



# **H. HARDCASTLE SCHOOL**

Challenging the Future



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Happy End of November,

I hope the break in November was the time your family needed to connect, recharge, and rest. After the rush of October, this was a well-timed opportunity for our school families to pause intentionally before gearing up for the next busy stretch.

Our school community took part in a school-wide activity where older and younger students worked together to create poppies to show our appreciation and respect for our Veterans. Students in Grades 1–12 also participated in the Royal Canadian Legion's poem, essay, and poster contest. At the community service on the 11th, many comments were made about the beautiful posters, the thought-provoking essays and poems our students created. Thank you to our staff who promote this work in their classrooms, and a special thanks to Mrs. Bev Mannix for her efforts to keep our school community organized and ensure all entries make it to the ceremony for judging.

On Friday, November 7th, our students took part in our beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremony, where we honored local Veterans and celebrated last year's winners from the Legion contest. Thank you to our staff, including Mrs. Laura LaClare, Mrs. Tracy Long, and Mrs. Danielle Troesch for their work in preparing the ceremony.

Our volleyball athletes' season has come to a close, with our Senior Boys competing at Conferences in Glaslyn, and our Senior Girls competing at Provincials in Leroy. We are proud to have such tremendous athletes showcasing what our community is capable of. Special congratulations to our Senior Girls who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the province in Leroy. Parent-teacher interviews were busy, with parents and staff connecting over our students' successes in the classroom and working together to identify paths for future growth. Thank you to all who attended. We were excited to see the gym and classrooms bustling. As we bring November to a close and look ahead to December, we are excited for what is to come. Our staff and students are busy with activities and programming planned to bring us together during the Christmas season. Please stay tuned to Edsby and our school social media for more information to come.

Yours in Education,  
Roberta Moriarty  
H. Hardcastle School

## Bows & Bouquets

- Thank you to the School Community Council for providing meals for our staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was a busy week for our staff, and this was very much appreciated.
- Thank you to the School Community Council for their help in supporting nutrition in our school.



## Note to Parents/Guardian Regarding Shoe Removal

All students are expected to remove their outdoor shoes when entering our school. Especially with winter weather and wet conditions, we want to remind students and visitors that when entering the building, outdoor shoes must be taken off. Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes to be worn at school. Not only does this help keep our school clean, but it also helps avoid wet floors which create slipping hazards. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Senior Girls Volleyball – Mr. Mason Blais

It was a weekend and a season to remember! The Senior girls attended the SHSAA 1A Provincial Volleyball Championships in LeRoy after shocking many teams at Regionals. All season long, the girls were overlooked and doubted by many, but they forced their way to the big dance anyway.

Once again, the girls were considered an afterthought at Provincials, but they quickly made some noise, giving the eventual gold medalists all they could handle in game one. They finished third in their pool after a three-way tie that nearly came down to a coin flip to decide who would advance to playoffs. In the crossover, the girls drew the defending provincial champions and pushed them to the brink of elimination in a thrilling three-set match. Although they came out on the losing end of a tight battle, they played their hearts out in their best game of the season.

The girls finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of the entire province for 1A schools! Your coaches, parents, school, and community are incredibly proud of everything these girls accomplished this season. The memories created as a team will last a lifetime. This is truly a special group! Congratulations on a season you can be proud of.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Vanessa Mack for dedicating her time and expertise to assist with coaching this season.



## **Nutrition Grant – Mrs. Moriarty**

This fall, our school received a Nutrition grant to support our pre-existing food program. Through this funding, we have been able to expand what we are able to provide for students for morning snacks, as well as provide a monthly hot lunch.

Last month we offered our first free lunch, where students from K-12 enjoyed grilled cheese and fresh vegetables for lunch. Thank you to the members of our School Community Council who helped make this lunch possible: Heidi Jamieson, Alyssa Roach, Megan Esquirol, Melissa Stuart, and Jen Blaquiere.

