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# TOMAHAWK SCHOOL



# Times

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December Edition

## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Students of Tomahawk School:

December will soon be here - but thankfully it is arriving with some sunny days! This is a short month here at school and these next three weeks will certainly be busy ones filled with lots of learning and some Christmas fun.

Again, we are all making some important and needed adjustments to help all of us stay safe and healthy. We will miss our Grade 7-9 students as they return to online learning as of Monday, November 30th but please be assured that quality learning and support from teachers will be in place. On December 18th we will all head off for our Christmas break of two weeks. January 4th we will have one week of online learning for all students from K to 9 (K to 12 across the province). All teachers will clearly communicate with parents during December to ensure that students know how to resume their learning on January 4th.

During December we will be enjoying our annual classroom door decorating and finding our Tomahawk School Elf hiding around our school each day. A small virtual Christmas concert will be held at our regular monthly assembly time - the last Thursday, Dec 17th, at 12:30 PM. Look for the link in your email closer to the date.

If possible, please help us with our support for Santa's Anonymous. We will be collecting unwrapped toys, books, gift cards (Walmart is great) or cash donations. As well, if you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a gift basket this year from Santa's Anonymous please contact the school office with the family name. Families will be contacted privately to ensure that all who need some support will be on the list by December 11th. I believe that it is a wonderful opportunity for students to be a part of helping others in our community and every donation - big or small - will make a difference.

I so appreciate all of the wonderful families of Tomahawk School and the tremendous support you give to our school. Although we are all having a quieter Christmas, I hope it will be a special one for your family.

Ms. Bell - Principal

## Covid-19



Please ensure you are reviewing the PSD website frequently for updates to various documents.

Feeling Sick? Here's What to do –  
<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/News.php>

The Stay at Home Guide is a great resource for outlining symptoms and what to do.  
[https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/Stay\\_At\\_Home\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/Stay_At_Home_Guide.pdf)

Information on Contact Tracing-  
<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=23930&stream=Homepage%20News>

## At-home Learning

**Beginning Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> students in Grade 7-9 will be doing at-home learning until December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Students in Kindergarten - Grade 6 will continue in school learning until Christmas Break.

All students will begin online learning January 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. In class learning resumes January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Chromebooks will be available to sign out for any student who requires one while at home learning.**

## Student Absences

Please remember to contact the office if your child will be away from school. You can call 780.339.3935 or email [tomahawk@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:tomahawk@psd70.ab.ca)

If you would like any missed work sent home, please ensure you contact your child's teacher.



## Report Cards – Live December 4

Term 1 report cards will go live on the Parent Portal Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm. If you have forgotten your user name or password, please contact the office prior to December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## School Fee Statements

Student Fee statements have gone home. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Fees can be paid by credit card online by accessing your parent portal or by sending a cheque to the school made out to Parkland School Division.

## Winter Break

Winter Break will be from December 19 – January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Classes will resume online Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> for all students.**

Students will return to school on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Winter Weather



Winter weather is upon us. Please ensure that your child comes to school with mitts, hats, boots, a warm jacket and ski pants.

## School Donations

Our school was fortunate enough to receive two donations towards our breakfast and nutrition program.

We would like to extend a big thank you to The Seba Beach Seniors group and to the Evergreen Gas Coop for their generous donations.



## Santa's Anonymous

Once again our school is partnering with Santa's Anonymous in Drayton Valley to provide needed support for our school and community families.

If you are able to provide a new unwrapped toy, book, gift card or monetary donation it would be appreciated. Each class will have a box set up on their class for donations. Gift cards and monetary donations can be brought to the office. Your support is greatly appreciated at this time of year.

## Friends of Tomahawk



December Hot Lunch forms went home earlier this week. They are due Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. No late orders will be accepted.

Friends of Tomahawk will be treating all students and staff to a hot dog lunch on our last

day before Christmas break Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Council and Friends of Tomahawk's will meet on Friday, December 11th from 9-11am. You are welcome to attend this meeting in person or virtually.

Call the office at 780-339-3935 to RSVP.

**Poinsettia Fundraiser Flower pick up will be on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please contact the office to make an appointment for pick up.

## School Spirit Days

Our leadership team has come up with some School Spirit Days on Friday's in December.

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Wear Christmas Colors

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Hat or Sweater

December 18 – Pajama Day

## Online Gradebook – Now Available

Parents will now have regular access to Gradebook through their Parent Portal to view student grades on assignments, projects and tests. Please view the video below for more information or contact the school. This access is a part of ensuring that parents have accurate and regular information on their child's academic record.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuOmBGaSFMY>



## **December**

- 2 – Friends of Tomahawk Poinsettia Order Pick Up
- 4 – Term 1 report cards available
- 4 – Hot Lunch – Hamburger or Cheeseburger
- 4 – Spirit Day – Wear Christmas colors day
- 11 – Parent Council Meeting – 9am-11am
- 11 – Hot Lunch – Spaghetti and sauce
- 11 – Spirit Day – Christmas Hat or sweater day
- 17 – Virtual Christmas Concert - 12:30 – 1:00pm
- 18 – Hot Lunch – Hot Dog lunch provided by Friends of Tomahawk
- 18 – Winter Fun Day
- 18 – Spirit Day – Pajama Day
- 19 – January 3 – Winter Break

## **January**

- 4 – 8 – Online classes resume – All Grades
- 11 – In class learning resumes