**January 15, 2018**

 Happy New Year! January is flying by and the semester is coming to an end! High school exams start on Monday, January 22nd. Semester 2 begins on January 31st. At February’s end, several of our grade twelve students will be entering Cooperative Education work placements. This is an excellent opportunity for them to experience different fields of employment.

 Under the tutelage of Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Bostick, Science classes will be preparing STEAM projects for public viewing. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The annual HHS STEAM Expo will take place on March 1st from 12:30-3 pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend. Some of these projects will be showcased at the District STEM Expo held in early March.

 Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 28, 2018. All students are encouraged to wear pink to school. Anti-Bullying Day (a.k.a. Pink Shirt Day) is a day celebrated on various dates throughout Canada, including the last Wednesday of February. It originally started as a protest against a bullying incident at Central Kings Rural High School in Nova Scotia. On this day, people wear pink to symbolize a stand against bullying.

 Magazines customers ordered through our fall Magazine Campaign should be arriving in your mailbox by the beginning of February.  If you do not receive your magazine you may call QSP yourself (1-800-667-2536) or contact the school (366-2200).  It is often faster for you to get a response if you call QSP directly, but we are always willing to help! It is important for you to receive what you pay for. Let us know of any dissatisfaction.

 Basketball season is in full swing with our senior, junior, middle school and mini teams participating in games and tournaments.  A special thank you to fans in the community who continue to fill our gym during home games.  Teams will be busy in February as playoffs begin.  Continue to check under the “Extracurricular-Athletics” link on the HHS website for weekly updates on team schedules, practices, games and tournaments.  As usual, home games and events are also posted on the digital sign at the end of the HHS driveway.

 Christmas Mommies mail out campaign was a huge success! Thirty-seven children in our schools’ catchment area were recipients of gifts for Christmas. We currently have twenty-three children enrolled in the We’ve Got Your Back program where groceries items are sent home on a weekly basis. Thank you to all whom have contributed to the success of the organization.

 Our leadership group members worked hard to organize the annual food drive. Boxes of canned items were donated to the Lions Club in support of their Christmas Food Box campaign. Items not used for the Christmas boxes are donated to the Lakeland Food Bank. Harvey residents the McAdam Food Bank. Eligible families are entitled to visit the foodbank one time per month. The Lions Club provides funding for transportation.

 See Lionews’ advertisement for Hunter Education details or contact Mr. Bradford.

 Just a reminder that we have a No Nut and a No Scent Policy. These allergies are life-threatening. Please ensure your children come to school scent –free with a nut-free lunch.

 With the cold weather comes the concern that many of our students come to school with no coat, hat or mitts. It is always a worry that if buses break down on the way to or from school, students would be subjected to the cold.

**CALENDAR**

Jan. 22-26 High School Exam Week

Jan. 22 PSSC Meeting- 7 pm

Jan. 29, 30 Turnaround Days- No high school

 Students

Jan. 31 Semester 2 Begins

Feb, 19 Family Day Holiday

Mar. 1 STEAM Expo

Mar. 5-9 March Break

Mar. 30- Apr. 2 Easter Break

Apr. 24 Teachers’ Professional Learning- Early

 Dismissal

May 4 Subject Council- No students

May 14 NBTA Branch Meeting- No students

May 21 Victoria Day

June 22 Last day of classes- Graduation

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