

## John N.A. Janvier School DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

From the Students & Staff of John N.A.  
Janvier School

*Christmas is a magical time. It tends to bring back happy memories of family gatherings and charming traditions that have been passed down through the generations. Christmas carols, gift exchanges and family feasts are just some of the enduring traditions that make the season one of the world's favorite holidays*

*Have a Great and Blessed Holiday season!*

### Quick Reminders!

If you are dropping your child/children off after 8:30am, **Please drop them off at the front doors & wait until they are inside before you drive off.** As well, if you are dropping your child off earlier than 8:15 am, **Please wait until your child is in the school before driving off.** With the weather getting colder, we want to make certain that all our students are kept safe while at school. Thank you!

### Dates to Remember:

- \* DEC 3rd - Santa photos & gifts
- \* DEC 8th - Red & Green Day
- \* DEC 9th - Whoville Day
- \* DEC 10th - Santa or Elf Day
- \* DEC 10th - Christmas Play (afternoon show)
- \* DEC 10th - Christmas Concert (evening show)
- \* DEC 11th - Ugly Christmas Sweater
- \* DEC 11th - Gr 4-8 Skiing (9:30am - 2:30pm)
- \* DEC 11th - K5-Gr 3 Tubing (12:30 - 2:30pm)
- \* DEC 12th - Pajama Day
- \* DEC 15-18 - Christmas Store Shopping
- \* DEC 18th - Winter Solstice (Fire Ceremony)
- \* DEC 18th - Advent Mass (at the school @ 2pm)
- \* DEC 19th - Movie Day (all classes)
- \* DEC 22nd - JAN 2nd - CHRISTMAS BREAK!



# Christmas Plans

## Good News!

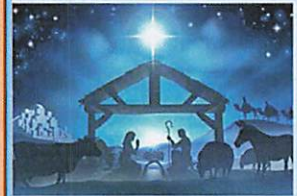
John N.A. Janvier School will be hosting a Christmas Play at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 10th. Our Annual Christmas Concert will then be held in the EVENING this year!

It will be held on Wednesday, December 10th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing all the parents & guardians!



The Advent Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 18th at 2 pm at our School gym



The last day of classes will be Friday, December 19th.

There will be an early dismissal this day at 12:30 pm, so please expect your children home early this day!

If you drive your children to school, please read the Movie information



All grades will be attending a Movie day at the Grand Square Cinema on Friday, December 19th! The buses will be leaving the school at 9:30 am. Please have your child at the school on time! The buses will meet the students at the theatre & drive them home from there. If you drive your child to school each day, you will have to pick them up at the Grand Square Cinema in town Before 12:00 pm, or if you are picking up at the school, please be there at 12:30 pm.



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up our first term, I want to take a moment to celebrate our students. I had the pleasure of reading every single report card, and I am so proud of the incredible growth I've seen across all grade levels. Our students are learning, trying their best, and showing such wonderful progress—thank you for everything you do at home to support their success.

As we move forward, I kindly ask for your continued help in making sure your child arrives at school on time and attends regularly. Strong attendance really does make a difference, and we want every student to feel confident and connected in their learning. We are excited to offer extracurricular activities and field trips, and we want these opportunities to be fair and meaningful for all students who show up each day and put in the work.

With winter quickly approaching, I also want to remind families to send children to school dressed for the weather. Outdoor recess is an important part of our day, and students need proper winter gear to stay warm and safe. Please note that children who are not dressed appropriately for the cold will not be able to ride the bus. Checking the weather each morning will help ensure they are ready for the day. Thank you so much for your continued support, kindness, and partnership.

Together, we can make the next term just as successful, if not even better, for all of our students.

Warmly,

Ms. Carmen Poitras



# ***Elders Corner***

## Greetings from the Elder in Residence

As Christmas draws near, the excitement in the children is growing by the day. To prepare for the Christmas Concert on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, the students have been working very hard to get ready for the big day. They have been practicing and singing their little hearts out with hopes that their parents and grandparents will appreciate how well they are doing.

Report cards have been finished and the teachers have met with the parents and guardians to go over the students' achievements. Our dedicated teachers and classroom assistants immerse themselves completely with their students' pursuit of success. Their marks reflect the classroom work and positive attitudes of every student at John NA Janvier School (Sekwi Honelten Koe).

