



St. Elias Community School

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As we enter into the busy month of December, we would like to provide you with updates regarding a few important events during the next few weeks.

School Photos:

School Photo packages are being sent home with students today.

Student Led Conferences:

SECS staff would like to send out a huge thank-you to the students, parents and guardians for your participation in the Student Led Conferences. 88% of the conferences were completed that day. Thank you all for a great day of sharing.

Long Service Awards:

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Cooper, Ms. Buck and Mr. Preto who received Yukon Government Long Service Awards this past Friday.

Your dedication to our school and our students is appreciated, and we are fortunate to have you all on our team.

Safety Presentations:

On **Wednesday Nov.29 and Thursday Nov.30, 2017**, students in Kg to Gr.12 will participate in sessions facilitated by Yukon Workers' Compensation Board. These sessions will touch on safety in play, at school, at home, on-line safety and cyber bullying, and workplace safety for high-school students.

Gr. 9/10 W.I.S.E. Student Information Session:

Mr. Preto is holding an introductory information session for next year's Gr.9/10 W.I.S.E. Program on **Tuesday November 28, 2017** at 3:30pm at the school. Any interested Gr. 8 and 9 students that would like to learn more about this program should attend this session. See Mr. Preto for more details.

Be More Than a Bystander:

With the support of the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre, *Be More Than a Bystander* program will come to SECS on Friday, Dec 1st. This program aims to engage our youth in their efforts to eliminate gender-based violence and violence against women. A presentation by BC Lions football player J R LaRose will be held **Friday, December 1, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. for Grades 6-12.**

Upcoming Events:

Nov.28 – WISE student Info session @ 3:30pm

Nov. 29 & 30 – WCB Safety Presentations

Dec.1 – Be More Than a Bystander Presentation, Gr.6-12, 10:15

Dec.14 – SECS Christmas Concert

Dec.15 – PJ and Stuffy Day, and last day of school.

Dec.18 to Jan.2 – Christmas Break

Jan.3 – First day back to school.

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Attention badminton players!

The Arctic Winter Games trials for badminton will be on Saturday, December 2 in Whitehorse. If you want to compete in badminton at the next Arctic Winter Games, come to badminton practices on Mondays at 7 pm in the school gym. For more information about the Arctic Winter Games badminton trials, please phone Mark Ritchie at [867-634-2943](tel:867-634-2943).

St. Elias School Christmas Concert:

The festivities for our annual St. Elias Community School Christmas Concert begin **Thursday, December 14 at 7:00p.m.** in the school gym. Come and join us in this great celebration of the season!

A Note from our St. Elias School Council:

The St. Elias School Council will be hosting a **Silent Auction/Bake Sale** during the SECS Christmas Concert on **December 14, 2017**. We are seeking donations, baking and volunteers to assist with the Silent Auction project. If you have something to donate or would like to volunteer, please contact **Catherine Allaway at 634-2995**. Donations can include new items, baking, gift certificates, work donations and any "gently" used items (to suggest a few). The proceeds of the Silent Auction go toward supporting projects and programming for the students attending St. Elias Community School.

Christmas Break:

The last day of school is Friday December 15, 2017. Christmas Break this year is from **December 18, 2017 to January 2, 2018**. Students return to classes on Wednesday January 3, 2018.

December 15th is our annual Pyjama Day! Bring your favorite stuffy, wear your favorite slippers and P.J's!!

Call for Cold Weather Emergency Kit donations:

SECS is putting out a call for donations for Cold Weather Emergency Kits. In the event of an evacuation of the building during colder months, staff are creating emergency kits that can be grabbed quickly when exiting the building. If you have any blankets and/or duffle bags that you would like to donate, they can be dropped off at the school office. We appreciate your generosity.

Haines Junction Eagles Recognized:

We invite you to join us in recognizing members of the Haines Junction Eagles Soccer Team for being selected to receive the Fair Play award at the 2017 Sports Yukon Awards of Distinction Night on November 23, 2107. Congratulations to Paige, Zia, Kaila, Sophie, Grace, Holling, Micah, Lily, Chad and June! You are fine representatives of our school and community. A huge thank you to Martin Jahr for volunteering his time and effort to coach these amazing kids!

Skills Canada Awards for SECS Students!

A big congratulations go out to Ms. O'Rourke and her Foods 11/12 students. Josh, Marcus, Nicholas and Hannah have all won \$125 gift cards in a Skills Canada Video Competition. Great Job everyone!