This month we offered Taco in a Bag, and it was well received by students. Special thanks to our SCC helpers: Heidi Jamieson, Laura LaClare, Megan Esquirol, and Rachelle Bourrier for their help with veggie prep on Thursday, and to Heidi Jamieson, Chantelle Weber, Jen Blaquiere, and Jenn Kobes for assisting on Friday with prep and delivery. Special thanks to our SRC for helping to deliver both of our hot lunches at school. Additional thanks to Melissa Stuart and Jeremy Moriarty for organizing and picking up our groceries for this lunch.

Through our nutrition program, we have also been able to organize snacks for our school. Each elementary class receives a snack twice per cycle, and students in Grades 7–12 have snacks available in the office throughout the week. This program allows us to provide nutritious options such as freshly baked items, fruit, yogurt, and cheese.

Having these resources available has been valuable in supporting students who may have forgotten their lunch or need an extra snack if they don't have enough.

Thank you for your continued support of this programming. We look forward to sharing free chili and a bun next month through our Hot Lunch program.



## **Drama/Dessert Theatre – Mrs. Moriarty**

*10 ways to survive the holidays.*

3 Weeks Until Curtain Call!

Our school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for this year's Christmas play, *10 Ways to Survive the Holidays*. The gym, library, Home Ec Lab, and classrooms have all been alive with practices, prop-making, and behind-the-scenes organization.

We invite you to join us on **Monday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.** for the big performance. As always, we'll be serving a delicious assortment of desserts for you to enjoy, including cookies, cakes, pies, and cheesecakes.

This year's talented cast is made up of the following students, along with the role(s) they will be playing:

**Tony MacDonald:** Austin

**Olivia Moriarty:** Mom 1, May

**Jakob Babcock:** Dad 1, Charles, Dad #2, Jeff

**Quinn Olson:** Starr, Ghost of Christmas past

**Zaiden Pollard:** Photographer, Ray, Bucky

**Abby Sehn:** Seema, Abigail

**Briar Blanchette:** Kaylee, Violet

**Hudson Gateley:** Linus, Egon

**Rylee LaClare:** Caroler #1, Mitsi, Cindy Lou Who

**Juliette LaClare:** Ghost of Christmas Present, Vonda

**Eli LaClare:** Caroler #3, Venkman

**Megan Wegner:** Caroler 4, Audrey

**Reid Olson:** Scrooge, Barney

**Chloe de Montarnal:** Marley, Jean

**Kiptyn Troesch:** Ghost of Christmas Future, Santa

**Taylor Pelchat:** Mom #2,

**Joey Siegel:** JoJo

**Preston Troesch:** Television Host, Announcer's Voice, Television Voice

**Halle Baillargeon:** Narrator #2, Crystal

**Ryder Day:** Narrator #1

**Jason Siegel:** The Grinch

**Julia Starblanket:** Caroler #2

Special thanks to the parents for their help in getting actors to practice; morning, noon and night.



## **Adult Book Swap – Mrs. Weber**

We would like to invite parents and community members to join us in an Adult Book Swap. Many of us have books sitting in rooms or on shelves that we have already read and are no longer using. To participate in Adult Book Swap, please drop off your gently used books (maximum of 10) before December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We already have a great assortment of novels to share and would love to grant community members access to “new” books to read over the holidays. When considering books to bring into the Book Swap, please try to choose books that you would recommend to others. We hope you will join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Book Swap event and find some new to you books to enjoy this holiday season.

# **Adult Book Swap**

Model a love of reading for your child.

**Book Drop Off: Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Book Swap: Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00-7:00pm**

**Where: Anne Olson Memorial Library**

Most of us have books sitting on a shelf that have already been read and are no longer being used. Why not pass them on to someone else and get yourself some “new” reading materials to enjoy this winter.



## Scholastic Book Fair – Mrs. Weber

The Scholastic Book Fair was held November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a busy and successful week. Through student and parent purchases, a total of \$1000 was earned in new Scholastic Book Titles for the library. Thank you for believing in literacy and for supporting this great fundraiser for the Anne Olson Memorial Library.

Kimberly Lascelle was the lucky winner of the Family Event Door Prize! She won \$25 in resources from the Book Fair, as well as \$25 for her classroom teacher, Ms. Thom. Congratulations Kimberly and Ms. Thom.



