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Happy New Year to all students and staff of the Stonepark Community. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season. This is a time for us all to re-charge the batteries and now is the time for us to get back to what we love to do. Here's to a successful and prosperous 2019!

Kudos To You:

-Congratulations go out to the **Sherwood Falcons Bantam A T2** on winning the "5th Annual Hockey Classic" in early December in O'Leary. The Falcons went 2 and 1 in the Round robin and then faced the strong Bedford Blue who went 3-0 in the round robin. **Michael Gallant (8B)** picked up the winning goal in overtime to put the Falcons into the Championship game. In the Championship game, overtime was needed again as the score was 0-0 after 3 periods of play led by strong goaltending by Alexander Drake. In overtime the Falcons fought off 3 penalties and continued to pressure the opposition until Michael Gallant timed a perfect pass from Cameron Whitlock (9C) for the win!

Members of the winning team from Stonepark are: **Keegan MacDonald (8A), Westin Young (8A), Evan Longley (8G), Dexter Adams (9I), Brady Benoit (9D), Nick Blanchard (8A), Pete Christie (9B), Cameron Doyle (8I), Alex Drake, Michael Gallant (8B), Cohl Gaudet (9E), Declan Johnson (9C), Josh MacKinnon (9B), Zack Morrison (8A), Aiden Morrison (8H), and Cameron Whitlock (9C).** Congratulations, boys, on a job well done!



-A group of former Stonepark students (**Olivia Dale, Brenna Duffy, Nicole Yard, and Sophia Vessey**) presented their grade 12 Global Issues Climate Change project to several grade 8 science classes with Mrs. Stultz earlier this month (Dec 5). Their information and slide presentation was carefully researched and well received by our students. The presentation ended with a Q and A time, and the Charlottetown Rural students discussed details of their project and aspects of the Global Issues course. Their topic was very timely as the grade 8 science

classes have recently finished a unit on water systems and climate change.



-**Jack MacFadyen, 9H,** finished second in the Provincial Pepsi under 21 Curling Championships as part of Team MacMillan. With a performance like that at such a young age, Jack's future in the sport looks promising. Well done, Jack!



-**Mikey Perry (9G)** has been selected as part of Team PEI in Judo for the 2019 Canada Winter Games coming up in February. Congratulations, Mikey, and all the best in your competition! We hope you enjoy the experience!

-**Cale Jenkins, 7I,** along with his Charlottetown Cadet Troop and the RCMP, packed over 500 hampers for Island families at the Salvation Army in preparing for Christmas families. What a wonderful example of **kindness and empathy** by Cale and his peers. Here is the link with a picture.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/148Armycadets/pe_rmalink/834760776887943/

-**Mme Carver's class, 8C,** got into the Christmas spirit before the break as they hosted students in **Mme Houlahan and Mme Norris' Grade 2 and 3** classes from Sherwood Elementary. Our students created and performed their own Christmas plays "en francais" for the Sherwood students. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed the performances and our students got to show off their developing French language skills for the young

audience. What a great example of two schools working collaboratively to enhance learning and fun. Well done!



- **“Stonepark’s Got Talent”** was held on the Friday afternoon before the Christmas break. We had a tremendous display of talent to entertain the students and staff and help kick off the holiday season in style. Many thanks to the following students and staff who shared their talents with others on this day:

Chantal Rooney (7E) - “The Jungle”

Kyle Duffy (9J) - An original poetry selection and singing “Praying” (acapella)

Mr. Stratton - Acting video

Alexis MacKinnon (9H) and Daelin Ross (9H) - “Give Your Heart a Break”

Lily Bryenton (8F) - two piano selections (blindfolded)

Sedef Altinok (9F) and Ifra Zaidi (9F) - a flute and clarinet duet.

Brayden White (8G) - “Elvis Presley Medley”

The Music Club - “Jingle Bell Rock”

Holly Griffin (9G) - “The Fight Song”

Trista MacNeill (9H) and Brent Watts (former student) - “Hallelujah”

Mr. Beaton - Step-dancing routine.

The Stonepark EA’s - “The Twelve Days of Christmas”

Mr. Stratton, Mr. Stratton’s brother Mike, and Mr.

Rooney - “Rockin In The Free World”, “Takin Care of Business”, “Twist and Shout”.

Stonepark Staff - “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

A special thank you goes out to **Mrs. Kara Smith**, for organizing the event and to **Mr. Rooney and Mr. Stratton** for their technical assistance.