As the Christmas holiday approaches, the brief time off gives the children and their parents a chance to enjoy this wondrous season together. The teachers and class assistants also get to spend some quality time with family and friends. I hope that the weather is nice enough for everyone to spend some time outdoors pursuing fun activities such as skiing, skating, sliding and sledding. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

Merry Christmas Selot'ine, and to the Teachers and all the staff of John NA Janvier School, God bless you all and keep you safe over the holidays. I thank you for loving our children. Masi Chok

Tom Piche  
Elder in Residence



# Kindergarten



We are busy getting ready for Christmas in Kindergarten. We will practice our numbers as we countdown to Christmas. We are also learning a dance and learning some new Christmas songs. We cannot wait to share them with you on December 10<sup>th</sup> as we take the stage.

In Math, we will be working on patterns and measurement. We will use sounds and Christmas items to create extend and reproduce patterns. We will incorporate patterns into some Christmas artwork. We will use the terms longer and shorter as we compare heights of trees and lengths of garland.

We will also begin to learn about 3D shapes and find them around the school. For example, ornaments are spheres, trees are cones, and presents are cubes and box shapes. You can look for shapes at home too. Have Fun!



Christmas is a great time to learn about our five senses. We will be using our senses to discover what Christmas sounds like, smells like, looks like, tastes like, and feels like. We will smell cookies, taste candy canes, hear bells and see sparkling lights.

In Literacy, we are expanding our list of sight words and getting really good at finding them. We will add Santa's name to our list. Speaking of Santa, we will be writing letters to Santa in class and sending them to the North Pole. We hope to impress Santa with our neat printing and drawings.



May the Christmas season fill your homes and hearts with love.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Bayer

Special Thanks to Mrs. King for our beautiful new winter toques!



# ***Kindergarten***

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beautiful new winter toques!**



11/24/2025



# *Grade 1*

Dear Grade One families,

Thank you to the parents who attended Parent-Teacher interviews. If you were unable to attend, please contact me at the school and we will set up a time that is convenient for you.

Please keep reading and working on letter sounds and sight words each day with your child. I expect and hope that every student can try their best to read every night. I do understand and realize that everyone has different circumstances and priorities, yet it is important for children at this age to read nightly. Their home reading should be at an independent level. This allows them to work on building sight vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills. Have your child re-tell the story to you after they've finished reading.

For math, we will continue to practice breaking numbers into two parts. This is a skill that will build into addition. Also we will work on measurement. Something else to work on at home is counting forward to 20 and backwards from 20. Your child thanks you for your support and practice!!

We are now in the Christmas season and our class is working hard to prepare for the Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

Other dates to keep in mind are:

- \* Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pictures with Santa
- \* Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Tubing at Kinosoo Ridge 12:00 -2:30
- \* Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Movie at theater at 9:00am.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Leanne Williams



## Grade 2

Dear Families,

November has been a full and exciting month in Grade 2. We wrapped up October with a fun Halloween celebration, and the students really enjoyed dressing up and celebrating together. Earlier this month, we took part in our Remembrance Day ceremony, where the class showed great respect and understanding during this important time of reflection. We have also been loving the snow and spending lots of energy outdoors as winter settles in. Inside the classroom, we've been practicing for our upcoming Christmas concert, and the students are working hard and looking forward to performing for you. Alongside all the fun, we've been busy learning! In Science, we continued exploring the Earth and how it changes. In Social Studies, we discussed natural resources and how communities use them; and in Language Arts, students have been reading with their Grade 7/8 buddies, writing their own stories, and learning the difference between informational and narrative texts. We are excited to continue this great learning as we head into December.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Warmly,

Mrs. Gillis



# Grade 3H

Dear 3H Families,

I hope you are well as we head into the busy winter weeks. November was a wonderful month in 3H — full of learning, celebration, and growth. Thank you for your continued support.

## December Announcements

Christmas Concert — December 10

Four 3H students will be performing in the play. Our class will also join in three other group numbers. Please mark your calendars — details about arrival times and costumes will follow.

Tubing — December 11

Last Day Before Break — December 19 (Half Day)

We will enjoy a movie in the morning. Permission forms and any transportation notes will be sent home shortly.

## Celebrations

November brought many achievements worth celebrating:

Congratulations to Aaron Warriner for receiving the highest academic recognition in Term 1.