## Remembrance Day Winners

Congratulations to the following winners who won for their Remembrance Day Poster, Poems and Essays for the Legion’s Contest.

	Grade 1, 2, 3	Grade 4, 5, 6	Grade 7, 8, 9	Grade 10, 11, 12
<b>Colored Poster</b>	Andi Wall - 1st Jeslyn Orchison - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bree Svojanovski – 1st Aria Norgaard – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bryn Weber – 1st Kali Blaquiere – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A
<b>Black &amp; White Poster</b>	Rylee Jullion – 1st Nevaeh Weber – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Taylor Buitenhuis – 1 <sup>st</sup> Jada Weber – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jemma Greening -1 <sup>st</sup> Ella Grant -2 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A
<b>Essay</b>	N/A	Rylee Baillargeon – 1 <sup>st</sup> Aria Norgaard – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eli LaClare – 1 <sup>st</sup> Maxwell Bourrier-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Baillargeon – 1st Karis Latendresse – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Poem</b>	N/A	Maddox Gateley – 1 <sup>st</sup> Logan Jamieson – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chase Day – 1 <sup>st</sup> Julia Duhaime – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Baillargeon – 1st Rhaya Welin – 2nd

## Curling Season is Ready to Rock and Roll!

We’re excited to announce that curling season is just around the corner! We have received word from the Edam Curling Club that students will once again be able to practice after school on Thursdays from 3:30–4:30 p.m. We are very grateful to the club for opening their doors and allowing us to use the ice.

Practices will begin in December. Stay tuned for the official start date! Ms. Thom is looking for curlers from Grades 7–12 who are interested in joining the team. Whether you’re a seasoned player or brand-new to the sport, we’d love to see you out on the ice! Let’s sweep into another great season!



## **SRC News - Mrs. Moriarty and Mrs. Weber**

Our SRC is made up of enthusiastic students from Grades 6–12 who are eager to help, lend a hand, and plan activities for HHS. This fall, we organized school spirit weeks in both September and October, and we are already planning exciting activities for December!

Our SRC organized and hosted our October Pep Rally, taking on roles as hosts and MCs.

We have several activities lined up for December:

### **December 8<sup>th</sup>: Cozy Christmas**

We are hosting *Cozy Christmas* on December 8. We already have a number of participants registered, and we are still accepting vendors. Our SRC will also be running a baking table where you can pick up a sweet treat or a snack to enjoy. Admission will be \$2 at the door, and each person will be entered into a draw for door prizes. All funds raised will support our “*Gifts for Grandparents*” program running this December.

### **December 18 at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling**

On December 18 at 7 p.m., our SRC will be caroling throughout town, sharing Christmas cheer with our community. This event is weather-dependent, and more details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

Finally, we have a variety of festive activities planned for our students throughout December, from flashlight reading to pajama day.

We look forward to your participation as we head into an incredible month of fun!



# Cozy Christmas

Pop in, get a snack, have a  
visit, get some shopping done,  
and SUPPORT LOCAL!

## HHS SRC CHRISTMAS MARKET

**WHEN** Monday, December 8th 2025 5-8 pm  
**WHERE** HHS School Gymnasium  
**ADMISSION** \$2.00 per person (10 and under free).

*Door Prizes available!*

If you are interested in a table  
please email

Roberta.Moriarty@nwsd.ca or  
Chrissy.weber@nwsd.ca

Supper Available  
in the Home Ec  
Lab

## Edam/Vawn Christmas Hamper

For the month of December, HHS will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Edam/Vawn Christmas Hampers. Our goal is to collect at least 200 food items, one from each student and staff member in our school. Please check all food items before you send them with your child. **We cannot accept expired food items.** Thank you for your participation in this important community event. Last day to collect items will be December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**HHS  
SRC  
PRESENTS**

**HHS  
FOOD  
DRIVE**

December 1st - December 19th

**YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER!**

Our local Food Bank needs your help! The food bank is relied upon at an even higher rate than last Christmas, and they need your help now, more than ever!