Molly Doyle(9A) and Willis Bulger (9A) did a great job facilitating the event as MC’s and helped to keep things rolling along. What an awesome way to send off students on a high note prior to the Christmas break!

Happenings at Stonepark

-Green Team News:

The week of **January 14th - 18th**, Stonepark will have a **Battery Blitz**. Starting Monday, **January 14th**, students, teachers, parents, and community members can drop off batteries and place them in the cardboard receptacle right inside the school’s main doors. When you drop off ten (25) or more batteries, ask the ladies in the office for a free, zip-up battery recycling bag or a “Call To Recycle” string-bag. Members of the Green Team will sort the batteries by type, box them up and send them off to a collection site that will ship batteries directly to contracted recycling facilities.

Precious metals will be recovered from used batteries to create new batteries and stainless steel products – none of the broken down material is landfilled.

National Sweater Day has traditionally fallen on the **first Thursday of February**. Since 2010, over a million Canadians have participated in National Sweater Day at their schools, workplaces and homes. Therefore, on **Thursday, February 7th** we will hold our annual National Sweater Day.

National Sweater Day is a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy and to inspire people to use less heat all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada and is a significant source of emissions. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just 2 degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 4 megatons – that’s equivalent to shutting down a 600 mega-watt coal-fired power station or taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road! At Stonepark, we encourage all students and staff to wear an extra sweater on **Thursday, February 7th** as the thermostats will be turned back a few degrees! Such a small act can make a big impact! Spread the word!

Teens and Vaping: Over the last little while, vaping (smoking of e-cigarettes) has become more prevalent among young people. Among our student population at Stonepark, we have also noticed an increase in the use of vapes. In light of that, we want to share an article about vaping with students and parents that found this quite informative. Here is the link to that article.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/health-canada-youth-t-teenage-vaping-smoking-hammond-1.4937593>

-Daily Physical Activity Program (DPAP) - As you are aware, this year we are piloting a DPAP with our students and staff. The goal is to incorporate a minimum of 20 minutes of physical activity in the school day. We started in October with a walking program, but took a break from it in late November as we felt that we needed to make some tweaks to the program. Starting on Monday January 7th, we will have a new format. Students were informed of this on Thursday Jan 3rd during Reading Period.

Duke of Edinburgh: The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** at at Holland College, Centre for Community Engagement, Prince of Wales Campus, 323 Grafton Street. The ceremony will start at **7 p.m.** with Lieutenant Governor giving out the award on our behalf.

Additional information:

-Participants can start arriving at 6:15 p.m.

-Once participants arrive they will go directly to their seat in the gym, and there will be a council member in the gym to show participant where to sit. Each participant will be given a card with their name on it, this card is to be presented to the emcee just prior to receiving their certificate and pin.

-An official photograph will be taken as each participant is presented with their Award Certificate. Guests are welcome to take photographs from their seats. An official group picture will not be taken, but please feel free to organize your own group photograph after the ceremony.

Deadline date to submit Duke of Edinburgh record books: Duke of Edinburgh Record books are to be passed in to Mr. McIntosh for pre-approval on or before Tuesday, **January 31, 2017**. If record books are ready before this date please submit to Mr. McIntosh or leave them in his mailbox in the main office. Please be sure to check the Google classroom and have all of the required items completed. Please print a copy of your Practice Journey and Adventurous Journey Reports and include them with the record book.

-Canadian Parents For French (CPF): The latest edition of the CPF newsletter can be found by clicking this link. <http://pei.cpf.ca/media/newsletters>

-Student drop off in the morning and pick-up at the end of the day- With winter now upon us, and snow building up around the school, we ask that students be extra careful when arriving in the morning and leaving the school at the end of the day, and continue to be attentive to moving traffic.

Parents leaving the lineup from the front of the school at the end of the day are asked to heed the direction of the supervising staff and yield to buses that are exiting the upper parking lot. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parents who have to park in the lower parking lot where bus drivers drop off students in the morning are reminded that it is against the law to pass parked buses while they are loading and unloading students. This law also applies to parking lots, so parents are asked to not pass buses that are parked in the lower parking lot in the morning.

-Notification of student absence: Parents are reminded that in instances where your child is going to be absent from school, and you send along a note or an email, could you please inform the homeroom teacher the reason for the absence (i.e. sick, appointment, family trip, sporting event, participation in a non-curricular event, etc;) This will allow homeroom teachers to effectively code the reason for the absence in SAS. We thank you for your assistance with this.