Congratulations to Kyla Cardinal for outstanding attendance this term.

We are proud of these students and grateful for the hard work of all our learners.

## What We're Learning

Math: Beginning multiplication — skip-counting and simple arrays are great practice at home.

ELA:

Spelling: Consonant blends

Reading: News-report presentations based on our class book

Writing: Building narrative-writing skills with structure, detail, and sequencing

Science: New unit on energy — exploring types of energy and how we use them daily.

Social Studies: Continuing our unit on *Time and Place*, building historical and geographic understanding.

Thank you for supporting learning at home, returning forms promptly, and encouraging your child's curiosity. Your partnership strengthens our classroom community. If you have any questions or need ideas for home practice, please feel free to reach out.

Warmly,

*Darcy Haineault*

3H Classroom Teacher



**Grade 3H Fun!**

# *Grade 3J*

## November Newsletter Grade 3J

We have been very busy continuing with reading as many books as possible. As we learn more phonics, our fluency is increasing as well as comprehension. Students would like a Boba party once we meet our second goal of reading 100 books at home. We have been learning about Alberta's diversity and how it makes for a colourful province. Forces have been the focus in Science. Conducting several experiments, we can now describe forces as push or pull and as contact or non-contact. In Math, we continue with addition and subtraction and will soon head into algebra. We are also practicing for the Christmas concert with learning songs and stay tuned for our class performance at the Christmas concert. I'm sure you will be thoroughly entertained! Lastly, we have also decorated our classroom and added a train!

~ Ms. Janvier



## *Grade 4*

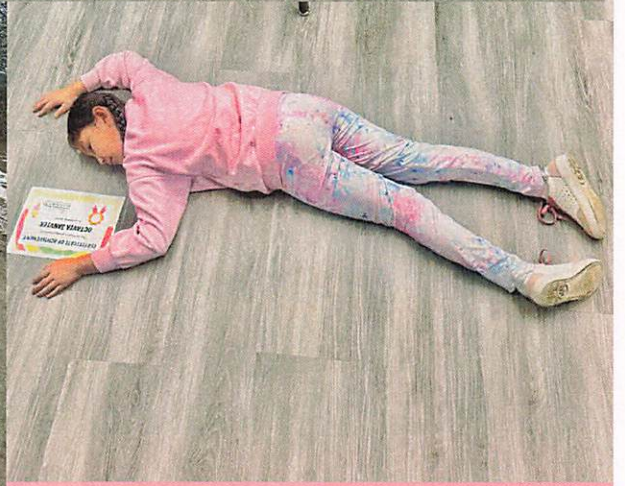
This month our Grade 4 class has been busy learning across all subject areas. In ELA, students explored different genres and text forms, learning to identify features of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and opinion writing. We also completed our novel study “Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH”, in which our class focused on characters, setting, and key events. In Math, students worked with place value, addition and subtraction with regrouping, and early multiplication strategies using hands-on manipulatives. In our new Science unit, “Waste and Waste Management” students will be learning about recycling, reducing waste, and waste management safety. In Social Studies, we are near completing, “Time and Place” unit in which students have learned about early exploration, First Nations and early settlement, the Royal Proclamation, the Quebec Act, and the War of 1812. In Art, students are enjoying creating winter-themed projects.

As we enter the Christmas season, our classroom has been filled with festive activities, winter art, and a focus on kindness and gratitude. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all families for their continued support and involvement. Wishing each of you a joyful and safe holiday season surrounded by loved ones! May the New Year bring your and your family happiness, good health, and many exciting opportunities in 2026!

~ Mrs. Gladue



# Grade 4 Moments



# Grade 5

## Grade 5 At a Glance

### Social Studies - Histories and Stories of Ways of Life in Canada

Students are learning about Canada in the Early 1700s and impacts that settlers had on the First Nations in New France. The Treaties were not formed yet and how the upper and lower Canada was formed. The people involved in forming Canada.

### Math-Multiplication and Division

In Math, students are working on learning four strategies on working with larger numbers. Such as 2 digit by 2 digit and 3 digit by 3 digit multiplications, either by traditional algorithm, lattice model, array model and partial product methods. The students are learning that division is the opposite of multiplication and are just starting the new unit.

