



HAMIOTA SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No matter how you look at it, December is always a special time of year. There is so much going on at both schools. Whether it is sports, drama, music, volunteering, or academics, our students and staff have worked hard for their Christmas break. I hope everyone enjoys some time with family and friends over the holidays.

This past month was an exciting one, highlighted by a Provincial Championship win by our Varsity Boys Volleyball team. Congratulations to all of the boys, coaches and parents for such an outstanding accomplishment. It certainly is not an easy road! The obvious other highlight was the amazing Hamiota Elementary School Christmas concert. "I Need A Christmas Vacation" was performed by our enthusiastic students to a packed gymnasium, both in the afternoon and the evening. All of the classes, kindergarten to grade five did an excellent job! Thanks to the community and parents for supporting our students.

December 21, our last day of classes before the break, will be a busy one. The high school hockey team plays its annual Christmas Classic Hockey game in Russell and we are loading a bus of senior students to take with us to cheer the boys on. Middle year's students have a number of activities at the rink planned, while our elementary students will keep busy celebrating the holidays at school.

I would personally like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we head into the holiday season, we all have much to be thankful for and my hope is that everyone can enjoy a little rest and relaxation with family and friends. School will resume on January 7 and I am excited about all of the new adventures that will take place in 2019.

Merry Christmas!

Bruce Coulter

Principal





HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS NEWS

Staff and students at HES would like to thank parents and community members for coming out to support us at our annual Christmas Concert.

We have enjoyed a variety of activities this month such as Christmas art, grade 5 curling, grade 3 lilac buddies, Christmas 'Minute to Win It', delivering Christmas cards with grade 2 and middle years, and a Grinch Party with grades 1 and 4.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival – Spring Session 2019 – March 5-7 in HAMIOTA

Following on the heels of a successful Fall Speech Arts Festival, the Spring Session will be March 5 – 7 in Hamiota.

Sessions: Vocal, Piano, Band/Instrumental and Visual arts classes.

Performers may be recommended to Provincial Festival or to music camp.

Registration night is Monday, Jan. 7 at Cornerstone church (Fourth St/Birch Avenue) in Hamiota at 6:30 p.m. Assistance will be available for entrants, regarding accompaniment, and other questions.

There are festival classes for adult performers and artists as well.

For information and entry forms, please contact:

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Kyla Wilson (Hamiota) 204-764-0329 email: kylajoan@icloud.com

Entries are due by/before January 15, with entry fees

Helena Davison is receiving entries in Hamiota.

In Miniota, Linda Clark is receiving entries.

Or mail to:

Birdtail River Festival

Box 687, Hamiota

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**Hamiota Elementary Christmas Play
"I Need a Christmas Vacation"**



UPCOMING DATES FOR JANUARY

- Dec. 24 ~ Jan 4 ~ Christmas Break
- Jan. 7 ~ Classes resume
- Jan. 8-11 ~ Grade 12 Language Arts Provincial Exam
- Jan. 9 ~ Grade 5 Curling
- Jan. 15 ~ Festival Entry Deadline
- Jan. 16 ~ Grade 5 Curling
- Jan. 16 ~ Grade 3 Lilac Visit
- Jan. 17 ~ Spaghetti Hot Lunch
- Jan. 22 ~ Grade 12 Applied Math Provincial Exam
- Jan. 23 ~ Grade 12 Essential Math Provincial Exam
- Jan. 24 ~ Grade 12 Pre-Calculus Math Provincial Exam
- Jan. 28– Feb. 1 ~ Middle Years Exams
- Jan. 28– Feb. 1 ~ High School First Semester Courses Final Exams



STAFF AT HAMIOTA ELEMENTARY & HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE would like to thank the parents & grand-parents who sent treats in December. They were much appreciated.

Thank you for all your support during the school year.



Encounters With Canada by Joelle Little

My week with Encounters With Canada was one of the best I have ever had. I went alone, and left with 84 new friends! The week I attended was Canada Remembers and it was full of activities.

We attended a Remembrance Day Ceremony, visited the Canadian War Museum, the Diefenbaker, Parliament and were lucky enough to spend a day with a number of veterans, ranging from World War II to Afghanistan and everything in between. It wasn't all war history though. Other activities included the 5km Alex Decoteau Run, mini-golf, and watching a Senators home game!

That week was incredibly busy, and I wouldn't have had it any other way.

Student Council News by Brett Hemrica

December has been a rewarding month for the Hamiota Student Council, as well as everyone who has purchased cookie dough from the magazine campaign and everyone who has ordered school clothing. Buyers of cookie dough and student clothing have been happy (hopefully) to receive their orders. The Student Council is very thankful for the support of the parents and community in their fundraisers—the Fowl Supper and Magazine and Cookie Dough Campaign. The final week of school this month is Spirit Week, featuring Pajama Day, Western Day, Christmas Cheer Day, Glow-in-the-dark Day, and Husky Pride Day. Husky Pride day is taking place on the day of the hockey team's Christmas Classic game in Russell. Happy Holidays everyone!



Mikayla Grabowski on
Western Day

What a Volleyball Season at HCI!

Many goals over the last number of years were accomplished on the volleyball scene this past season. We ended the season on a high with both the JV and Varsity teams advancing to provincials. This was the third year in a row the JV team has made provincials, what an accomplishment for an "A" school. We travelled all the way to Flin Flon this year for provincials, and lost a close battle to Green Valley in the quarter finals to end our quest for a medal.

Ranked #1 in the "A" schools category the varsity boys hosted a provincial qualifier again in 2018. We ended this weekend first and punched our entry to provincials, this year in Notre Dame Du Lourdes. We started the provincial weekend playing against Elton, where we lost our first set but came back to win 15-9 in the third. We then played Gilbert Plains, the hosts Notre Dame, and finally Treherne which proved to be our biggest test. We lost the first set but never looked back from here on out as we managed to win the third set 15-5.



Boys Varsity Team

Grade 11s	Grade 12s
Jamie Waddell	Brendan Lawn
Cole Allan	Hayden Crampain
Cale Murray	Brady Daniel
Layne Norrie	Brody Robinson
Foster Tolton	Brett Hemrica
Kayden Sutherland	

Back: Mr. Jerry Crampain, Jamie, Brady, Brett, Hayden, Foster, Brody, Cale, Layne, Cole, Mr. Sheldon Gurr

Front: Colin Crampain (Gr.10), Nash Gurr (Gr. 10), Brendan

Our playoff route to the finals started on Saturday morning against Duke of Marlborough (Churchill) in the quarters (25-13, 25-15) and Rosenort in the semi final (25-18, 25-14). We advanced to finally play the St. Paul's Barons (Elie) in the final. We never imagined being up 7-1 right off the bat to the 2nd ranked St. Paul's Barons! With a strong start we never let down on either the offence or the defence to go on to win 25-18 and 25-17. Congratulations to Brody Robinson, tournament MVP and Hayden Crampain and Cole Allan who were selected to the tournament all-star team.

We wish all our graduates luck in any future endeavours. And the rest of the team—we anxiously await next season beginning in September 2019. What a great season with an awesome bunch of young adults!