



H. HARDCASTLE SCHOOL

Challenging the Future



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Bows & Bouquets

- Thank you to Ella Grant for the donation of books to the Anne Olson Memorial Library. Your donation is appreciated and will be used by many.
- Thank you to Meota United Anglican Church for their donation of Christmas decorations to our school.

Wow!

The outpouring of community support for our first annual **100th Day of School Celebration** was overwhelming! The laughter and joy that filled the community center, as the students and staff filled their bellies, was heartwarming.

Your School Community Council (SCC) would like to take this time to put a special spotlight on the individuals and businesses that stepped in to make this dream a reality.

From cash donations, to turkey, water, plates, napkins, and especially time! This day could not have been made possible without any of it.

- Drop Anchor RV
- Edam Credit Union
- Paul & Vicki Morin
- Garry's Heavy Equipment Repair
- Albert & Annette Morin
- MaryLou Bonson
- Elc's
- Bill & Bernie Roach
- Henry & MJ Blaquiere
- Igloosat Installations Inc.
- Shawn Blais Jolene Sittler
- TrigEnergy

• David Stuart, Nancy Cote, Cassandra Vivian, Rebecca Bellavance, Megan Esquirol, Nicole Buitenhuis, Carol Baillargeon, Rachelle Bourrier, Darren Nordell and the Grade 12 class

Thank you to each and every community member - we are very proud of the way this day turned out and can't wait to see how much better next year can be!

-Your SCC.

THE MOMENTS WE SHARE WITH OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
TURN ORDINARY DAYS INTO LASTING MEMORIES"

Cheri Frey, Heidi Potter-Jamieson, Melissa Stuart, Vanessa Mack, Lindell Gateley, Apryl Grant, Joyce Wall, Elaine LaClare, Laura LaClare

Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent/Teacher Conferences for K-12 students will take place on **Tuesday, March 18th** and **Wednesday, March 19th** from **4:00-6:30pm**.

Scheduling for K-6 interviews will take place online. Please watch for scheduling information to be sent home. Grades 7-12 interviews will be by drop-in both days, so please come on into the gym and meet with high school teachers at your convenience.

Scholastic Book Fair – Mrs. Weber

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to the Anne Olson Memorial Library on **March 18th – 21st** and will be open during school hours, closing at noon on Friday. All Elementary classes will have scheduled times to attend.

The Book Fair will also be open for families and members of the public on **March 18th & 19th from 4:00-6:30pm (in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Conferences)**. Teachers will have Classroom Wish Lists available during this time. Thank you for your continued support.



Fish In Schools - Grade 3 Class

Grade 3 received their Rainbow Trout eggs on Friday, January 31st, 2025. Within just 10 days, the eggs began hatching, and soon our fish hatchery was filled with tiny Rainbow Trout zooming around.

On Thursday, February 27th, the Grade 3 class released the alevins into the tank. Now that they have hatched, they can be placed into the tank. We'll be watching closely to see when they begin swimming towards the surface of the water in search of food. Once 50% of the fish start swimming to the surface, we will begin feeding them.

The Grade 3 students had lots of great questions and ideas to share. They're eager to learn more and can't wait to watch the trout grow this year! We are planning to release them in June and will provide more details as the time approaches.

Pink Shirt Day Activities - Mrs. Roberta Moriarty

On Wednesday, February 26th HHS celebrated Pink Shirt Day. With the help of the Home Ec classes, and Ms. Sittler we embarked on a rather ambitious school project that brought together students across all grades. The Home Ec class baked over 250 sugar cookies in the shape of t-shirts, starting at the beginning of February. Students from Grades 7-10 helped with the baking process, and together, they also made seven batches of pink buttercream icing for the cookies.

Students in K-12 came to the Home Ec labs in matched groups to ice the Pink Shirt Day cookies. Our biggest Royals worked alongside our littlest Royals, sharing a special period together. Along with decorating cookies, we also created a "chain of kindness," which we proudly displayed in our hallways. Additionally, students decorated pink shirts with their own encouraging emblems, which will be showcased throughout the school.

After the event, we had some extra cookies, so we were able to share them with local businesses and organizations around town!

A special thank you goes out to our "big" Royals for being such great role models for our youngest Royals. We also want to express our gratitude to our staff for helping manage all the moving parts of Wednesday's events. A huge thank you to Ms. Sittler for running the kitchen all day and ensuring the event ran smoothly.

We are so lucky to have the best kids and adults in our building.

Happy Pink Shirt Day!