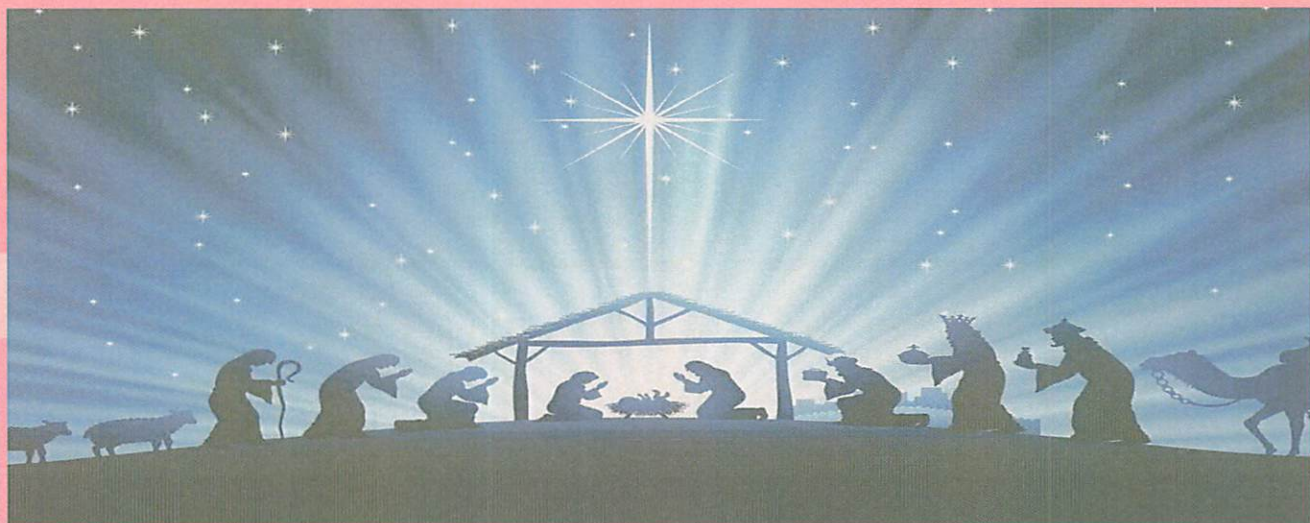
### Science: Space and Beyond

The start of the unit is watching videos on the universe and beyond. Students are learning about the stars, constellations, the Sun, the Moon, and the impacts that they have on the Earth.

### Language Arts-Descriptive Writing and Grammar

In Language Arts, the students continue to develop their writing skills using picture prompts. They will find descriptive words to develop their paragraphs and create a story. In addition, the students are reading daily on their reading programs on Raz Kids and Epic books.

Ms. Minoose



# *Grade 6 News*

In ELA, students have been working in the vocabulary and conventions unit. They are learning new words and suffixes/prefixes, figures of speech, selection of sentence structures/forms, clauses, practice cursive writing, looking at analogies and weekly focus on reading fluency. In the oral communication unit, students are listening and speaking using the form of foundation for literacy development and improve communication, collaboration, and respectful mutual understanding. Students have started working in the writing unit where ideas and information can be articulated accurately and imaginatively through the use of writing processes and an understanding of the author's craft. At the end of every week, there is a vocabulary quiz. Students take words home at the beginning of the week to help in the preparation of studying. In Social Studies, students have completed the citizenship unit. This is where they have to understand local, national and global issues, and empowers individual and collective action toward an inclusive society. They ended off the unit with project planning; choosing a community or school issue they care about, develop a plan following the seven steps discussed, execute the plan, and reflect on its effectiveness. In Science, students are working in the second unit called matter, which students will understand the physical world is deepened by investigating matter and energy. In Math, students are working on the third number outcome which is using prime factorization and exponents. In geometry, students are describing, investigating and demonstrating congruence between two shapes in any orientation. Students are always practicing their multiplication facts, and should know the facts up to 12 x 12.

**Reminders:** Please ensure students are dressed appropriately as winter is here! Water bottles still need to be brought in from home as well as headphones/ear buds for technology usage.

Mrs. Stuckless



## Grade 7/8

Students have been working on many new topics in Math. The students completed a survey to help identify how they like to learn in math. We have introduced manipulatives and additional videos from Khan Academy to help them better understand the curriculum. They have been working hard at building those foundational skills, and I am definitely proud of their efforts.

