



December 7, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Shop and Support Gift Card Order Deadline	Thurs. Dec. 8
Senior High Art Photo Show and Senior High Drama Production	Thurs. Dec. 15
Early Dismissal (mid-afternoon)	Wed. Dec. 22, 1:56 pm
Christmas Concert @ Deer Park Alliance	Thurs. Dec. 22 7 pm
Christmas Holidays	Fri. Dec. 23-Sun. Jan. 8
First Day of School in 2012	Mon. Jan. 9
Annual Business Meeting @ 7 pm	Tues. Jan. 10
Grad 2012 Meeting @ 8:30 pm	Tues. Jan. 10
All-School Chapel	Thurs. Jan. 12 @ 8:50 am
Grad Photos	Thurs./Fri. Jan 12/13
Senior High Gala	Sat. Jan. 21
All School Skating Party (more details to follow)	Fri. Jan 27
Gr. 1-8 Ski Trip to Canyon	Fri. Feb. 3
Senior High Ski Trip (Gr. 9-12)	Fri./Sat. Feb. 3-4
NO SCHOOL Family Day	Mon. Feb. 20
NO SCHOOL Staff Meeting	Fri. Feb. 24

KOINONIA KORNER

From the Principal's Pen 

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We would like to welcome Ken-Ken N. in Grade 2

SNOWFALL

With the coming of real winter weather, we all need to exercise due diligence in driving. We ask parents to please watch when you are depositing your children. **Please do not stop in the middle of the street and let them off. This is not only dangerous but illegal. Police will be coming by the school and parents could be ticketed. Please do not take the chance.** Drive to the end of the street and turn around in the loop. There is a bus zone in front of the school to drop your children off. Once you have let the children off please do not stay parked there. Move your vehicle ahead to allow other parents the same privilege. This will help traffic flow immensely.

SNOW SHOVELING

It is great exercise to shovel snow. However, if there are any parents who are able to help out with snow shoveling for a half-hour on days that we have heavy snowfall, that would be so appreciated. Teachers need the time before school to do last minute preparations, and having others help out with the snow shoveling would free up that time for them.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

We are looking for sponsors for this event. If you or your company wish to be a sponsor, please contact the office for more details. For businesses, this can be a direct business expense, and for an individual it can be a charitable donation receipt.

KOINONIA PRAYER TIME



Everyone is invited to join us in prayer every Monday from 1pm—2 pm. For more information, please contact Susana DeGracia at 403-396-8310, 403-347-5116 or email degraciakids28510@yahoo.com.



Prayer Requests

- * Please continue to pray for Mrs. Brown as she recuperates from her back injury.
- * Pray for good health for our staff/students.
- * Please pray for the Sampson family and for their mom, Susan as she recuperates.
- * Please pray that God will prepare the hearts of those in Mexico that will be hearing from our mission team.
- * Please pray for our school production, 'Fiddler on the Roof', especially our Stage Crew, Light and Sound Technician committees as they plan for this event..
- * Please pray for Destiny and her family.
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Mrs. Hoehne—Preschool

What fun we are having learning about the events leading up to the birth of Jesus! Have you made plans for an adult to accompany your little one to the preschool on Dec 19th to enjoy some of the fun? We have had a few children sick with the flu.

Mrs. Collier—Kindergarten

We will be at the Red Deer Museum on Friday, Dec 9, leaving the school at 1:15 and returning around 3 pm. Have a great week.

Miss Plett—Grade 1/2

Miss Huslage—Grade 3/4

Please remember your Scholastic orders for tomorrow so that the order can be returned by Christmas.

Watch for the tobogganing permission slip that needs to be returned by December 22nd.

Our SPP's are being very sneaky!!

Miss Nielsen—Grade 5/6

Peter G is the Student of the Week.

Lesson 12 spelling test on Friday. This is a review lesson, so there are 32 words.