**REMEMBER ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE**

- USEABLE
- UNOPENED
- NON-EXPIRED

**Thank you!**

**DROP OFF LOCATION**  
School Office  
Any date from December 1st to December 19th

Thank you in advance for your participation!

# Community News

## Minnehaha Christmas Concert – Mrs. Hazel Mosimann

We will be having a Minnehaha Christmas Concert once again this year at the hall. It will be on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. A silver collection will be used to help pay for our power. It would be great if each family would bring some food, something easy to pickup for our lunch after Santa comes. We will have coffee, tea, water and juice available there.

If any questions, please phone Hazel at 306-397-2711.

**10th Annual Edam Enriched Manors  
12 Days of Christmas**

Dec 2nd- Leo Brennan @ 2PM  
Pie and Coffee to follow

Dec 3rd- Christmas Craft 2 PM

Dec 4th-RC mass @ 10 AM  
Bingo 2 PM

Dec 5th- Clayton Wolfe @ 2:30  
Happy hour to follow

Dec 6th- Resident Family Christmas Dinner 1 PM

Dec 7th- Christmas Movie & Popcorn - 3 PM  
Staff and Resident Christmas Party- 5-7 PM

Dec 8th- Christmas themed game- 2 PM

Dec 9th- Charles Baillargeon entertains- 2 PM

Dec 10th-Spirit of Christmas- 2 PM  
Tea/Coffee and Desert

Dec 11th- RC Mass 10AM  
Meat Bingo 7 PM

Dec 12th- Happy Hour 3 PM  
Turtle River Outlaws- 7 PM

Dec 13th- Board of trade- Santa Day  
Coloring, prizes, candy bags, hot chocolate, horse rides and cookies. Everyone is welcome!

Silent auction runs in building from Dec 2- 13. Bids close at 4 PM

# Light' Em Up 2025 Christmas Celebration Friday, December 19th!!

Come enjoy the  
magic of the  
holiday season!!



Dress warm, download your Christmas playlist, and take your family on a tour to enjoy the dazzling Christmas Light displays that have transformed our village into a winter wonderland!

Participate in the exciting  
**scavenger hunt** for a chance to  
**win 1 of 3 gift cards!!**

Scavenger Hunt sheets will be available  
for pick up anytime after 5:00 pm

Be sure to check out the newest street light Christmas decorations – all made possible through the success of this magical event!!

Everyone in attendance will be  
entered for a **chance to win a  
fabulous gift basket!!**

## When & Where?



**Friday, December 19th from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm**  
around the Christmas tree at the end of Main Street



## What's Happening??

- **Bonfire and wiener roast** – *bring lawn chairs & wiener sticks!*
- **Hot Beverages served from the Edam Scoop Ice Cream Shop**
  - **Treats served from the Edam General Store**
  - **Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Elves will be handing out goodie bags to children 15 & under**  
at the Edam Credit Union from 5:30 – 7:30 pm!!



Bring a stick &  
play some  
street hockey

**FIREWORKS!!**

8:00 pm

Enjoy horse &  
wagon/sleigh rides  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day 5	2 Day 6 K Soup	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 K Adult Book Swap 5-7pm	5 Day 3 Hat Day for Food Bank \$2	6
7	8 Day 4 K Cozy Christmas @ 5-8pm	9 Day 5 Soup	10 Day 6 K Hot Dog Lunch Grad Photos	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 K Hat Day for Food Bank \$2	13
14	15 Day 3 Dessert Theatre @ 7pm	16 Day 4 K Soup Elementary Book Shop	17 Day 5 School Wide Chilli & a bun Lunch	18 Day 6 K	19 Day 1 Hat Day for Food Bank \$2 Gr. 7-12 Movie in NB. Last Day of Classes for 2025!	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL	30	31			

**Upcoming Dates:**

**January 5** – Classes Resume, Day 2

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** - Final Exams

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Semester Turn Around Day, No School

**The Staff at H. Hardcastle School would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.**

**See you back in class on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**