In Language Arts, students have been working on introduction paragraphs and writing expository pieces. They also finished their novel study, "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton, and they loved the movie. Many students found connections with the characters and had excellent discussions about the changes they made from the beginning of the novel to the end. Students will start their own novel studies on a book they have chosen. They seem excited to choose their own books in their favourite genres.

In Science, we will cover Cells and systems of the human body.  
For Social we are learning about "The Phases of the Fur trades and Treaties."  
December will be a hectic, and fun month. So please keep an eye on the calendar.

~ Mrs. Pischke



### CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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DECEMBER	SLEIGH	ELVES	GIVING
WREATH	REINDEER	NUTCRACKER	NORTH
			POLE

## *Phys Ed Class*

In November, the grade 7/8 students in Beyond the Classroom participated in Spirit North activities, made pancakes at the Youth Center, learned how to start fires with Tyrone Bairnes without using matches, built lean to shelters and went bowling at the Boathouse Bowling Center.

In Physical Education, the students continued to play volleyball, dodgeball, Gaga ball, Omnikin games, tag games, battleship, tobogganing, and Hurley Whirley. They also participated in relays and stations, and participated in activities with Spirit North. The girls and boys volleyball teams have had a fantastic season and are winding up with two games this week and a final tournament on December 1st and 2nd. Students are eagerly awaiting the next school sport, which is basketball.

Mrs. Hamel



## Dene Class

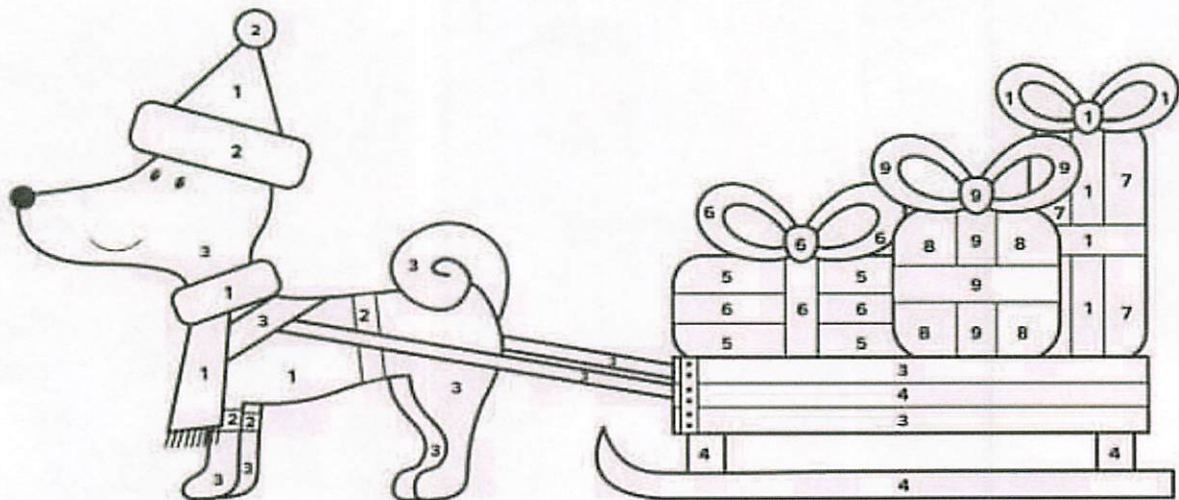
Edl'ánet'e Selot'ine,

This past month our students have been reading and learning about Legends and stories from the different tribes and the reasons these stories are told. Looking at the three circles (past, present, and future) and winter months were spent telling stories. Our students read about the big fish in our lake and heard stories about waldili/holdili while enjoying some tea. For the next couple of weeks will also be busy practicing for the Christmas concert.

Masi

Jamie Grandbois

### Colour by numbers



# *Wellness Team*

## December Spirit Days & Family Wellness

As we wrap up November and head into a festive December, our Wellness Team is excited to share some holiday cheer and simple ways to support connection and wellness at home. December can be busy, so our goal is to bring a bit of fun, comfort, and community to the season.

## December Spirit Week (Dec 8–12)

Organized by our Student Union

Our Student Union members have planned a fun Spirit Week to bring our school together and spread holiday joy!