Chapter 2 Social quiz on Friday

Jewish Quiz on Monday, Dec 12

Electricity and Magnetism test on Thursday, Dec. 15

Have a great week.

Mr. Amthor—Grade 7 Homeroom

Congratulations to all of those students who have already done their December memory verses!

Mrs. Bradley—Band & Elementary Music

Band 7—10—For the Christmas concert, please wear all black which means no jeans. You now have two weeks left to plan for this.

Band 8-10-Good job playing at Chapel last week. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

Band 7-Band playing test on December 8th..

Preschool—Grade 12 Christmas Concert—Students other than band are to wear something DRESSY for Christmas. NO jeans.

Mr. Fletcher—Science and Foods

Science 7/8: Multiple choice test for Structure and forces Unit is on Monday, Dec. 12. Talk to your parents about practicing on Exambank.ca

Science 9: Multiple choice test Monday, Dec. 12. Make sure you buy your Castle Rock Key from Mr. Fletcher for \$15 by Friday or you will be sorry!!

Science 9, 10, and 20: Red Deer College Lab permission forms are out and due back in by Friday, Dec 9.

Mr. Giesbrecht

Social 20: Rough draft of Major Essay due on Monday. Students must hand in rough draft in order to be allowed to hand in final draft. Reminder, students who hand in their essay early next week will have an opportunity to have their essays critiqued and returned for corrections before a final copy is required.

Ms. Klassen

ELA 7—Chapter 6-12 booklet due Friday, December 2. Posters due Friday, December 2. Final project due Monday, December 19.

ELA 9-10—Chapter 26-31 due Thursday, December 8. Unit test Monday, December 12. Vocabulary test due Wednesday, December 14.

ELA 20—Journals due December 21. M.C./Matching test December 9. Essay exam December 14. Vocabulary test December 16.

ELA 30—Chapter 49-59 due Friday, December 9. M.C./Matching test December 12. Essay exam December 13. Vocabulary test December 15.

Mrs. Prins

Social 7 & 8 Test will be Friday, December 9. For students who may need it, there will be a study session after school on Thursday. Parents, please pick up your child at 4:30 sharp, as we will be done then. Multicultural lunch on December 19 for Grade 8 and December 20 for Grade 7.

LA – Spelling Test Friday, Tuesday Humorous Writing Portfolio due. Humor Test on Wednesday, December 14. Collage and reading due December 22.

Bible Memory – Due December 22.

Drama – Journals due December 20, performance December 15. Be well prepared! ☺

Mrs. Rand

French 6-7—Our 'sculpture sur glace' event on Fri. the 2nd went well. The winners are Christopher D.-1st, Rylan L-2nd and Jeremy P-3rd. Congratulations!!

French 8- students are to bring in pictures of clothing that they like. Pictures should be from catalogues or flyers, where price, colour and style are included.

French 9- Unit Test on Dec 13th.

Art 9-12 Current project is the still life drawing of a tricycle. The next unit is on Van Gogh, a very interesting artist.

Home Ec.7-We are now cooking. The foods unit will end some time in February, with a Pizza Contest!

STUDENT PHOTO SHOW—An amazing student photo show is coming soon. Photographs will be on the walls from December 12—16. You will have the opportunity to cast a vote for the best photo. It is called "Best by Popular Vote". Photos will also be judged and there will be a first, second and third prize. You need to be there. (See the ad below.)



HOT LUNCH NEWS!

Menu for December 8th: Hamburgers, White Milk and Cupcakes

Helpers for December 8th: V. Pohl, J. Fogarty, M. Rennie, F. Parrish and S. Schwark.

Bakers for December 8th: (Vanilla Cupcakes - 2 dozen) J. D'Costa (x2), M. Lowery, P. Molyneux, D. Santana, C. Toews (x2) and J. Wygiera.

Menu for December 15th: Grilled Cheese, Juice and Rice Krispy Squares

Helpers for December 15th: C. Friesen, J. Jacobsen, B. Laplante and C. Snow.