SRC - Ms. Thom, Mrs. Fillion & Mrs. Moriarty

The SRC has had a busy month fundraising for Telemiracle and organizing a much-anticipated school dance! We raised funds for Telemiracle through Hat Days and by selling Helping Hands, which were displayed throughout the school.

On Friday, February 14th, we hosted two exciting dances: one for our Grade 1-6 students and another for our Grade 7-9 students. From 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., our gym was alive with the energy of our younger students dancing to everything from the Macarena to the Cha Cha Slide. Our Jr. High SRC members were eager to assist the younger students with everything from snacks to dance moves, creating a lively and supportive atmosphere.

Later that evening, our Jr. High students returned for the 6:00 p.m. dance. Our Sr. SRC members took on the roles of DJs and snack providers, ensuring the event went smoothly and everyone had a great time. Whether they were queuing up the next song or engaging in a friendly dodgeball match, the Sr. SRC members were fully involved and made the night memorable.

It was a lot of fun watching our students enjoy their time in the gym. In fact, they had so much fun that they decided to take the lights down after 7:00 p.m. to play a full-court dodgeball game in their dresses and suits! The night was filled with excitement, and we truly enjoyed seeing our students outside of the classroom.

A special thanks to Brandon Doom for the donation of his lights so that our students could dance the night away in style, under the big lights.

HHS Drama – Mrs. Moriarty

The Home Ec. lab has been buzzing with activity as students practice during lunch and first thing in the morning. We are in full rehearsal mode and going off script! The challenge off script is real, as it pushes actors out of their comfort zones and forces them to dig deep for their lines.

This year, we have two exciting plays: *“Too Many Detectives at the Murder Mansion”* and *“30 Plays in 30 Minutes.”* We will be performing *“Too Many Detectives at the Murder Mansion”* on **Monday, April 7th**, at the school gym, and again on **Thursday, April 10th**, at the Comprehensive High School in North Battleford for Festival. Our Grade 6 play, *“30 Plays in 30 Minutes,”* will also be performed on Monday, April 7th, in the school gym. Our eager cast of 9 is ready to perform the entire play in 30 minutes or less!

Tickets will go on sale on Monday, March 17th, and will be available through the school office or School Cash Online.

We can't wait to share these two very different but equally entertaining plays with you! Get ready for a night of laughter and fun.

Senior Mixed Curling Team Wraps Up the Season – Ms. Thom



The Royals Senior Mixed Curling Team finished their season on February 11 as we proudly hosted the Northwest District Playoffs at the Edam Curling Club. Competing for a spot at Regionals in Unity were teams from Turtleford Community School, Lloydminster Comprehensive High School, and H. Hardcastle School, with the top two teams advancing.

Our Royals started the day with a hard-fought game against Turtleford. The first few ends were tight, but a big end from Turtleford put us in a tough position, leading to our first loss. In our second game against Lloydminster, the pattern repeated—another close start, but one big end sealed our fate.

Turtleford finished the bonspiel undefeated, earning District Gold, while Lloydminster secured Silver. Congratulations to both teams, and best of luck at Regionals!

A huge thank-you to Nancy Cote for opening the Community Centre kitchen for our bonspiel. We also appreciate Kye Thom, Beckett Rogers, Jaycee Letwinetz, and Angela Weber for their help in the kitchen. Special thanks to Bea and Sylvia Lascelle for donating delicious homemade soup and to Mrs. Mo and the Home Ec students for baking cookies, muffins, cinnamon buns, and meat buns—we truly had a feast!

A special shout-out to Denis deMontarnal, whose hard work and dedication keep our ice in top-notch condition. From early preparations to the final game, we are incredibly grateful for the time and effort he puts in to ensure we have a great playing surface. Thank you, Denis!

Although our season has come to an end, I am proud of Leah, Reid, Fin and Rhaya and I look forward to next curling season! 🥶

Our juniors head to Districts in St. Walburg on Friday, February 28. Three teams of Royals will compete for the district title in a ten-team bonspiel. We'll provide an update of our junior team in our next newsletter.

New School Mural

The walls of HHS got a fresh new look over the February break. Thanks to the leadership of Hailey Roblin and the artistic touch of Rhaya Welin, both our gymnasium and the hallways outside the office have been transformed. While our gym received a new paint job this year, something was still missing. Hailey approached the SRC with a vision and worked with Rhaya to make it a reality. The two of them spent most of their break in the gym, painting, problem-solving, cleaning, and adding the finishing touches to their masterpiece. A special thanks to Kim Ernst for overseeing the mural project. Even after these two young ladies graduate, their beautiful murals will remain as a lasting reminder of their time at HHS. Well done, Hailey and Rhaya! Your artwork is a perfect welcome for everyone who enters our school.



