



# F.P. WALSHE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Oki! With 2 weeks remaining before the Christmas break here is an update on what is going on at F.P. Walshe School.

The final week before the break will feature our annual Shark Week. Shark Week is a series of activities where students have the opportunity to join a team of their choosing and participate in fun challenge activities. On the 23rd, we will come together as a school to celebrate the first part of the school year with our talent show, a school Christmas dinner, and a wrap-up assembly. A big thank you to our student leadership group for organizing all of this year's activities.

Students involved in the Blackfoot Cultural series will have the opportunity to create and enjoy a traditional Blackfoot meal on Friday, Dec. 16. Previously students had the opportunity to visit Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump and Indian Battle Park as they continue to learn more about Blackfoot culture.

Basketball season is in full swing with our junior teams already hosting their home tournaments. We wish all of our athletes and coaches' luck this season as they compete and represent F.P. Walshe School and athletics.

We have a few staff changes taking place in the New Year. Mr. Mitchell Duram will have his last day with us on Dec. 23. Ms. Susan Stacheruk will be moving into the Learning Support Lead role, and we have hired Mr. Mason Seguin who will be teaching Science 7, Math 7, PE 6-8 and CALM 20. We wish Mr. Duram all the best and thank him for all his contributions to F.P. Walshe School.

Our recent staff professional learning has been focused on the area of differentiation in the classroom. As part of our school goal of success for all learners, we continue to work as a team at improving our ability to meet our students' diverse academic needs in the classroom. Our professional development days, staff meetings, and collaborative meetings will continue to emphasize the importance of differentiation.

Our next Parent Advisory meeting is happening on Wednesday, Jan. 11 @ 5:30 pm. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or virtual (link will be shared on all of our communication channels). Parent Advisory meetings are open to all parents/guardians and 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. On behalf of the staff at F.P. Walshe School we thank you for your continued support of your child's education and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Chad Jensen

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