Bakers for December 15th: (Rice Crispy Squares - 9 x 13 pan, uncut) C. Ayotte, J. Boersma, R. Donahue, J. Fletcher, M. Haro, B. Lauzon, G. Martin, T. Nixon, C. Oke, K. Patzer and K. Regehr.

Please Note: We need more helpers to serve hot lunch if students want to receive hot lunch on a **WEEKLY BASIS**. (We currently only have 8 helpers and we need an additional 8 helpers). Also, we need one additional baker for chocolate chip cookies and chocolate crisps and 2 more bakers for brownies. Please contact Vanita at 403-343-6815 if you are able to volunteer. **Please label all baking so we can return your container and keep track of baked items. Also, please send your baked item to the school kitchen first thing on Thursday mornings.**

Thank you once again for offering up your time and talents to bless our children with a wonderful Hot Lunch Program! Your commitment and support is **GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Many thanks and blessings from
Jackie D'Costa and the Hot Lunch Committee J

Mrs. Seim—Library

I believe all the classes have won the library prize once this fall, but I have kept listening and watching. Each class is doing well, but one group stands out. Even after winning the prize, they continue to use quiet voices, find books and settle in to read and leave the library tidy. They have really grabbed hold of reading and are making great book selections. So, Grades 3 & 4 will be getting a visit from the librarian to receive their 'extra' prize. Congrats!

As well, I have to give a pat on the back to the young men in our school-especially grades 1-9. I have watched many of them go from reluctant readers to avid readers. They have persevered, not giving up, until they have found books they like. At an age where many young guys are choosing to avoid reading, these guys are developing skills that will help them throughout their lives. My hat is off to them!!

We will keep the used books, cds, and VHS out until December 16. Any 10 items for \$1.00. Gym wear is also available. Fun toys are still available to purchase for students and parents.

An Evening in December

Featuring . . .

The Senior High Art

Photo Show



The Senior High Drama's Production of

A Christmas Carol

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Performance 7:00 p.m.




Please joins us!

Mr. Doerksen


Ski Trip –Ski trip forms have been sent out for Elementary and Sr high ski trips each individual child needs to fill out a form.

PARENT MEETING-Basketball There is a parent meeting scheduled for Monday December 12 @ 6pm in the school's gymnasium for the parents of the Basketball players. If your child is planning on playing Jr or Sr high basketball please have at least one adult attend the short meeting. A letter was sent home with the kids who are planning on playing.

Teacher Feature



Another great teacher to share with you is Mr. Giesbrecht. Check out his favourite Bible Verse but don't forget to take a close look at our response. Whether he 'wrings or hooks' his nose we still think he is a great teacher. His display board is by Mrs. Lamoureux's office.



Skating Party

There will be a Skating Party for the school on Friday Jan. 27th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Come out to Clearview Community Centre and enjoy skating (2 rinks) and tobogganing. Hot chocolate and coffee supplied. Families please bring a snack to share. Hope to see you there.




MEXICO MISSION TRIP 2012
Keep praying for our planning committee and for our trip.

Mrs. Seim-Shop & Support Gift Cards

A new retailers in on Board. Children's Place now has gift cards and this week they give a 10% return. As well Chapters cards return 10% for orders this week. Our Christmas order goes out tomorrow afternoon, Dec 8. Orders will be in by December 16.

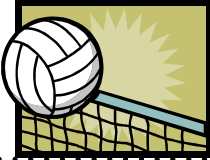
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF ANNOUNCEMENTS

From now on, please refer to our school website (www.koinonia.ca) and click on the "Fiddler on the Roof" box on the main page for further announcements regarding rehearsals, costumes, etc. Please plan to do this on a regular basis so that you are kept in the 'loop'.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students will not be allowed to wait outside in the dark or the cold, so parents please come on time to pick them up in the music room. Come on the path between school and portables as that door will be open
Mrs. Bradley & Mrs. Fletcher

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WIND-UP PARTY

Hello everyone, the junior girls volleyball wind-up party is this Sunday, December 11th at the school from 3-5pm. We will start off with the much anticipated girls versus parents match and end with pizza and sundaes. Bring your family and a sundae topping to share with everyone. Girls could you please return your jersey's and shorts (clean) to Ms.Klassen that evening. We look forward to seeing you there!



