



December 21, 2012

OUR MOVEMBER TEAM

This past November a group of men came together at SSS and decided to help do their part in ending Prostate Cancer and to help raise funds for Prostate Cancer Research. The Sardis Secondary Moustachioed Falcons are a group of gregariously moustached MoHunks who combined their forces to raise over \$1100 for Prostate Cancer Research. Diego Testa, Dave Campbell, Paul Bernard, Joe Massie, Dave Shepherd, Brad Geary, Pierre Tremblay, Shaun Calver, Richard Tagle, Michael Basran and Matt Slykhuis were the moustachioed Falcons who represented Sardis Secondary with their manly moustaches!



Thanks to Sandra Wiens and Pierre Tremblay and the Graphic Arts class who were instrumental in the design and construction of the Moustached Falcon pins (whose

sales totaled almost \$200) and also created the special collector's edition set of magnets known as the "*Men of Movember*".

Thanks to all involved for helping to end one of the most prominent cancers that affects men. See Page 2 for a collage of photos!

BE THE CHANGE COMMITTEE

The Be the Change Committee would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their continued support of our various endeavors, from the Breakfast Club to the Clothing Exchange--we really appreciate your help!

Cobs Bread, Chilliwack Optimist Club and Kathy Sutherland; the Vander Wyk Family, Sardis PAC, BC Computers and the Alton Family; the Giasson Family and of course, Marilyn.

With very best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season,

Sardis' Be the Change Committee

RESOURCE ROOM UPDATE

The students in the Resource Room have been busily mastering assorted job skills, while making and selling holiday gift tags. Using the new Cricut machine, the students have made five different tags. These are composed of several parts, which have to be assembled and glued carefully. Then, the students group the tags into baggies so that there are two of each tags per bag. Next, they check the list of orders and deliver the tags that have been ordered to the separate staff members. Once they have collected the money, they take it to Ms. Bogstie in the office to deposit into the Operation Trackshoes account. This is really exciting for the students, because they are working hard to earn enough money to go to Victoria in June, for a three day fieldtrip involving sporting events, an evening dance, and making plenty of new friends!

The Christmas Tags are just a beginning. By Valentines Day, there will be fully developed cards and candy boxes ready for staff and students to purchase! Watch for our new cards to come out at the beginning of February!

Calendar Items

December

22– 31 Christmas Holidays

January

1—6 Christmas Holidays continue
7 Schools re-open
14 Dry Grad Meeting at 7:00pm
15 Grad Photo Retakes
16 PAC Meeting at 7:00pm in the Library
25 Term II ends
28—31 Provincial Exams (see website calendar)

February

1 Provincial Exams (see website calendar)
4 Term III begins
6 Report Cards Issued
11 Family Day—school closed
15 Pro-D Day—school closed
18 Dry Grad Meeting at 7:00pm
20 PAC Meeting at 7:00pm in the Library

THE LANGUAGE EXCHANGE HAS BEGUN!

The group will have its first Christmas party on Friday December 21 at lunch in C127. English proficient volunteer student mentors facilitate conversation with English language learners. This group provides a safe, social environment for *English as an Additional Language* students to practice informal English language skills. It is also an opportunity for mentors and other students to share culture, language and ideas. The Language Exchange meets on Fridays at lunch in C127. If you'd like to be involved as a mentor or participant, please see **Mrs. Klassen** or contact your counsellor.

THE GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

LGTBQ and straight students meet on Thursdays at lunch in C125. We're a social group motivated to provide a safe, inclusive community of support within Sardis Secondary. The GSA is having a Christmas party on Friday December 21 and will be hosting Season 2 of the BBC's *Sherlock* in January. See **Mrs. Klassen** for more information and check out our new blog: <http://sssgsa.blogspot.ca>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students living with homestays are reminded that they must have their parents send letters of permission to the school if they are travelling without homestay or family members. This includes weekend travel, overnight stays outside of Chilliwack and travel during break times, like Christmas and Spring Break. See Mrs. Klassen in C127 or Mrs. Allen in the main office for more information.

Sardis Secondary would like to welcome Ideal Vula, a new student from Kosovo. After only two weeks in Canada and a mere *two days* in our school, Ideal attended the Nightmare Before Christmas dance. Talk about spirit and involvement! Thanks to the wonderful students and staff of SSS for making him feel so comfortable.

