

December 18, 2020 Newsletter

Message from Principal Pfannmuller

As we are approaching winter break, I would like to thank students, staff, and parents for contributing to the Sangudo Community School that we are all so proud to be part of. Despite the challenges and changes we have faced due to Covid-19 mandates and parameters, we have had an outstanding first term with many opportunities for our students to demonstrate their amazing talents and passions. Thank you to all of the staff who have made these opportunities possible.

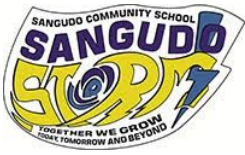
Jolly Jingle Shop was, once again, a favourite activity for students. The modified “shop from a catalogue”, allowed students to still participate in this traditional SCS activity! The shop provides the students of SCS an opportunity to Christmas shop for their loved ones. Thank you to Mr. Emil Paquette from Everyday Values in Barrhead, for providing the product for students to purchase and the wonderful parent volunteers who volunteered their time to create the catalogue, organize orders and purchase gifts, and wrap deliver gifts to the school for students to take home. It was truly successful and we appreciate the flexibility of our parent volunteers and the extra work it required to meet the current requirements. Thank you!

Mrs. Hagman is working with students with a program aimed at providing reading supports for students in grades kindergarten to grade 6. The LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention) program is dedicated to improving reading amongst our students by targeting specific reading needs of the learner. Our staff along with Mrs. Hagman are working diligently at identifying which students need to work on which skills and providing the supports and plans accordingly. Mrs. Hagman has had to be creative with scheduling due to cohorting requirements, and she has done a great job at working with students on the program.

Mathematics teachers will be working with numeracy consultant, Mr. Keith Van De Keere to continue to develop their capacity as mathematics teachers. Mr. Van De Keere has provided demonstration lessons to classes to which teachers observe and then follow with a debrief on how to proceed with the concept of focus. We are scheduled to work with Mr. Van De Keere in the new year and will determine if this will be in-person or in a virtual platform.

The annual Christmas concert was unable to be performed in the traditional setting however, students have been working on poems and musical numbers and are being recorded for all to enjoy. Watch for the links to each performance!

As 2020 draws to a close, I reflect upon all that we have faced this year both in the education world and personally. I am so proud when I consider all of the adjustments and modifications that staff, students and families have made in order to return to in person learning in schools. It truly is remarkable! No matter what the challenge or obstacle, I was always met with the mindset “Ok...so how can we make this happen!” I am humbled by the team here at Sangudo Community School that I have been trusted to lead.



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Once again, we will face the challenge of online learning in the new year for all students. Our Junior High students have been diligently working online for the last couple of weeks, and tackling this challenge of the online learning platform with their teachers and support staff. All students will take home their ChromeBooks on Friday, December 18, 2020, so that they are ready for the week of online learning for January 4-8, 2021. Mrs. Werenka and I will still be at the school site for that week, so please contact us should you need to do so.

Please take time to enjoy the simple things and time with your loved ones that are at home with you over the break. I know for myself, many of my holiday celebrations with my parents, children and grandchildren will occur virtually this year. Best wishes to all families for the upcoming holidays and I look forward to everyone's return in the new year online on January 4, 2021!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
Principal Pfannmuller



IMPORTANT DATES:

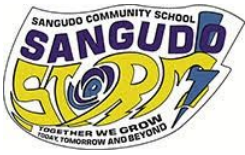
- December 25 - Merry Christmas**
- January 1 - Happy New Year!!!**
- January 4 - Classes Resume Online**
- January 11 - Classes Resume In-Person**
- January 19 - School Council Meeting, 4:00 pm**
- January 29 - No Classes, PD Day**

Internet Checklist


The following link is a document created by Northern Gateway Public School called "Learning From Home Internet Checklist".

[At-Home Learning Internet Checklist](#)

This document guides families who are struggling with an internet connection. Families are asked to refer to the document prior to online classes beginning on January 4, 2021 so that internet issues may be minimized!



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| '21 JANUARY  | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Online Education Begins | | | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | In-Person Education Begins | | | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | School Council Meeting, 4:00 pm | | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | | | | NO CLASSES PD Day | |
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Please refer to the NGPS website at ngps.ca for up-to-date information.

Home for Christmas
 Please take a moment to read the latest article from our Northern Gateway Public School Student Support Facilitator, Tammy Charko. [Home for Christmas.](#)