Red Deer Catering Volunteers Needed

We require volunteers to help us with catering again. The school receives \$10/hours on your behalf to put towards your fundraising. We have another busy Christmas season approaching and are looking for helpers for the days listed below.

Wednesday,	Dec 7	6:00 pm	3 people	(A NEW ADDITION)
Friday	Dec. 9	6:30 pm	8 people	Christmas parties
Friday	Dec. 16	6:30 pm	8people	The Ultimate Party
Saturday	Dec. 17	6:30 pm	6 people	The Ultimate Party

Notes:

- Upon arriving at the Westerner Grounds, please report to the Red Deer Catering Kitchen which is located around back on the east side of the main building. You will see a Red Deer Catering door beside the large Prairie Pavilion garage door. We will have you sign in, receive a job sheet and apron at that time. Please leave all valuables in your car or at home.
- Please arrive a few minutes earlier than the time you are to start and expect to stay for 4.5 hours.
- Dress attire is to consist of black dress pants (please no jeans), a white shirt (please no t-shirts) and comfortable shoes. Long hair should be tied back and please keep jewelry to a minimum.
- All volunteers must be a minimum of 15 years old.
- Please insure you wash your hands several times before and throughout the night. Sinks are in the washrooms and in the hallway.
- Dinner will be provided after the first round of clearing tables.

WISH LISTS—CHRISTMAS 2011

...to date we would like/could really use...

Preschool (Mrs. Hoehne)

Nativity Set by "Playmobile" (available at Scott's Parable or Kids in Harmony)
 Nativity Set and Wiseman Supplement Set by "Fisher Price Little People" (available at Scott's Parable)

GRADE 8 (Mrs. Prins)

Electric kettle
 Mini fridge
 More rhino balls
 USB hub man (\$21.99 plus tax from Indigo)
 A fog machine for the Drama department

BAND (Mrs. Bradley)

Bass xylophone (\$1500.00 maximum)
 Alto metalophone (\$750 maximum)
 Snare drum stand (\$100 approx.)

PHYS. ED (Mr. Doerksen)

2 Solid framed hockey nets (approx. \$80 each)
 5 Volleyballs (approx. \$40 each)
 4 Basketballs (approx. \$40 each)
 5 Stop watches (approx. \$15 each)
 2 Field tape measures (approx \$20 each)

Exercise mats (approx. \$50 each)

Sound system for the gym (approx. \$1000)

4 Footballs (approx. \$30 each)

Money for: our sport's team travel funds, new athletic jerseys, for athletic equipment upkeep and repair (i.e. skate sharpening), and miscellaneous expenses.

SCIENCE/FOODS (Mr. Fletcher)

2 Convection ovens

HOME ECONOMICS (Mrs. Rand)

2 Hotplates
 Electric tea kettle

Social (Mr. Giesbrecht)

WWII in HD (Costco)
 Electronic Touch pen for Panaboard
 Coffee Grinder for our coffee corner

*Please note, all costs if listed are approximate. If they are listed beside a businesses' name then they have been price-checked at some point.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

As of February 1, 2012 the Koinonia Korner will be online only. To sign up for our newsletter, go to the homepage of our school website www.koinonia.ca. There is a box to subscribe or unsubscribe to the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

The KCS Christmas Concert
 will be held on:

Thursday, December 22, 2011
 At 7:00 p.m. sharp
 At Deer Park Alliance Church,
 Red Deer

Come enjoy our concert featuring our students from Preschool to Grade 12!

School Theme 2011-2012

"Experience God's Greatness"

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
 His greatness no one can fathom."

- Psalm 145:3 NIV