



November, 2011

DATES OF INTEREST

- Nov. 2—Home opener for High School Hockey at 8:30 p.m. vs.
- Nov. 6—Fowl supper—Tickets still available call 842-2803
- Nov. 10—10:30 a.m. Remembrance Service—public welcome
- Nov. 17 & 18—Student/Parent interviews
- Dec. 4—8:30 -12:00 noon -Dress rehearsal for Middle Years Drama
- Dec. 6—7:00 p.m. Band Concert and Middle Years Drama—Drama only in the afternoon



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Principal's Message

The month of October has passed, and as usual things have been quite busy at our Schools. I hope everyone enjoyed a great and safe Halloween.

The elementary has been busy in October wrapping up their soccer program ran by Mr. Mollard and our student volunteers from the high school. We of course had our hot dogs for our final day soccer jamboree and I think the kids really enjoyed themselves. Festival is coming in early November and I know our staff has been very busy preparing for it. Our Halloween dance was on October 28th and there certainly was a wide variety of costumes.

We received some good news with our life skills room being started on in the elementary in the old music room. Mrs. Penner has been amazing at teaching music in her temporary quarters and when both rooms get fixed our school will have an operational kitchen and a bigger music room. A Parent Advisory Council has also been formed at our meeting on October 18th. Mrs. Paula Lints has agreed to be president of the council and the next

meeting is on Tuesday Dec 6 at 6:00 at the High school. I welcome all parents to attend to see what the council is starting to plan. Good feedback is already come in from the council and we are looking at major updates, which are needed, to our elementary webpage to make it more functional.

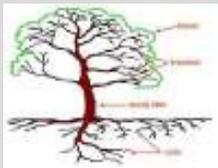
In the high school end there has been a great deal going on. Congratulations to Jillian Hawkins who was named the Manitoba High School Athlete of the week in October 7-14th. Soccer has wrapped up for both programs with the girls traveling to provincials and the boys reaching the zone final. Volleyball teams for girls and boys are in full swing going to numerous tournaments and the cross country team also had a large contingent go to provincials. Hockey is getting under way and we are in a co-op this year with Shoal Lake and Strathclair. Mrs. Facey is starting to get to work on our middle year's drama production and of course on November 10th Mrs. Mathison is preparing our Remembrance Day ceremony. Our grade 12 Student Voice campaign being helped by Mrs. Prov-

en is close to a plan on what they would like to accomplish. Our life skills group and middle year's student council have been busy providing healthy snacks and a monthly meal to all our grade 6-8 classes and this has been going extremely well.

In the last newsletter we had put that the senior boy's volleyball team was no longer running due to lack of players. While this was a reason, we as a school also did not have a staff supervisor that could work with the boys. Our staff volunteers a great deal of time to extra-curriculars and I am proud of the work they do. I do not think you will find another single "A" school in the province that runs as many programs as we do. Having said that, I am sorry for the boys that we were unable to give them that experience as I know they are missing it.

Finally I hope everyone will be able to come out to student/parent teacher interviews on November 17 & 18. Particularly in the high school I would like to see more parents come and visit with our teachers.

Take care— Mr. Jon Zilkey



Kindergarten News

boo, Boo, BOO! In Kindergarten, we are eagerly awaiting our first Halloween Party. Our costumes are planned and our dance moves are ready for the Monster Mash in the gym. Scary times! In the meantime, we have been working on an apple and pumpkin theme. In math, we have sorted apples by color and have used these apples to create patterns. Pumpkin math is fun too! We have sorted pumpkins by size and have measured and weighed pumpkins. Thanks to Kyle Johns in Gr. 2 for donating a variety of pumpkins to our classroom. On the morning of our Halloween Party, we will graph our most favorite pumpkin expression to help us decide how to carve our biggest pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern. We have met Peter Puppy (Pp) from Letterland. We hear his sound at the beginning of the word pumpkin and popcorn! Dippy Duck (Dd) lives in the Letterland Duckpond. She has taught us words that have her "d" sound at the beginning like dad, dog, and Daphne! Daily 5 is an important part of our Kindergarten Day that helps us to become independent readers and writers. We practice how to "read to self" and how to "read to a partner." There are many ways to read a book. We can read the pictures, the words, or we can tell a story that is very familiar to us. Next, we will learn how to listen to stories at the listening center. In science, we have been studying trees. We are learning about the parts of a tree and used our camera to take pictures of the various parts of trees on our playground. Working together, we created our very own tree book. We also learned about the lifecycle of an apple tree and what it looks like during the different seasons of the year. The Kindergarten Class is also preparing two poems for the upcoming festival in Miniota on Nov. 7. The names of our poems are: After A Bath, and Whisky Frisky! We are very entertaining so we hope to see you there!