Junior Boys Basketball Season – Coach Mrs. Troesch

We had a great first basketball season, as we had many eager boys out and ready to learn all about the game while getting to play many different teams. We joined the new “Big Four Basketball League” and as the season went on, we were left with only one other team to play; we lined up exhibition games with other towns and although we didn’t win many, we had a great time and improved every game.

One of our big highlights of the season was going to Maidstone and winning 52-29. We have never scored that many baskets before; everyone worked hard with a great matchup against Maidstone.

This “determined, never quit”, group of junior high boys was a lot of fun to coach, and I couldn’t be prouder as they put in the work and every single one of them showed up to practices and games ready to work. It definitely showed with so much improvement over the season.

Great job royals and I look forward to next season!



Junior Boys Basketball Team

Left to Right: Kiptyn Troesch, Jakob Babcock, Zaiden Pollard, Charlie Elliott, Jay Thom,

Chase Day, Preston Troesch, Ryker MacDonald & Theron Frey

Missing: Scott Baillargeon, Memphis Borschneck, Ryder Day, Hunter Weber



Junior Girls Basketball Team Shines in First Season – Greg Frey & Jill Greening

This year we once again had a Junior Girls Basketball team, a venture we undertook after several years without a junior team. Co-coached by myself and Jill Greening, we embraced the challenge of guiding a young and enthusiastic group of athletes, with seven players in grade 7, two in grade 8, and just one in grade 9.

For all the girls, this season was their first experience playing organized basketball. Our primary goal was simple: to improve with every game and deepen our understanding of the sport. I am thrilled to report that the team exceeded our expectations, showing remarkable growth and determination throughout the season.

The girls showcased their hard work and commitment in two tournaments. Our journey began in Meadow Lake, where we clinched a victory over Chief Napew in our final game of the tournament. Our second tournament in Paradise Hill the girls were victorious against La Loche winning the consolation event. These accomplishments not only highlighted the girls' skills on the court but also reinforced the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship that we aimed to foster.

The roster this season included: Halle Baillargeon, Erica Blanchette, Fin Frey, Chloe deMontarnal, Jemma Greening, Olivia Moriarty, Quinn Olson, Julia Starblanket, Bryn Weber, and Megan Wegner. Each player brought unique strengths to the team, contributing to our collective success.

As we wrap up this season, I want to express my gratitude to the girls for their hard work, resilience, and unwavering enthusiasm. I also extend my thanks to Jill Greening for her partnership and dedication to the team. A big thank you also to Trina Deobald and Jessica LaClare for helping wherever needed. We are excited about the future of junior girls' basketball and look forward to watching these young athletes continue to grow and thrive in the years to come.



Missing: Julia Starblanket & Brynlee Weber

Community News

Christ the King Parish

Any parents with Christ the King Parish who are interested in enrolling their children from Grades 2 & 3 in First Communion/Confirmation preparation classes, contact Gwen Holloway at (306) 386-7304 by March 30th, 2025.

Shrove Tuesday

March 4th

Edam Senior's Centre

Pancakes, Sausages and Hashbrowns,
Dessert and Drink



Adults - \$10.00
Ages 6 – 10 - \$5.00
Preschoolers – Free

Everyone welcome!

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4 K Caps, Cops, Copes	5 Day 5 Jr. Badminton @ Glaslyn Sr. B-Ball @ NBCHS	6 Day 6 K	7 Day 1 Sr. Boys B-Ball Districts @ P.Hill	8 Sr. Boys B-Ball Districts @ P. Hill
9	10 Day 2 K	11 Day 3 Sr. Badminton @ Glaslyn	12 Day 4 K Hot Dog Lunch Jr. B-Ball @ T'ford	13 Day 5	14 Day 6 K Grade 4-12 Ski Trip to Table Mountain	15
16	17 Day 1 Kindergarten Open House	18 Day 2 K Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 - 6:30pm	19 Day 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 – 6:30pm	20 Day 4 K Dwayne Peace Presentation	21 Day 5	22
	←	Book	Fair	→		
23	24 Day 6 K	25 Day 1 Sr. Badminton @ Edam	26 Day 2 K Hoop Dancing Presentation Jr. Badminton @ P. Hill	27 Day 3	28 Day 4 K School Wide Breakfast	29
30	31 Day 5					

Upcoming Dates:

April 7th – Dessert Theatre

April 18th – Good Friday, No School

April 21st – Easter Monday, No School

April 22nd – 25th – Easter Break, No School