Dec 8 – Red & Green Day

Wear your favourite holiday colours!

Dec 9 – Whoville Day

Dress up like a character from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

Dec 10 – Pajama Day

Cozy, comfy, and ready for learning.

Dec 11 – Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

The sillier, the better!

Dec 12 – Santa or Elf Day

Dress jolly, festive, or mischievous!

## Family Wellness Activity: Gratitude Garland

A simple, grounding activity to bring families together.

### How it works:

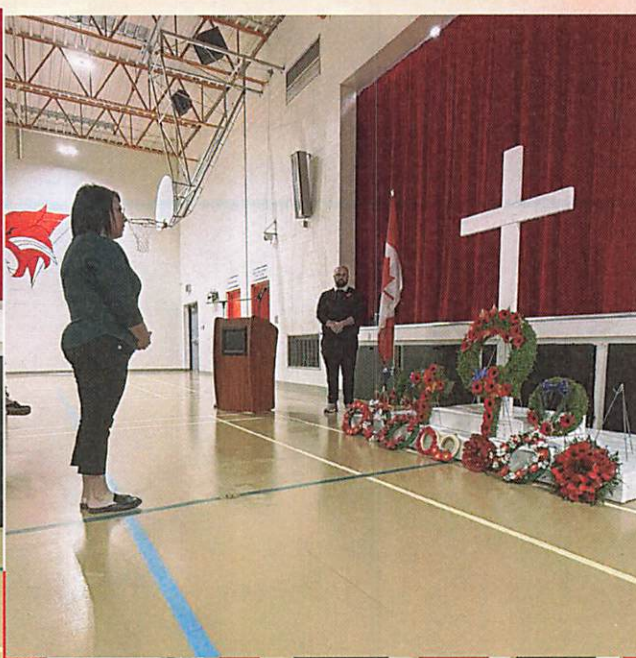
Cut strips of paper and, each evening, have every family member write one thing they are grateful for or looking forward to. Loop and staple them together to make a growing holiday garland.

Why: It boosts connection, promotes positive thinking, and becomes cheerful décor for the season.

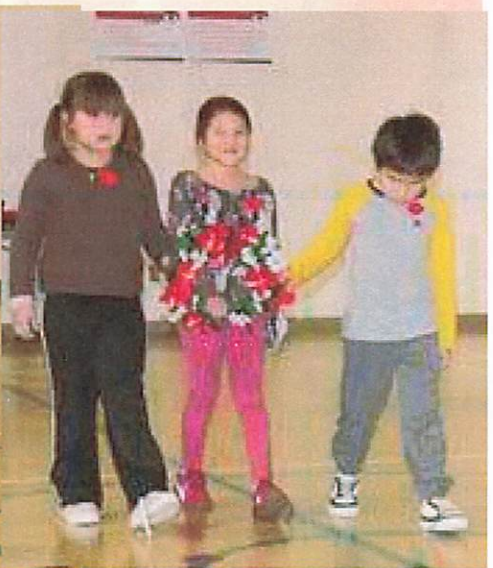
From the Wellness Team:

Mrs.Desjarlais

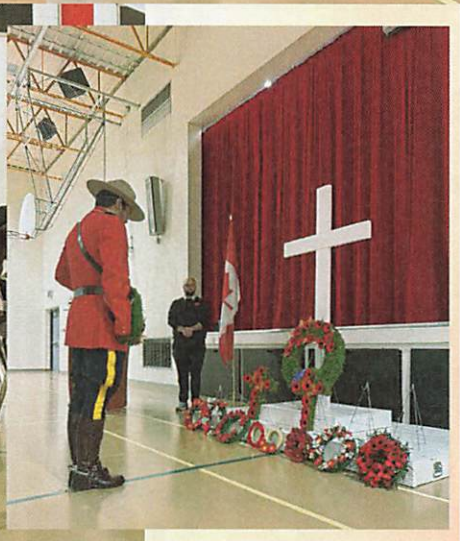
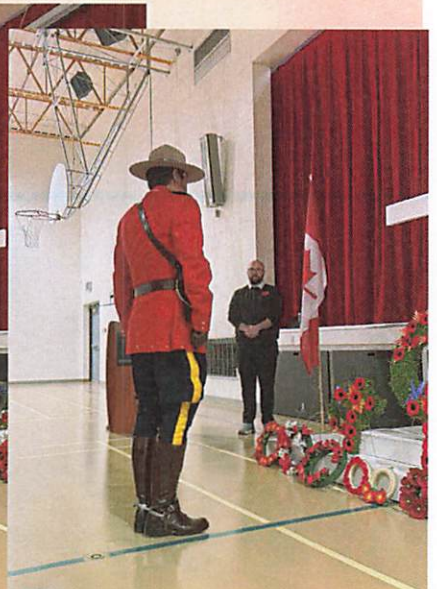
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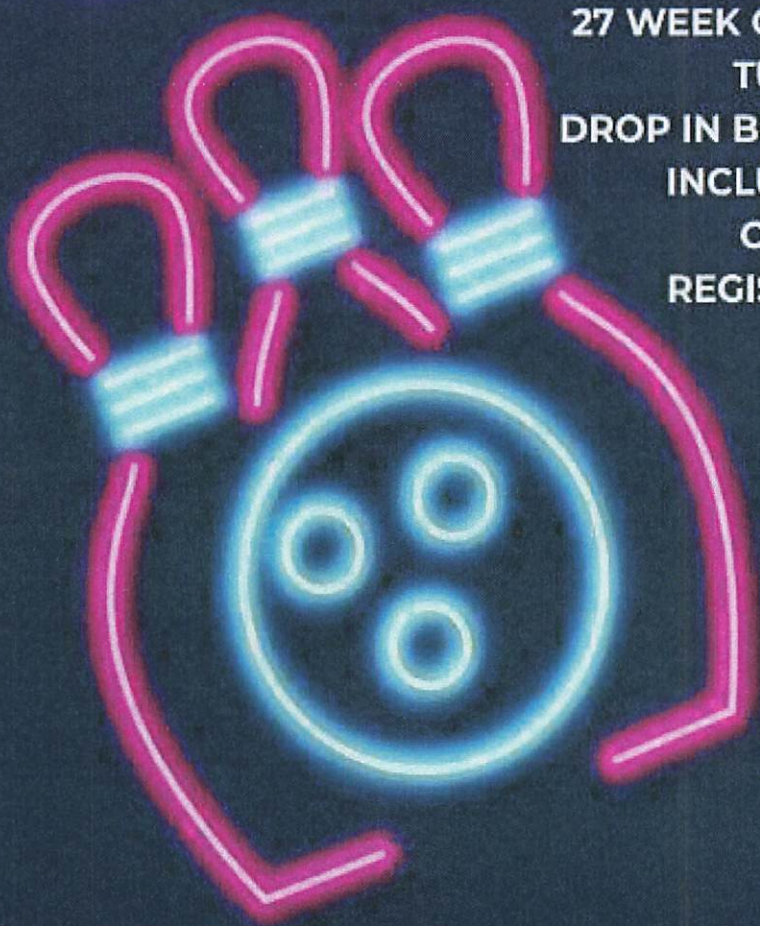


# *Remembrance Day Ceremony - Nov. 5th*



# BOWLING

## *After School Club*



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# Upcoming Events

December

DEC

**5**

7 PM-9 PM

***Roller Skating***

DEC

**6**

4 PM-5:30 PM

***Christmas  
Bingo***

DEC

**7**

5 PM-7 PM

***swimming/  
Sliding***

DEC

**9**

5 PM-7 PM

***Parent Youth Date Night***

DEC

**10**

5 PM-7 PM

***Christmas  
cake  
decorating  
contest***

DEC

**18**

5 PM-7 PM

***Gingerbread  
Houses***

Call Youth  
Centre or stop  
in to sign up for  
events  
(780) 594-7111



# YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR YOUTHS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Located at DENE GODHE ALA Youth Centre

December 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

5 pm-8 pm

Come on out and enjoy the various activities  
we have planned followed by  
door prizes!

