

F.P. Walshe School

A place to learn and belong

December Newsletter

Isstaato'si - Cold Month

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 8 Festive/Ugly
Sweater day

Dec. 19-23 Shark Week

Dec. 23 Talent Show and
Christmas dinner

Dec. 24-Jan. 8 Winter
Break

Jan 9 First Day of Classes

Happy
Holidays!

Lunch Specials Dec. 5-9:

Monday-Chicken Kebobs
on Basmati Rice

Tuesday- BBQ
Cheeseburger with
Homecut Fries

Wednesday-Swedish
Meatballs on Egg Noodles

Thursday-Chili Cheese
Dog with Potato Bacon
Soup

Friday- Pizza by the Slice

Principal's Message:

Oki! With Christmas right around the corner here are a few updates of what has been and will be happening at F.P. Walshe School.

This month we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Duram who will have his last day with us on Dec. 23. We thank Mr. Duram for all he has done for F.P. Walshe School over the past few years and wish him all the best in the future. Susan Stacheruk will be moving into the Learning Support Lead role in his absence and we will be hiring a new middle school Math/Science teacher.

Our next Parent Advisory meeting is happening on Wednesday, Jan. 11 @ 5:30 pm. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend the meeting in person or virtual and they are a great way to learn more about what is happening at F.P. Walshe!

As a school community we will continue to live our vision/mission/motto statements: **Vision: A place to learn and belong** **Mission: Empower personal growth through meaningful relationships** **Motto: We Are Walshe.** As always, do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions or concerns. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming Christmas break!



Leadership:

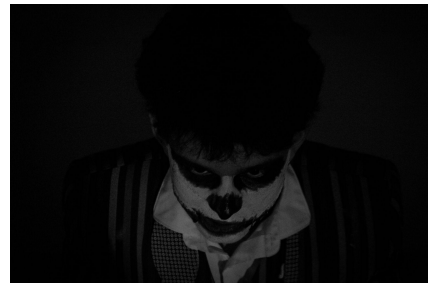
Festive/Ugly sweater day is **December 8th**

Our annual SHARK WEEK competition runs **December 19-23rd!** Please bring your list of team members (5-7 participants) along with a team name to Ms. Ascione ASAP.

The entry fee is a minimum of one non-perishable food item per group member. All groups **must register by December 14th!**

Drama:

On Halloween, the drama class put together a circus themed haunted house for all of the students and staff. For this they learned a variety of circus acts and produced an interactive story. They started the morning a little less scary and amped it up in the afternoon for the older students.



On **December 23rd**, the last day before Christmas break, the drama class will be hosting a talent show. All students and talents are welcome to participate. We are able to be in person this year, so we welcome both live and video (please

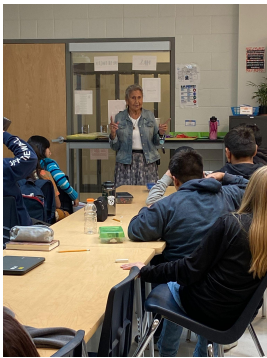
shoot in landscape mode) talents. Auditions are open until **December 21st** and videos must be submitted by **December 14th**. Please help your children film their talent if it is something that cannot be done in person and come out to the Empress Theatre to watch all of the amazing talent F. P. Walshe has to offer! Afterward, the students will come back to the school to enjoy a Christmas dinner. Mmm.

Athletics:

Basketball season is now in full swing and we thank all of our volunteer coaches for supporting athletics in our school. We have excellent student participation and look forward to cheering on our Flyers this season.



First Nations Metis and Inuit:



Betty Ann Little Wolf
telling the grade 7
students a Napi story.

In September F.P. Walshe welcomed Stephanie English to an assembly to talk about her annual walk on October 1 to honour those who have gone missing. On October 1 some staff and students joined Stephanie and her family on her walk to bring awareness to MMIWG2S.



The middle school Niitsitapii option class learned about Blackfoot teepees. Our Elders in residence, Joe Eagle Tailfeathers, Betty Ann Little Wolf and knowledge keeper Jaron Weasel Bear shared stories and teaching of the designs and protocols of the teepee. Each student made their own teepee and shared their story behind their designs with their peers.



Blackfoot Culture Series:

Students in grades 10-12 will be visiting traditional sites, participating in activities and a five day land based camp.



In September they visited Indian Battle Park to learn about the Last Great Battle from elders Alvin Many Chief, Joe Eagle Tailfeathers and Camina Weasel Moccasin from the Galt Museum.