-News from The PEI Home and School Federation:

Healthy School Food Project: Morgan Palmer is working with the Public Schools Branch to develop and pilot a provincial school food strategy. As part of this project three School Food Think Tanks were held across P.E.I. this fall.

The following three video links contain content on this School Food Environment Initiative. Nine schools are prepared to pilot a new school food program for PEI.

[East Wiltshire School Food Think Tank 1](#)

[Kinkora School Food Think Tank 2](#)

[Montague Regional High School Food Think Tank](#)

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Affecting Change in PEI's Education System

Resolutions are developed around issues that will affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 66th Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2019. Assistance with writing resolutions is available. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31, 2019**.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - Start planning in the New Year to celebrate school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, February 11 – 15,

2019 (*Note: Stonepark's Staff Appreciation Week will be held from Feb 19th - 22nd as many Grade 9 students and staff will be in Ottawa / Quebec during the week of Feb 11th-15th*). Home and schools are encouraged to find ways of saying thank you to staff members for their contributions to the lives of our children and youth. |

Extra Mile Award- Nominate a school staff person (i.e. teacher, education / admin assistant, custodian) for the PEI Home and School Federation's *Extra Mile Award*. Submission deadline is: **Jan. 11, 2019**. More details are online at: <http://peihsf.ca/extramile>

Annual Reports - Presidents of Home and School Associations are asked to submit an annual 1-2 page report outlining your Home and School Association's activities for the 2018-2019 school year. Reports will be inserted into the Federation's 2018-2019 Annual Book of Reports. If you need assistance, call 620-3186 | 1-800-916-0664 | peihsf@edu.pe.ca. Please submit your report to the Federation office by Feb. 28th.

Coalition For Healthy School Food - Canada is the only G7 country without a national school food program. Help us ensure every child in Canada has access to healthy food at school.

[Sign the E-1957 \(Food Policy\) Petition to the House of Commons](#)

For more info contact Debbie Field at:

<https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/> | 416 537-6856

2019 Great Big Crunch - The next "official" Great Big Crunch will take place on March 28th at 2:30 p.m. EST. [Click here to register](#) your School/Home and School! Find out more here: <https://foodshare.net/program/crunch/> "What a fantastic way to celebrate nutrition, raise awareness of various food discussions, and encourage a sense of both school and national unity!" - Salem Elementary School in New Brunswick.

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will be held during the week of **January 7 - 11, 2019**. Children must be **5 years old by December 31, 2019** in order to be eligible for Kindergarten. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office (902-368-6990) or Summerside Office (902-888-8400). Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring two pieces of information which verify proof of child's age: Birth Certificate and PEI Health Card
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the Spring of 2019.

Community Notes:

-ScholarTree: ScholarTree has created an easy to use 100% free Budget Template to help students plan for University or College. You can find the template at the bottom of the [Educators Page](#). There is currently over \$1,000,000 in scholarships that are accepting applications, including a couple of big ones namely the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award. Students can find which

scholarships are best fit for them by signing up at ScholarTree.ca.

-Anti-Racism Challenge for Students: PEI Association of Newcomers is offering students the opportunity to participate in an Anti-Racism Challenge. Further details can be found by clicking on the link below:
<https://www.peianc.com/en/events/anti-racism-challenge-call-for-entries>

The information provided from outside agencies is for information purposes only and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or the Public Schools Branch.

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Jan 9th - Grade 9 immunizations in the Wellness Room.

Jan 10th – Honors Band Sectional at Stonepark 9:15 – 2:15.

Jan 14th - 18th - Battery Recycle Week - students and staff are asked to bring in used batteries to be disposed of safely and recycled.

Jan 24th -25th - Grade 9 photos will be taken on the cafeteria stage.

Jan 25th - 27th– Honors Band Weekend. Final concert on Sunday at 2:00 at the Delta Hotel.

Jan 30th – Home and School meeting at 6:30 in the Multi-Purpose room next to the office.. All parents are welcome to attend.

Feb. 1st & 2nd - The Nogler Invitational Basketball Tournament

Feb 7th – National Sweater Day. The heat will be turned down on this day, so students and staff are asked to dress accordingly.

Feb 7th (tentative) – Grade 7 Late French Immersion Parent Information Session - 7:00 in the library.

Feb 11th - 15th – Grade 9 trip to Ottawa and Quebec.

Feb 19th - 22nd - Staff Appreciation Week . **NOTE:** Home and School made the decision to hold this the week after the Provincial Staff Appreciation Week as the Grade 9's will be in Ottawa and Quebec that week.

Feb 21st - Grade 9 photo retakes.

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