



Sardis Secondary School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

December 17, 2014

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES—*Information for Parents and Students*

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of buildings.



While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM), THE DRIVE (89.5FM), to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

SCHOOL FEES

Student Quickpay is now available online for paying your child's school fees. Use the



link on our website at www.sardissecondary.ca or www.studentquickpay.com/sd33.

LAST YEAR'S YEARBOOKS

There are a lot of students who have not picked up their yearbooks from last year. They are here in the office and can be picked up before or after school, at lunch time or between classes.

FALCONS ATHLETICS

The Winter sport season is underway with 4 basketball teams representing Sardis. They are as follows:

1. Sr. Girls Basketball coached by Mr. Tagle
2. Sr. Boys Basketball coached by Harvey Adrian and Martin Giesbrecht. Managed by Mr. Shepherd.
3. Jr. Girls Basketball coached by Miss Grave and Sydnee Elderton
4. Jr. Boys Basketball coached by Mr. Hawkenson and Alex Smith

Please come out to their games and show your support to these teams.

Calendar Items

December

- 19 Last day of classes before Christmas Break
- 20-Jan 4 Christmas Holidays

January

- 5 School re-opens after Christmas Break
- 9 Professional Day—no classes in session
- 21 PAC Meeting in the Library at 7:00pm

February

- 6 Term 2, Semester 1 ends
- 9 Family Day—no classes
- 10 Term 3, Semester 2 begins
- 16 Internal Scholarships Due
- 20 Professional Day—no classes



Sardis Secondary's float at the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Sardis received third prize for their float.

BE THE CHANGE COMMITTEE

The Be the Change Committee would like to thank all of the students and community members who have donated to our various programs, including our Breakfast Club, Clothing Exchange, Hygiene Product Bank, Mini-Food Bank, School Supply Bank, and Operation Fairy Godmother (which supplies formal wear for the grad festivities). Without your generous donations, we would not be able to offer the services that we do. Should you wish to donate any items to the programs above, please feel free to contact our sponsor teacher, Ms. Irani at Parween_Irani@sd33.bc.ca. Have a happy and safe holiday, everyone!

ATTENTION GRADS OF 2015

The **FINAL** deadline for the Grad Transitions Project is **Friday, January 23**. See Ms. Blaak (C122) to hand these in and complete your graduation requirements.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

The English as an Additional Language Department is hosting a **Holiday Party** for EAL students after school on December 18 from 3-6 pm. International students and any SSS student who has a language of the home in addition to English is invited to partake in traditional Christmas treats, hot chocolate, a movie and gingerbread house-making. Listen for announcements, or contact Mrs. Klassen for more information: cori-anne_klassen@sd33.bc.ca



The SSS Administration and the English as an Additional Language Department cordially invites YOU to our

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 18
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In the Cafeteria "P1"

Refreshments (traditional baking & hot chocolate) and entertainment (Christmas music, movie and gingerbread house-building) provided!

Please R.S.V.P. by December 12 to Mrs. Klassen at cori-anne_klassen@sd33.bc.ca or sign up in C123.



AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

This Christmas break Ms. Long will be travelling to Antarctica and Easter Island with National Geographic and Lindblad expeditions. She was one of twenty-five North American educators chosen for a 2014 Grosvenor Fellowship. The goal of this program is for teachers to bring their first-hand experiences back to their classrooms and communities and share what they have learned.



If you want to read more about the program or follow along on Ms. Long's Antarctic adventures visit www.geoeducationadventures.com