Grade One News

In math, we are learning about numbers. We are learning the numbers and number words for 0-20. We can show numbers in different ways and use ten frames to show numbers. Our reading and writing continues to improve as we learn new strategies and new words! In science, we are learning about living things. We can compare characteristics of living things and identify body parts. In social studies, we are learning about belonging and groups. We had a very special, fun day for Halloween and we want to thank our adult helpers that joined in the fun!



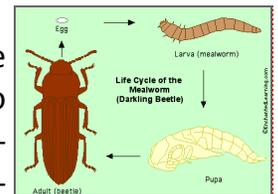
Grade Two News

October has quickly slipped by and it was another busy month. Our mini themes revolved around Thanksgiving and Halloween. In language arts we read and listened to stories and sang songs related to these themes. We wrote a witches brew and a Halloween puppet play. We also made words out of the words Thanksgiving and Halloween. Other writing activities included a description of something we wear on our hands, something that would be fun to do backwards and a news story. We also created a poster about how to care for our teeth.



In math we have been working on increasing patterns. We have also been learning about odd and even numbers. We continue to practice counting by 2's, 5's and 10's both forward and backward. We are also working on mental math strategies to help us add and subtract.

In science we have been studying the growth and changes in animals. We have enjoyed watching videos about the different groups of animals. We have also learned about the different life cycles of animals. We have been carefully observing our mealworms. We have seen the larva and pupa stages and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the adult beetles.



The soccer program organized by Mr. Mollard was once again a big success. The windup tournament proved to be very exciting with close games and lots of team spirit.

We had a great Halloween Party on October 28th. The costumes were amazing and the Monster Mash was lots of fun. Thanks to Kyle Johns who brought a pumpkin for our party. We guessed the weight of our pumpkin and how many seeds it would have. It weighed 33 pounds and had 656 seeds! Emerson's guess of 31 pounds and Logan's guess of 300 seeds were the closest.

We have been working hard on our poems for the festival and look forward to performing Mother Doesn't Want a Dog and The Crocodile's Toothache for everyone. We hope to see everyone at the festival in Miniota on November 7th.





Grade Three News

We've enjoyed the scary month of October with a variety of writing and art projects! The Halloween party was a great success, with excellent costumes and Monster Mash participation! Way to go, Grade 3's!

During the month of October, we've been working in our L.A. groups and it's been nice to see how independently this group can work while Mrs. Dixon is spending time with her reading group. Great work!

Students put their skeletons and haunted houses together for our October home reading program. Many students in this group read be-

yond the minimum and that's great!

We're looking forward to meeting our Lilac buddies in November. I've been asked several times when it's going to start, so that's a good indication that we're geared up for this program!

We'll also be performing at the Speech Arts Festival in Miniota in November. We are learning our two poems, "Winter Weather Watch" and "No Smirchling Allowed."

With all these activities, Christmas is just around the corner!

Terry Fox Walk 2011



Thank you to all students, staff, parents and grandparents for participating in the 2011 Terry Fox Walk at the Elementary School. We were pleased to have a number of cancer survivors join us in our walk this year. Once again the community was very generous with their donations. We collected a total of \$1711.00 which has been forwarded to the Foundation in aid of cancer research. Thanks

everyone for your continued support of this very worthwhile event! On-line donations can still be made at www.terryfox.org

Grade Four News

October in Grade 4 has been spook-tacular! We have been enjoying many Thanksgiving and Halloween activities and lessons this month. In ELA, the students read two Thanksgiving stories, *The Plump and Perky Turkey*, and *The Lonely Scarecrow*. Each student chose a scene from *The Plump and Perky Turkey*, and illustrated it beautifully. A short descriptive paragraph accompanied these lovely scenes from the story. *The Lonely Scarecrow* tugged on our heartstrings, as we learned a valuable lesson about seeing through a person into their heart and not making judgments based on appearances.



