SWAN HILLS SCHOOL
Grizzly Pride

December 2020

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

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HIGHLIGHTS & KEY DATES

Dec 4	Alternate Day- No School
Dec 11	CAMO DAY
Dec 17	CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY
Dec 17	Virtual Christmas Concert
Dec 18	Alternate Day – No School
Dec 21- Jan 3	Christmas Holidays – No School

See all events
on our website Calendar

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Principal's Message

As we move into December, Alberta schools face some changes and challenges. From November 30th to December 17th, Swan Hills School students will continue their regularly scheduled classes. However, while Kindergarten to grade 6 students continue attending in-school, grades 7 to 12 students are learning from home. Junior and senior high students maintain their regular daily class schedule, connecting with their teachers via Google Meet for live lessons, accessing course materials in Google Classroom, and submitting assignments online. Students may schedule meetings with their teachers to receive one-on-one tutorials at the school, and some CTS courses continue on an individual student basis for instruction. From January 4th to 7th, all students from K-12 will learn from home, with grades 7-12 continuing as before the Christmas break. K-12 students will receive instructional lessons, assignments, and support from their teachers in a variety of ways that will include phone or online connections. Although this is not our preferred method of working with students, SHS staff will continue delivering lessons as best possible no matter the situation and circumstances. Further information is provided on the Swan Hills School webpage, and the school can be contacted with questions and concerns.

Prior to having our grades 7-12 students begin learning from home, we presented the 2019-2020 academic and sports awards for junior and senior high. Unfortunately, we were unable to host an evening for families to attend, but pictures of recipients receiving their awards have been added to the Swan Hills School webpage. Division 1 and 2 awards will be presented during December, and these pictures will also be added to the school's webpage.

2020 continues to be an interesting year, and I think we all hope for more positive changes in 2021. Regardless, staff and students of Swan Hills School will continue working to improve and achieve.

Recent News

GRIZZLY CUBS NEWS

Katie Payne will be stepping down as Vice President as she is moving in January 2021. Miranda Carter will be stepping into the VP position and Kim Amor will be taking over the Secretary position. Danielle Mast remains as Treasurer and Jessie Scholz remains as President.

Grizzly Cubs purchased an 85" Smart TV for the gym to be used as a scoreboard. Once it is installed there will be an announcement in the local newspaper and on Facebook.

Thank you for the support on the Purdy's fundraiser
Together we raised $1500.00 towards new chairs.

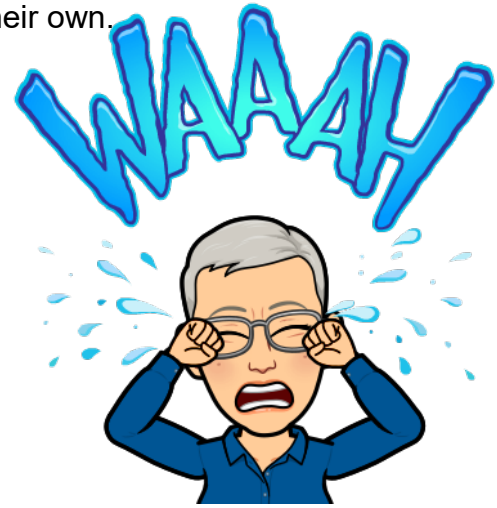
LIBRARY NEWS

Cancelation of Public Library Memberships Project - Dec. 2020 Newsletter

For the past five years, we have been very fortunate to have been able to provide public library memberships to all our staff and students through the generosity of various sponsors. Sadly, this year, we are unable to renew current memberships or provide memberships to new students.

We know that many students have made good use of this program and regularly access the public library's in-house and virtual programs, materials, and resources. We hope that families will continue to support the public library and maintain their memberships on their own.

Please check out their website: swanhillslibrary.ab.ca
or call the friendly staff at 780-333-4505.



Upcoming Events

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

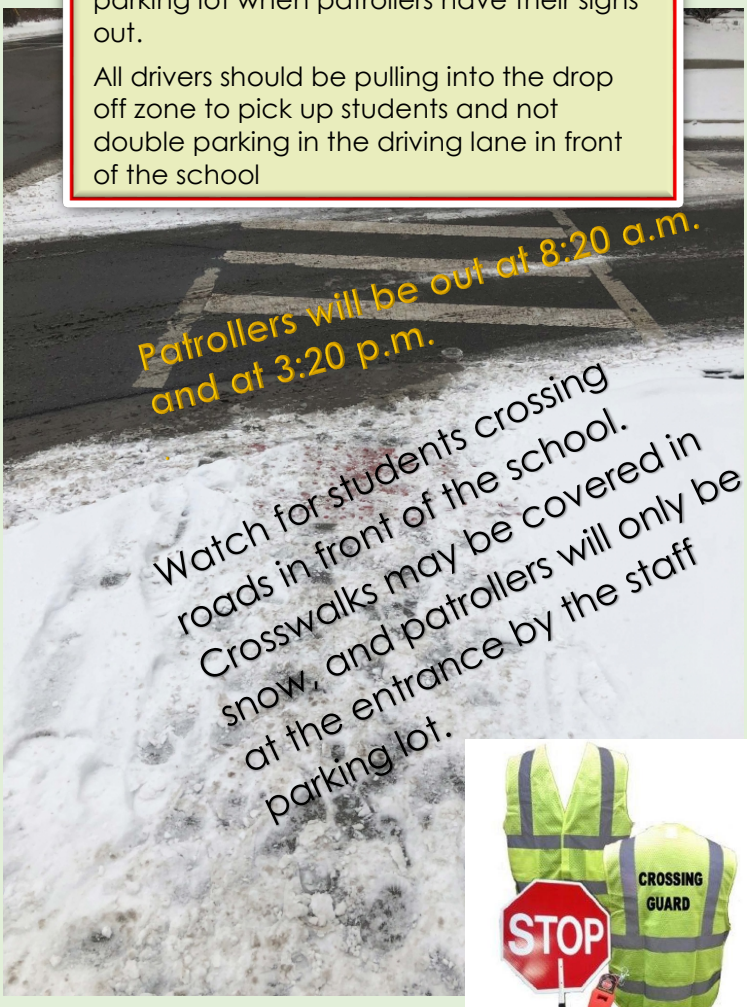
Swan Hills School students are proud to present

'Tis The Season to Shine Bright 2020 Virtual Christmas Concert

The Concert is scheduled for broadcast on **Thursday December 17, at 1:00 p.m.** on the Swan Hills School website.

We ask drivers to **not enter or exit** the parking lot when patrollers have their signs out.

All drivers should be pulling into the drop off zone to pick up students and not double parking in the driving lane in front of the school



COLD WEATHER

Please ensure your children are dressed for winter weather (warn coats, ski pants, toque, mitts, etc.) because the colder weather seems to be here

Important Tidbits & Reminders

The school will collect **large dead batteries** for recycling.

Money raised will be spent on program enhancements. Thank you in advance for any donations you make

- **PLEASE call the office when your child is absent from school**
- 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.

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE OR LET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOW IF SOMEONE DIFFERENT WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL.

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- Did you know that you can subscribe on our website at https://www.swanhillsschool.ca/

This will let you see all news items posted from our school