



December 2019

Holiday Gift Shop

Our School Council will again be hosting the Holiday Gift Shop where students can come and do their Christmas shopping for family and friends. Shopping will take place December 5th and 6th. If anyone would like to assist the students with shopping and wrapping gifts, please contact the School Council Chair, Tammy Petrinchuk at tsimard67@gmail.com.



The staff and students of Whitecourt Central School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Christmas Concerts

We will host our annual Christmas Concerts on December 17th and 18th.

December 17th - start time 1:00 pm
December 18th - start time 1:00 pm

****It is the same concert for each performance.**



Extracurricular Activities

Our teachers are busy planning skiing dates for all of the students.

Some important reminders:

- *forms need to be filled in completely
- *updated contact information must have been received by the school
- *once a choice of skiing or tubing is made, no changes will be facilitated
- *technology fees must be paid for the students to attend - if families are experiencing difficulty paying the technology fee, please call the school to arrange for a payment plan



Christmas Donations

Whitecourt Central School wants to ensure that everyone has a wonderful holiday season so we are supporting the Whitecourt Christmas Hamper.

Classes will be asked to bring specific items from a list given to us by the organizers. Information has been sent home with your child. The due date for items is Tuesday, December 10th.

There will also be a donation box for the Food Bank at the school Dec 17th and 18th. We will try to collect as many donations as possible to give to these worthy organizations.

Our staff contribute to Jeans for Charity every year. This enables the staff to wear jeans on Fridays as long as they have contributed to the fund. All funds collected from this staff fundraiser will be donated to a Whitecourt charity.



November Eagles

- 3L - Raya D
- 3N- Cruz H
- 3PR- Rylin T
- 3M- Taylor B
- 3C- Adelle D
- 3S- Alyssa F

- 4CH- Johanna D
- 4M- Chloe V
- 4J- Ryan P
- 4D- Andie M
- 4C- Suzanna R

- 5C-Abby D
- 5B- Mylah H
- 5L- David W
- 5CL- Avery J
- 5U- Denae G
- 5W - Peter P





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Ask Dr. Jim

Dr. Jim Canniff is our school psychologist and has been with us for several years. Because he planned the first Amazing Race that we did at the school, created the Mad Scientist Club, and regularly visits the classrooms, many of our students have built a good relationship with him. Dr. Jim enjoys his work with students and knows the many challenges that we as parents and school staff face as the children grow and mature as he is the proud father of four adult children. Dr. Jim has a very busy schedule at Central but has offered to be available for parents who may have questions regarding such things as:

- a child's physical development
- emotions and feelings
- behaviour choices
- problem solving strategies
- attention challenges

If you would like to pose questions to Dr. Jim, please contact him at the email address below. Questions will be answered regularly. Questions can be asked anonymously. If there is more than one parent asking the same question, we may generalize the question and answer and place it on our website similar to what we do for our parent questions that are asked of the school.

wcs.djquestions@ngps.ca



Check out Dr. Jim's articles on the website. He offers some great advice and suggestions.

Attendance and Missed Work

We are seeing a growing number of students arriving late, leaving early each day and taking holidays during regular school time. In situations like this, if students are missing assignments, it will be up to them to get caught up. Teachers are not able to reteach units missed. If attendance is impacting a student's performance, it will be reflected in both the academic progress and comments in Powerschool.



Website:
<http://whitecourt.ca>
Twitter: @ngpswcs
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/WhitecourtCentral

Services at Central

Whitecourt Central School offers a number of services for our students. Occupational and speech therapy are offered through Khan Communications and the Aspen Collaborative Services team. Dr. Canniff provides counselling services to students, who are struggling with different aspects of the school environment. If families are needing support with issues at home, please check out our website for a list of community resources.