In math, we just finished up a unit on whole numbers to 10 000. Students have been working hard on mental math strategies when adding and subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers. Problem Solving every day in math will strengthen our ability to “think on our feet!” The next unit in math will be multiplication. Get ready to learn those facts!

Learning about Canada’s geography is our focus in Social Studies. We just completed Unit #1 in Science ~ Rocks and Minerals with a fun group project. Students had to work together and hand in a final project based on their own research of rocks and minerals.



Halloween art adorns the hallway outside our classroom, come on in and have a look!



The Halloween Parade and Monster Mash was another hit! The costumes are enjoyed by all and it is always a surprise to see just what the HES staff will be each year. Thank-you to the parents for coming in to help your child get ready for the costume parade!

October Birthday

Emily Murray - Oct. 21st



**HALLOWE'EN AT THE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!**

Grade Five News

We've had a great start to the year, and we're all getting to know each other rather well. We've been working hard on academics as well as preparing for festival and our assembly.

In math we have completed our unit on whole numbers, and are now working on multiplication. Knowing our facts makes a question like 65×39 much easier, so parents, please help us by practicing these facts as we're driving to sporting events, washing dishes, or just watching T.V.

In LA we are doing a unit called "The Bully Free Zone". We are divided into groups and are reading different novels, all relating to the topic of bullying. We also read a short play called "Lace Up Against Bullying". You may notice that our shoelaces are different colors, and that's because we've decided to "lace up against bullying" too.

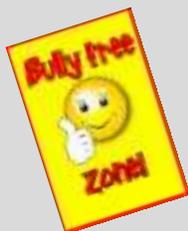
During this time, we are also preparing for our class assembly. We have been working on a few different skits that use idioms like: "out in left field", "makes my skin crawl" and "can't see the forest for the trees". This has caused quite a bit of discussion and a few giggles.

We have also managed to squeeze in some poetry writing and some rehearsal time for festival which is on November 7th. We will be doing both a French and an English poem.

We have completed our science unit and have begun a social studies unit called "Canada's First Peoples". We have been studying Beringia and the ice age, and are trying to understand scientists' theories about how the first people came to North America. The first peoples also had their beliefs which we have been reading about too.

As you can see, we have been quite busy!

36 x 22



Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival

SPEECH ARTS SECTION

Monday, November 7, 2011

Miniota School

9:00 a.m. - Solo classes , Hamiota Gr. 1,
Hamiota Kindergarten, Hamiota Gr. 2

12:30 p.m.—Hamiota Gr. 6, Hamiota Gr. 4,
Hamiota Gr. 5, Solo classes

Miniota United Church

6:30 p.m.—Solo Classes Gr. 7-12

Final Concert—Wed. Nov. 9—7:00 p.m.

Miniota School

Plan to Attend!!

Hamiota Collegiate

Fowl Supper



Sun., Nov. 6

Tickets Still Available!!!

842-2803

For the past few years the Hamiota Schools have supported the E.M.S. project called Operation Christmas Child. Families who would like to donate an item can send it to the school with their child. The items are then pooled together and form the basis of Christmas gifts for children in other countries. (If families wish to fill a shoe box themselves, please feel free to call the Elementary School office and a box will be provided.) The gifts are picked up by our local E.M.S. personnel and taken to Winnipeg and included with gifts from across the province.

If you would like to support the project feel free to send an item from the list below. The items will be picked up at the school on **Monday, November 14** to ensure reasonable time for the gifts to be distributed to other countries.



Fill Your Shoe Box With a Well-Balanced Variety of Items

From the Following Categories:

School Supplies: Items such as: pencils, pens, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books

Toys & Other Gifts: Items such as: stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks, and candy (loose, individually wrapped, hard candy in a sealable bag)

Hygiene Items: Please place soap in a sealable bag

Personal Note: Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoe box (not inside the donation envelope)

DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste (due to customs regulations)

Food and any chewy, crumbly, or soft candy: including gum (due to customs regulations)

Used Items (due to customs regulations)

Decks of playing cards, Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break: shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glasses, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoe box)

Items that can scare or harm a child: war related toys, knives and toy guns, etc.

