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**December 2023**



### **Principal's Message**

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

I am thrilled to share that our Band Class and extra curricular Jazz and Rock Bands, under the direction of Ms. Bassett, made a triumphant comeback showcasing incredible musical talent during their recent concert night.



School Spirit Week, organized by our Student Council, was an incredible success. During the week, our older students took the lead in organizing, promoting, and participating in various activities with energy and commitment while our younger students brought fresh enthusiasm and involvement to the week. We are very grateful to the families that showed their support and attended our FSS Student driven Bake and Craft Sale. A big thank you goes to our PAC for supporting the Student Council with funds to help make this week a success.



This year we had our first Winter Activity Day. Students from different grade levels joined together to enjoy and participate in a variety of chosen activities. Activity Day provided the opportunity for new cross-grade friendships to form and gave students the opportunity to interact with others who they might not regularly interact with. Throughout the last two weeks, Ms. Adams welcomed all the kindergarten classes from Isabella Dicken to her Foods Classes where they worked with FSS buddies to bake and decorate gingerbread people. Read more below to learn about the Intramural activities that are vibrant in our gym over the lunch hour. Activities such as these that help build relationships across grade levels not only enhance the overall school experience but create a sense of belonging and community at FSS.

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

Ms. Neufeld

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## Newsletter Article for Intramurals and Senior Athletic Leadership Class

Here at Fernie Secondary School, we have created new recreational sports opportunities which are available to students of any athletic ability. FSS intramurals are run by the senior athletic leadership class. During lunch, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays the gym is open to all students in grades 7 to 12 who want something fun and active to do! The goal of hosting these activities is to build connections within the school. Additionally, it is meant to be an inclusive space for beginners in sports and for people who may not feel confident in a gym setting.

So far, our intramural sports have included volleyball and dodgeball. To prepare for each activity, the athletic leadership class created sign-up sheets, divided all the students fairly throughout the teams, and ensured everyone played with safety, fair play, and sportsmanship. This resulted in a fun time and plenty of smiles throughout the gym, despite winning or losing.

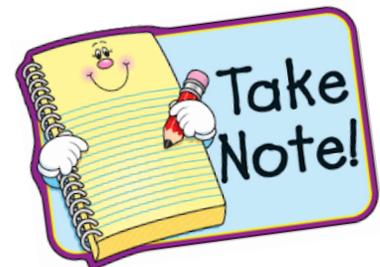
Watching our school community grow was incredible. Following every sport, we take notes on improvements for next time to achieve better results. Athletic leadership students are proud to say the gym is full every day for intramurals. Many of the students engage in it to have fun during the stressful day of school, whether playing or watching. We hope to continue seeing these positive results.

Our school encourages everyone to become involved in upcoming intramural activities. There are announcements and posters around the school for anyone curious to learn more. The athletic leadership class and Mrs. Coultry would love to answer any questions or suggestions. Together we can build human connections through sports.



### Upcoming Dates To Note:

- Dec 25-Jan 5<sup>th</sup>: Christmas/School Break
- Tuesday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>: First Day School in January
- Thursday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Parent Grad Meeting
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> Grad Assessments
- Tuesday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00- 5:00 pm Capstone Fair (gr 12)
- Thursday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Semester One
- Friday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> School Break: No School
- Wednesday, Jan 31 Grade 7 Ski Day
- Friday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: Professional Development Day No School
- February 26<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>: Grad Photos



## School Counsellor

If you need to contact our school counsellor, please see their emails below.

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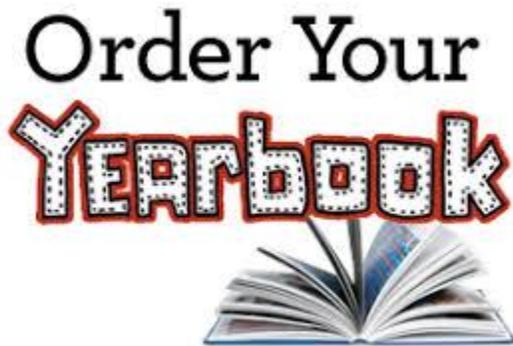
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