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the
SILVER STAR News



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✧ *The Holiday Season Is Upon Us!* ✧

Silver Star is a Great Place to Learn



At Silver Star, learning is at the forefront. We are working to support each and every student as they learn and grow.

Teachers are focusing on the importance of learning the **Core Competencies:**

Communication -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas; to explore the world around them; and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

Thinking - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content, and transform them into a new

understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.

Personal and Social - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competencies encompass the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.



As we move closer to the holiday season we will enjoy many fun filled activities that bring our school community together.

The staff at Silver Star wish you a Very Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

❄️ **Happy Holidays!** ❄️

Basketball Season for the Wolfpack is underway!

Grade 6/7 girls and boys Basketball will start up in January. The Wolfpack has started practices to get ready for the up coming season. **We are looking for some coaches**

to help with the basketball season. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more about helping.

Please look for the schedules and permission forms that will be coming home after Christmas. Please encourage your student to sign up if they have not already done so.

Silver Star PAC News Poinsettia & Greenery Fundraiser.

Thanks to all that supported this fundraiser. It was a great success. All funds raised go back to our students. We have purchased more snowshoes, crazy carpets, snow shovels as well as classroom materials, gym equipment, new books, and more. A special thank you to all our PAC volunteers and PAC Executive who help to make this all possible.

**Next PAC meeting is in
January
See you January 17th!**

Mid Year Summary Reports are Coming Soon

Please read this Mid Year Summary, as it is a way of communicating your child's growth thus far in their learning.

Students have had the opportunity to work towards their goals over the past three months and we are excited to share their progress with you.

These reports will be available for parents/guardians through MyEd and those teachers who use Seesaw will post on Thursday, December 22nd.

If you require assistance accessing your account please call our the office and Mrs. Work will assist you with the online process.

New Staff are Coming to Silver Star



We would like to welcome back **Mrs. Kadach** our Secretary. She will be returning to work after the new year part time, and will ease back into her position as head secretary. We have all missed you

Mrs. Kadach, and we are excited you are coming back.

We would like to acknowledge **Mrs. Kim** who will be leaving us to start her new family. We will miss her calm and caring manner. She will always greet you with a smile. **Mrs. Meyer** will be the new teacher in Montessori 1-3 taking over for Mrs. Kim. We want to extend a warm welcome to the Silver Star team. **Mrs. Maza** one of our EA's is also leaving us at the end of December to start her new family. We wish her all the best.

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Christmas Activities

Our teachers have a great deal planned for our students from now until the end of December.

Our primary students will be participating in a Christmas/Winter Station Rotation next week. This is a multiage activities including singing, crafting, reading, dancing and much more. One of our classes will be presenting a Christmas song to parents and participating in an ornament and cookie decorating activity. Other classes will be involved in outdoor activities within the community such as Mapping Christmas decorated house, snowshoeing, curling and much more. Others are will be tubing and participating in outdoor buddy activities.

Holiday Market

Greetings shoppers! Division 17 is back at it again! Did you enjoy the Farmers' Market? Well... Let us introduce... The Holiday Market! 🎄 Thursday December 15th in the music room.

Division 17 is selling some more wonderful products, and all are handmade. We've made things like clay ornaments, felt trees, knitted goods, baking, popcorn, and much more. Priority will be given to students to shop first. If there are any leftovers, parents, you are welcome to join us from 1:00-2:00 for some last-minute shopping.

We hope to see you there!

All profits will go to supporting a Christmas Hamper for the Archway Society for Domestic Peace and other local charities.

Dress for the Weather

The temperatures continue to drop and snow continues to fall. Please make sure that your student is dressed in winter dress with a hat, gloves, boots and a warm coat.



It is always a good idea to have extra socks. Students will be expected to go outside as long as the temperature stays above -13.

Dance Classes at Silver Star

Since 1998, Jess and her team have been committed to empowering and inspiring our next generation through dance experiences that develop self worth, self expression, and connection to one's body, and each other! We are proud to invite healthy role models that support our students in more than just physical learning.

Tyler the dance teacher for Silver Star is a passionate dance educator dedicated to providing a meaningful and impactful week-long dance program with our students from Dec 19th to Dec 22nd.

The Climate Closet at Silver Star



The climate closet is a program to help students in need as well as our environment. Students from Kal High School have a donation box here at Silver Star to help low income families within the community of Vernon. In the donations bins you can put any size new or gently used T-shirts, pants, hoodies, sweaters, jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves.

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NATURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring Nature in the Classroom for all of our Silver Star classes. Allan Brooks Nature Centre will come to our school to help our students learn about various topics. In this exciting program, an Allan Brooks Nature Centre host comes to visit classrooms to give a presentation focused on local wildlife and ecosystems, with engaging natural artifacts and activities.

Head Lice Alert

Thank you to the families who have let us know when they have discovered head lice. The best control is:

Prevention: not sharing items like combs, hats etc.

Detection: families should check hair regularly

Treatment: once detected, complete a treatment and remove all nits from hair. Clean all clothes, bedding, stuffed toys that have had contact over the past few days.

(Freezer for 48 hours works)

Interior Health has more information available at

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/Documents/HeadLicePresentation.pdf>



Cedar is at Silver Star.



We have a new member to Silver Star's wolf pack! This is Cedar! You may have heard about Cedar as he has been on a district-approved gradual entry into the school. Cedar recently passed his final exam and is now a Certified Assistive and Visiting Dog. Mr. Wilson is his handler and is now able to come to school with Mr. Wilson. Cedar has already made an impact in the school and is getting a lot of attention. Cedar is a working dog, and he can assist with self-regulation, motivation, engagement, and attendance. Cedar and Mr. Wilson can also teach students how to interact with dogs appropriately.

December

9th	Spirit day - Christmas Hat Day
16th	Spirit day - Crazy Sock Day
19th	Dancing Lessons start
19th	Spirit day - Christmas/Winter Sweater day
20th	Spirit day - Christmas/Winter Festive day
21st	Spirit day - Crazy sock Day
22nd	Spirit day - Pajamas Day
22nd	Last day of Class Winter Break

January

9th	School reopens
17th	PAC meeting