Grade 6 Girls Travel to Conference

Hamiota Collegiate's Logan Wilson and Jessica Hume attended the YWCA's annual The Power of Being a Girl Conference at Brandon University on Saturday October 29th. The girls participated in seminars presented by professional facilitators on topics such as healthy eating, peer relationships, assertive communication and making good first impressions. It was an excellent day to learn about these subjects and meet other Grade 6 girls from across the Westman region.



Logan Wilson



Jessica Hume





Back: Kailan, Shailyn, Julie, Shelby, Emma, Shane, Nick
Front: Cole, Kenzie

Cross Country

This year Hamiota's Cross Country team was made up of Nick Hatfield, Emma Coulter, Kenzie Robinson, Shailyn Madsen, Shane Hunter, Shelby Mollard, Julie Campbell, Kailan Robinson, and Cole Waddell. On Oct 11, the team took part in the zone meet. With Emma, Kenzie, Shailyn, and Kailan placing 1st, Julie and Cole placing 2nd and Shane, Shelby placing 3rd in their respective categories.

On Oct 19, the senior team headed to Spruce Woods for the Provincial meet. Kailan placed 16th out of 200 in the SR Girls, Shailyn and Julie placed in the top 30 in JV Girls and everyone ran personal bests. The entire team ran well, and it was a great season!

Varsity Girls Volleyball

The Varsity Girls Volleyball team has had a very successful season thus far. The team has been to 6 tournaments and has played in finals in three of them: Wawanesa, Glenboro and Minnedosa. At our home tournament last weekend the team played very well in the round rob-

in and came out first in their pool. First round playoff against Elkhorn was easily won but the girls lost a tough one to Glenboro in the semi-finals. We defeated Grandview to secure third place. In league play we have had three games and been successful against St.

Lazare, Rossburn and Strathclair. We play Shoal Lake on Wednesday, 2 November at home. Our last tournament is next weekend in Virden.



J.V. Boys Volleyball
Playoffs
Nov. 7/11



J.V. Girls Volleyball
Tournament
Nov.12 /11

Jillian Hawkins Named MHSAA Player of the Week

Tuesday, October 11, 2011



Jillian Hawkins of the **Hamiota Huskies volleyball team** is this week's Tri-Star Rural High School athlete of the week.

This 5'3" left side has led her team to the finals of two tournaments. Winning the Wawanesa tournament and ending up a finalist at the Glenboro tournament. Coach Chris Obach states, "Jillian is a very coachable and hard working individual that teammates look to for strong leadership both on and off the court. The reasons for her success as an athlete, in school, and in life are due to her willingness to learn and her unparalleled work ethic."

In her grade 12 year she maintains an academic average of 93%, while also competing in hockey, badminton and fastball.

High School Hockey

	DATE	TIME	VISITORS	HOME
NOV	2	7:15	HAMIOTA	NEEPAWA
NOV	4	8:30	DELORAINÉ	HAMIOTA
NOV	12	8:30	CROCUS PLAINS	HAMIOTA
NOV	18	8:00	HAMIOTA	BOISSEVAIN
NOV	23	8:00	HAMIOTA	VINCENT MASSEY
NOV	25	8:30	DAUPHIN	HAMIOTA
NOV	26	8:30	MAJOR PRATT	HAMIOTA
DEC	2	8:30	GLEN / CARB / BALD	HAMIOTA
DEC	13	7:30	HAMIOTA	MINNEDOSA
DEC	14	8:00	HAMIOTA	SOURIS / RESTON
DEC	16	8:30	NEEPAWA	HAMIOTA
DEC	22	12:30	HAMIOTA	RIVERS / ELTON
JAN	6	8:30	VIRDEN	HAMIOTA
JAN	8	8:00	HAMIOTA	KILLARNEY / WAWANESA
JAN	18	7:30	HAMIOTA	MAJOR PRATT
JAN	20	8:30	MINNEDOSA	HAMIOTA
JAN	25	8:00	HAMIOTA	MELITA / WASKADA
JAN	27	8:30	RIVERS / ELTON	HAMIOTA
JAN	28	7:30	ALL-STAR GAME	In Virden

The High School Hockey team had a good start to the season at their home preseason tournament. Fans enjoyed an exciting game at noon on Saturday, October 22 when they lost to Melita/Waskada in a shootout. Victory came later in the day when Hamiota Huskies won 6 - 4 over Souris. In the B Finals on Sunday, the boys lost to Rivers/Elton. Thank you for the fan support at each game! Hamiota Huskies would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped before, during and after the weekend to make a successful tournament!