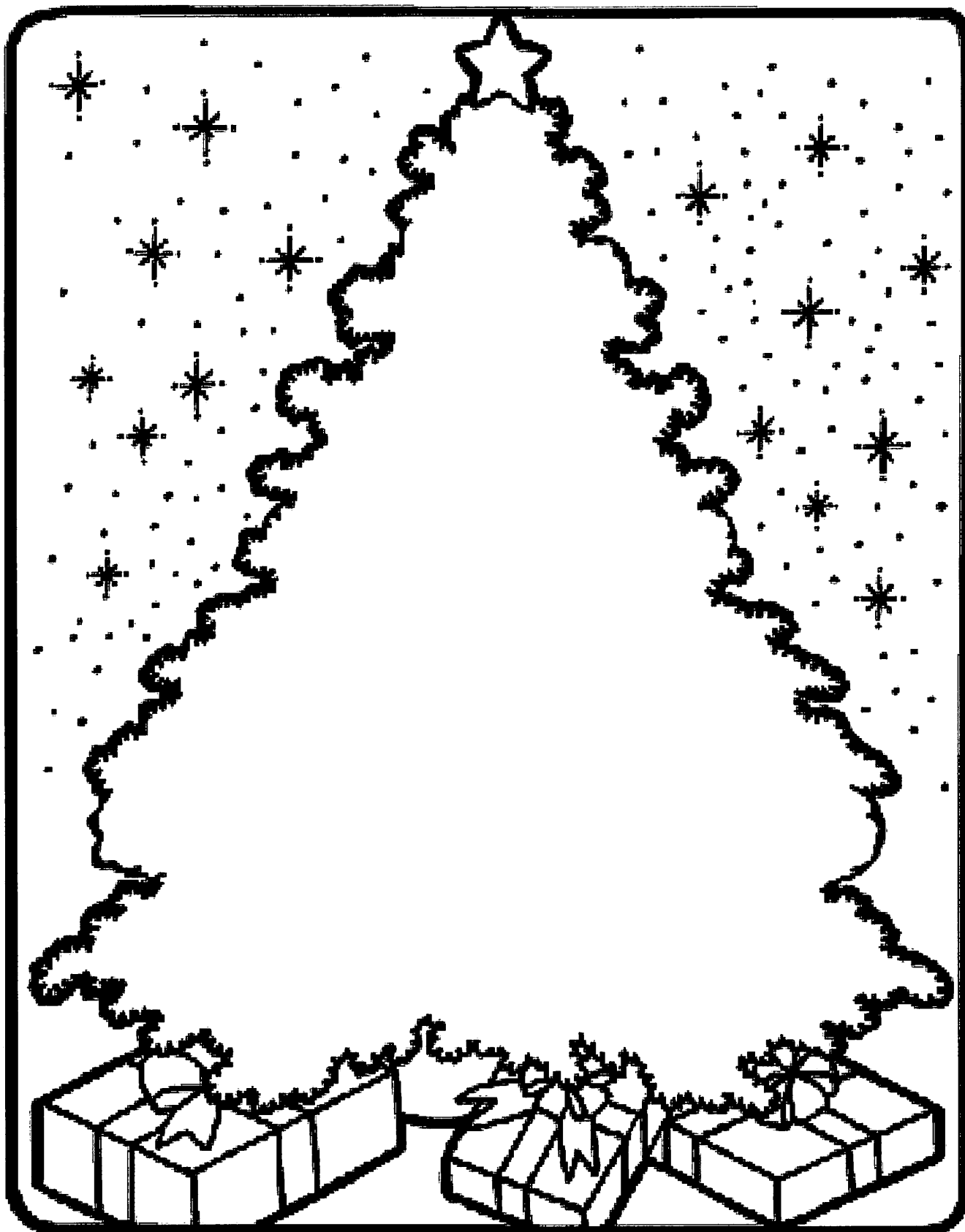
we will also be hosting a canteen for our fundraising

**We hope to see you there!**

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Gym Night Winter Clothing Swap	2 Wreath Making	3 Sports Night	4 Tutoring & Christmas Crafts	5 Roller Skating	6 Christmas Bing
7 Sliding Swimming	8 Community Christmas Dinner	9 Parent and Youth Date Night Making Goodies	10 Bold Eagle Presentation	11 Tutoring Christmas Cake Decorating Contest	12 Staff Development (closed)	13 Youth Christmas Party
14 Drop in	15 Outdoor Skating	16 PJ & Christmas Movies	17 Sports Night	18 Gingerbread Houses	19 Last Day of School	20
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**What does your tree look like? Decorate the Christmas tree with Crayola® crayons, markers, and glitter glue.**