety of post-secondary institutions in Alberta. Other organizations such as Katimavik, the Canadian Military, and the RCMP will also be available.

Travel Club

TFS TRAVEL CLUB

2010 - Europe's

Mediterranean Coast



The TFS Travel Club will be selling \$10, \$25, or \$50 Sobeys gift cards as a fundraiser towards their trip to Europe in March 2010. If you are interested in purchasing the cards, please contact Tamara Gacek at 780-662-3630 or 780-984-6252. The gift card campaign started Nov. 30, 2009 and will conclude on Feb. 26, 2010.

Thanks for supporting our TFS Travel Club's trip to Europe's Mediterranean Coast & Spain.

Mr. Myck, Advisor
Tofield School Travel Club

IMPORTANT STUDENT/ PARENT REMINDERS:

Attendance

Within three days of an absence, students must bring a note to the office or a parent/guardian must phone in to the office to excuse the absence. Failure to do so may jeopardize their exemption of French and or Health final exams in grades 7 & 8 or exemption of unit tests in grades 9 to 11.



Family Voices

Alberta Families United Regionally

Become part of a collective family voice advocating for inclusion in your community. Family Voices provides a powerful vehicle for families to connect to one another, share information, support each other and advocate for needed supports, services and funding for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Contact Dolores Patterson at 780-717-2049 or email at dpatterson@aacl.org to find out more information.

Leaving Early Or Coming Late

Students who arrive late to school must sign in at the office. Students in grades 5 to 8 who are leaving the school early for appointments must be signed out by a parent/guardian. Students in grades 9 to 12 must sign out when leaving the school early for appointments.

Winter Has Arrived!

Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the cold weather. Unless there is a danger of frostbite, all students in grades 5 & 6 will be going outside for the morning and noon hour recesses. Therefore children need to make sure that they have boots, gloves and hats with them every day.



February At A Glance

- Feb. 1: no school – day in lieu
- Feb. 2: semester 2 begins
- Feb. 5: Report Cards (Grades 7-12)
- Feb. 15: no school – family day
- Feb. 16: half day – morning classes

Tofield School Digital Policy

cell phones, IPODS, any digital device



We would prefer that students left their devices at HOME. Students are not allowed to have any digital device in class at any time and must keep their device in their lockers. Students that attempt to use their device in any way or whose cell phone rings during instructional time will have their device confiscated and be retrieved after school. The second time the cell phone will be held overnight and retrieved the next day after school. The third time a parent will have to retrieve the device.

Should students need to be contacted in an emergency, parents are to call the school office 780-662-3133 and staff will immediately have the student available to come to the phone.

Due to technology that allows the transmission of text messages and the ability to take and send photographs, no devices will be allowed during any exam including Provincial Diploma and Achievement exams. Students may be asked to empty their pockets before entering the examination room. Any student found in possession of any device during a test or exam will receive a mark of 0%