- **HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY HOME OPENER = FRIDAY, NOV. 4 vs. Deloraine Colts.**
- **Saturday, Nov. 5 the team will play the RCMP as part of the Sports Complex 20th Anniversary Celebrations.**



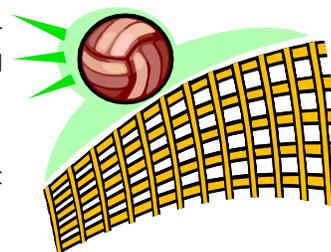
Middle Years Volleyball

BOYS

The middle years' boys volleyball team is continuing to practice hard and learn all the skills necessary to become a strong team. They are working hard and learning that all players must work together on the court to be successful. Our last mini tournament is this Thursday and then we go into playoffs.

GIRLS

The girls teams are also working hard as they move toward playoffs. Our last mini-tournaments are also on Thursday. Playoffs begin next week.



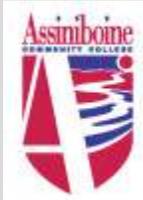
SPECIAL THANKS!!!

Thanks to
Marty &
Nicole Madsen for
donating hamburger
for our canteen!!



Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball by Jake Coulter & Sawyer Norrie

The Junior Varsity Boys volleyball team is midway through their season and are doing pretty well. On Oct. 22nd the JV Boys travelled to Virden where they won 3, lost 1 and split another. They ended up with the best record. Their next action was in Roblin where they placed second, losing to Vincent Massey in the finals. The boys still have a Grade 9 Tournament at Vincent Massey on November 4th and 5th. They also have zone playoffs in Hamiota on Nov. 7th. If they are successful in playoffs they will advance to provincials in Miami. A special thanks to the Rawlings family for letting the team stay in their cabin at Lake of the Prairies.



GUIDANCE CENTRE UPDATE

Grade 12 students have completed their fall interviews with Mr. Czarnecki. It is during these meetings that high school credit checks are completed to ensure that students will have completed the credits required for graduation.

There are two categories of credits that students require:

Compulsory subject credits such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Geography, Canadian History and Physical Education

Optional subject credits such as French, Band, Chemistry, Physics, Accounting or Economics to name a few.

Students are required to receive **17** Compulsory credits and at least **13** Optional credits to achieve a total of **30** credits for graduation. Most HCI graduates complete more than the minimum of 30 credits by the time they complete their Senior year.

During fall interviews Grade 12 students also have the opportunity to discuss their post-secondary plans with Mr. Czarnecki. It is during this time that students learn about college and university options as well as apprenticeship or workforce opportunities.

Hamiota Collegiate has a history of a high percentage of its graduates attending post-secondary learning institutions. In fact, since 2004, 83% of our high school graduates have attended either university, college or private vocational schools! The class of 2012 is no exception to this trend as the vast majority of the students have plans to continue their education next fall after high school graduation.

Starting in November, it will be the Grade 11 student's turn for fall guidance interviews, where future plans will begin to be explored for next year's class of HCI graduates!

If parents have any questions related to guidance services offered at HCI please contact Mr. Czarnecki at 842-2803 or at cczarnecki@pwsd.ca.

Promoting Healthy Eating in Our School

Did you know?

Our school has been awarded grant money from the Child Nutrition Council to promote healthy eating during the 2011-12 school year!!



In the spring of 2011, Miniota, Oak River, Kenton and Hamiota schools along with representation from the Midwest Recreation District and the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority worked together to submit an application to The Child Nutrition Of Manitoba Nourishment Program. The idea behind the submission was to look at ways to further build on the healthy eating message within the school environment.

