

*We wish to acknowledge as a school community that we continue to work, learn and play together on the homelands of the Ktunaxa People.*

### Principal's Message

As the festive season and much-anticipated winter break approach, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. The holiday season is a time for joy, reflection, and the company of loved ones. I hope it brings you all the happiness and rest you deserve.

On Thursday, December 12th, our Band Class and extracurricular Jazz and Rock Bands, under the direction of Ms. Bassett, will showcase their musical talent in the "Little Winter Music Night." It promises to be a wonderful evening celebrating the hard work and creativity of our students.

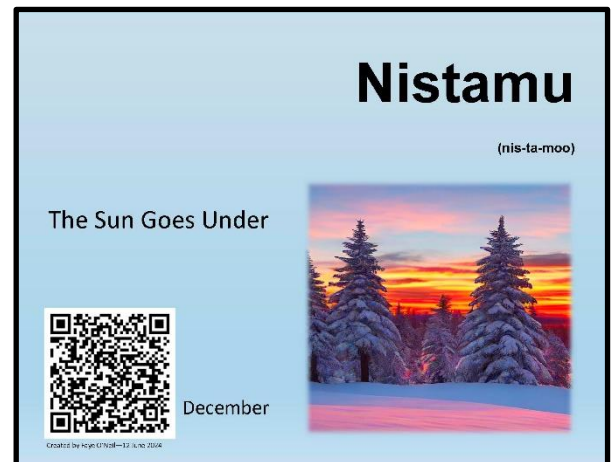
Our fall sports season has come to an end, and I would like to thank our coaches for volunteering their time to support our student-athletes. Their dedication has allowed our students to develop their athletic skills, sportsmanship, and sense of belonging. Well done to all our athletes for their effort and commitment this season.

A special thank you to our student council for their hard work in organizing various events this term, including the Terry Fox Run, Halloween activities, the Remembrance Day Assembly, and the Orange Shirt Day Assembly. Currently, the student council is busy planning and promoting School Spirit Week for the last week of school before the winter break. Your efforts enrich our school community and create meaningful experiences for all.

Looking ahead to January, staff, graduating students, and parents will begin planning this year's Commencement and Graduation celebrations. Graduating students will form their grad committee, and on January 16th, I will be hosting a meeting for parents to facilitate the formation of a parent grad committee. Together, we aim to make this milestone event a memorable one.

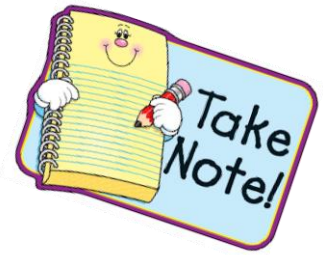
Thank you for your continued support in all we do at Fernie Secondary School. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Nicole Neufeld



### Upcoming Dates to Note:

- December 12th **A Little Winter Night Music**
- December 12th **Beetlejuice Auditions**
- December 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> **Bantam Girls Basketball Home Tournament**
- December 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup> **Winter Break**
- January 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> **Junior Girls Basketball Home Tournament**
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> **Capstone Fair**
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> **Last Day of Semester 1 and Quarter 2**
- January 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> **Grade 7 Girls & Boys Basketball Home Tournament**
- January 27<sup>th</sup> **Semester 2 Starts**
- January 31<sup>st</sup>- February 1<sup>st</sup> **Sr. Boys & Girls Basketball Home Tournament**
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> **Learning Updates are published (Semester 2 Final Marks and Gr 7-9 Electives)**
- February 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> **No School**



## Fernie Secondary School Music Program Presents:

### **A Little Winter Night Music**

- Traynor Hall
- December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm
- Grade 7-9 Band classes and Jazz Band
- Tickets \$5



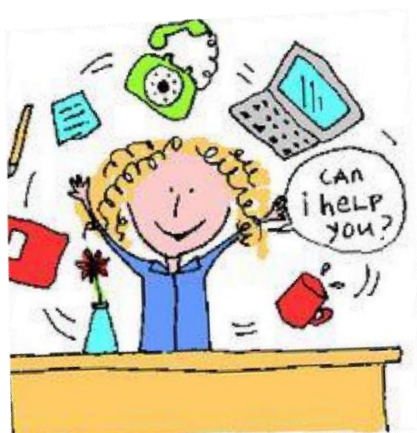
### Jr. Girls Volleyball 2024/2025 Champs

FSS Junior Girls Green finish their epic season in style winning the 32-team BC Championships Grade 10 event which featured the top teams from all over the province representing all size/tier schools. This season was a memorable one for this talented & gritty squad:

- Overall record of 55-3-1! (Winning 90.15% of sets they played)
- Tournament winners of all 8 tournaments they competed in
- Their first loss of the season happened in their first pool play match at the BC Championship, but the squad bounced back and won 7 matches straight this past weekend including a 3<sup>rd</sup> set nailbiter in the Gold medal match against the super talented Okanagan Mission (OKM) out of Kelowna to capture the provincial title
- 4 Falcons were recognized by coaches, organizers & refs during the awards (3 All-Stars plus tourney MVP)
- Most importantly the squad for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row were unanimous winners of the Sportsmanship award as voted on by other teams
- Congrats to the players & coaches for your incredible season and representing Fernie Secondary and the whole of the Kootenays so admirably.







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Mrs. Adams Foods 10/11/12 class takes time each week to make soup that they deliver to the Food bank and for elderly community members. A thank you goes to Todd Shipley who generously donated money to help support the foods program and allow them to buy more ingredients for their soups.

## Message from Student Council:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well. As we approach the holiday season, Fernie Secondary School is organizing a community drive to support families in need. We are reaching out to ask for your support in donating new and gently used items that will make a difference for those in our community.

### What We Are Collecting:

- **Toys** (new and gently used)
- **Winter Wear** (gloves, jackets, toques, scarves, etc.)
- **Unopened Hygiene Products** (such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.)

### Drive Dates:

The collection will run from **December 9 to December 20**, and we encourage you to drop off donations at the school during this period. We will collect donations every lunch in Trainor Hall from 11:30am - 12:00pm.

We appreciate your generosity in helping us bring comfort and warmth to others during the holiday season. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Warm regards,

