



SWAN HILLS SCHOOL

Grizzly Pride

January 2020

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH RESPONSIBILITY

HIGHLIGHTS & KEY DATES

January 10	Elementary Hat Day
January 13	ELA Diploma Exam Part A
January 15	School Council Meeting
January 17	Alternate Day No School
January 21	Pajama Day
January 22	Math Diploma Exam
January 23	ELA Diploma Exam Part B
January 31	PD Day No School

See all events
on our website [Calendar](#)

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The Pembina Hills School Division's annual satisfaction surveys will begin this month.



Also, an important School Council meeting will be held January 15th.

Earlier this year, Pembina Hills' school board committed to performing a ward review. Prior to electing to fill the vacancy left by trustee Nancy Keough's resignation, the board chose to complete the review. During the January School Council meeting, board trustees will explain the intent of the review and how it will proceed, **so it is very important that parents attend to learn, provide feedback, and contribute to the review.**

We need our parents to share their thoughts and concerns on this topic, so please consider joining us on January 15th at 7pm.

Change to the Parent Satisfaction Survey Process

For many years, PHSD has hired short term staff to attempt telephone contact with every parent of students in Pembina Hills Schools. More than 50% of parents provided feedback to the Satisfaction Survey through this process.

In an attempt to address the shortfalls in the current budget, and in anticipation of a change to the funding framework, the Board has decided to suspend and adjust certain activities. One of these involves the PHSD Annual Satisfaction Survey.

Instead of a phone call, parents will receive an email inviting them to digitally participate in the Satisfaction Survey. The email will have a link to the survey associated with the school their child attends.

We ask parents to watch for this email in January 2020 and that you please take a few minutes to provide your feedback.


The perspectives of parents gathered in this way will continue to inform decisions during planning.

"Together We Can; Together We Will"

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Upcoming Events

BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
	5	6	7	8 HOME GAME 8/9 Girls VS CLYDE	9 7/8 Boys/Girls SH VS CLYDE @ RF STAPLES	10 SR. Boys Tournament @ Drayton Valley
12	13 HOME GAME 8/9 Boys/Girls vs. Pembina North	14 HOME GAME Sr. Boys vs. St. Joes	15 7/8 Boys/Girls Swan Hills vs. St. Mary's @ BCHS	16	17	18 8/9 Boys Tournament @ Barrhead
19	20 Sr. Boys @ Hilltop High School	21	22 7/8 Boys/Girls @ Fort Assiniboine	23 HOME GAME Sr. Boys vs. Fox Creek	24	25 7/8 Boys/Girls Tournament @ Barrhead
26	27 8/9 Boys/Girls @ Neerlandia 7/8 Boys @ Neerlandia	28	29 HOME GAME 8/9 Boys/Girls vs. RF Staples	30 HOME GAME 7/8 Boys/Girls Vs. Fort Assiniboine	31 8/9 Boys Tournament @ RF Staples	1 8/9 Boys Tournament @ RF Staples

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Group was invited to perform at the Community Christmas Eve service at one of the United Church on December 24. The students who were available to perform were very excited and did an amazing performance of the First Noel and O' Come All Ye Faithful. For some students, this was their first attendance at this non-denominational Christmas Eve service. The community members in attendance were very impressed with the performance and the group was recognized with a resounding applause. As a result, the organizers of this service invited the Swan Hills School Handbell Group back again for another performance at the 2020 service. **Congratulations Emma Kilpatrick, Aidan and Alissa Laun, Iris and Owen MacDonald.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Coming in February for Grades 1 through 6.
WHOOS READING

www.whoosreading.org/

WATCH FOR INFO TO COME HOME AT
THE END OF JANUARY



Swan Hills Grizzly Cubs

The Grizzly Cubs Board is pleased to announce **Katie Payne** as their new **Secretary**.

Look for event information to come home with students later in January

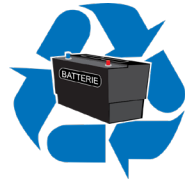
Find all Merchandise pricing on the school website: [GRIZZLY-WEAR-ORDER-FORM](#)

Grizzly Cubs Merchandise is still available for purchase at the Swan Hills Hardware and look for our table at local events to stop by and get a hoodie or toque.

Tidbits & Reminders

Check out our updated
**Lunchroom Menu on the
school website at**
swanhillsschool.ca

We are still collecting unwanted large batteries (car/truck batteries) to enhance our CTF/CTS programs.



If you have any you would like to drop off, please contact Kent Hooey at the school @ 780-333-4471

- Please be mindful of the school bus when you are out and about.
- Items on the bus **must fit in a backpack**.
- Please Do Not Enter the staff parking lot for the safety of the staff and students.
- **Please** do not leave your vehicle unattended in the **drop-off zone** in front of the school. You may be ticketed by the Bylaw Officer.



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