With the support of the grant money, schools will now have the ability to design their own healthy eating project and provide some students with an opportunity to prepare and consume healthy snacks and in some cases, healthy meals within their home school environment. Every school involved in the project will be doing something slightly different with the money they receive, commented Bonnie Michaudville, Recreation Director from the Midwest District, but the goal of increasing awareness about healthy eating and creating that environment to support this healthy lifestyle behaviour remains the same.

Our plan at Hamiota Collegiate is to give students in the Life Skills program opportunities to prepare healthy breakfast options once a week and healthy meals once a month for grades 6 – 8 students who have returned their permission forms to the school.

Senior Student Council News

Another month already coming to an end and we have planned and are still planning many events. These include fundraising events and activities for the school to participate in. We started the month of October with our Magazine Campaign. Daryle Beamish came to our school to inform the entire school what this event was all about. Showing us his magic tricks at the end. The students are doing a great job to reach our goal that we set at the beginning of the campaign and we hope they continue doing so. Meeting our goal will lead us into a wipe out event that you will not want to miss.

On November 6, 2011 we are having our 37th Annual Fowl Supper fundraiser. It has taken our Fowl Supper Committee, time, organization, and much planning to pull this fundraiser together. We hope to see everyone there, to once again make this event a success.

In the middle of all our fundraisers we have found the time to host a Spirit Week and a Movie Night within our school. Our spirit week consisted of Nerd Day, Pajama Day, Husky Pride, and of course Halloween, with many students partaking in. On Monday, October 31, we hosted a movie night for all students interested. During the movie snacks and beverages were served.



Middle Years Student Council News by Kara Kent & Holden

It has been a spooky month at Hamiota Collegiate! We have had various activities such as medic ball and a skull hunt, organized by the Middle Years Student Council! All students hunted hidden skulls down and brought them in to exchange for a treat. We have also now started a new program in the school. Every Wednesday, two student council members had out a healthy snack to the Middle years Students! At the end of the month we joined in the three spirit days Nerd, Pyjama and Husky Pride day. On Hallowe'en day students wore their costumes. We hope everyone had a happy and safe Hallowe'en!!



To celebrate Manitoba School Library Day on October 24, staff and students had 20 minutes to “Drop Everything and Read”.

Interview Day Changes

There will be a change this year in Parent/Teacher interviews. To make it easier for all parents to attend we are having an evening session. We are asking parents and students to come in on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. or Friday, Nov. 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Hopefully this change will make it possible for more parents to stop in and see the work their students have been doing and visit with teachers.

Band Notes

Greetings to everyone!

We have had a very busy start to the year in the Music department. Our numbers are up in almost every class level this year, and work is well under way towards preparing for our **Christmas Concert**, which is scheduled for December 6. Please mark this date in your calendar and come out to join us for some holiday fun and music!



The Grade 7's have been working hard to learn their first notes so that they will be ready with a few short pieces for you. The Grade 8's and Sr. Band have also been polishing up a couple of pieces each and the Choir is preparing a piece along with the Grade 6's, 7's and 8's, for a **Remembrance Day** program as well as a couple of additional pieces for the Christmas Concert.

Encounters With Canada – Taylor Madsen



Terry Fox Statue on Parliament Hill in Ottawa

Most kids are usually not excited to go back to school, and I'm usually one of those kids that are not. But I was excited to come back to school because after the first three days, I got to go to Encounters with Canada. On September 11, I left for Ottawa and I had no idea what I was getting myself into. When I arrived in Ottawa, I was a bit nervous about meeting new people, but when I got there people were just so friendly and easy to get along with. By the middle of the week, everyone was so comfortable with each other that they just felt like my natural friends. Some activities I participated were ultimate frisbee, bowling, boot camp and the Terry Fox Run. I made a whole bunch of friends and by the end of the week, I didn't want to leave. I highly recommend Encounters with Canada because you will make lots of new friends and it will be a great experience.

Middle Years

Drama

Middle Years Drama is proving again to be a popular activity. There are 37 students practicing lines to appear on stage and another 12 planning to work backstage. The students are excited with the play called “Couch Potato Santa” which will provide plenty of laughs for the audience. Dress rehearsal is planned for Sunday, Dec. 4 with performances on Dec. 6

We're on the web

www.hamiotacollegiate.ca

www.pwsd.ca/hesweb/