



# H. HARDCASTLE SCHOOL

Challenging the Future



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Dear HHS School Community

October has zoomed by. Staff and students have been busy with activities for Orange Shirt Day, Thanksgiving, Halloween, and Remembrance Day activities. We have been active both in and out of the classroom - taking hands on learning to support the curriculum and heading out on field trips that extend classroom outcomes. Grade 4 students continued their spring learning with a Simplot tour, while other classes explored local history as it relates to Social with tours to the Washbrook Museum in Edam.

Our courts, tracks, and courses have also been buzzing with activity with students wrapping up Senior Golf and three students qualified to compete at Provincial Cross-Country in Yorkton. Both our Junior Girls and Junior Boys volleyball teams placed in the top two at conferences, with the Junior Girls travelling to Ile-a-La-Crosse for Districts and finishing third in the Northwest. Our Senior Teams have been making the miles across Northwest Saskatchewan, competing in league play, tournaments, and exhibition games as they prepare to get more time on the court as they prepare for Regionals, and Conferences leading up to Provincials.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents, community members, staff, and students who volunteer their time. Whether you are helping in the library, classroom, hallways, gym, or driving to student activities – your efforts truly make a difference for our school community and do not go unnoticed. Thanks for being a difference maker for our school!

Have a wonderful, safe Halloween, and we look forward to seeing you at school soon!

Sincerely,  
Roberta Moriarty  
Principal

## **Bows & Bouquets**

- Thank you to Rita Kappel for donating pumpkins to our Grade 3 class. They had so much fun painting them, and their creations turned out so cute! We truly appreciate your generosity.
- Thank you to our SCC for hosting our first ever Fall Festival for our students. Our students had so much fun showcasing their exhibits. Thank you for bringing this fun event to our school.
- Thank you to Dave Stuart, Marie-Anne Corbeil, Joann Bonham, Elaine Wouters, and Paul Young-Brewster for judging the exhibits at our Fall Festival.
- Thank you to all our volunteers for your time and support across the school — your efforts are greatly valued and do not go unnoticed. We couldn't do it without you!
- Thank you to the Edam Scoop, Edam General Store and Garry's Heavy Equipment for their generous donations to our breakfast program. We greatly appreciate your support!



## **Fall Festival at HHS – School Community Council**

What an incredible display of creativity and harvest this year! We were thrilled to see so many wonderful entries—from stunning fall displays and charming rock and veggie characters to the biggest carrots, pumpkins, sunflowers, and much more. The variety and effort showcased truly made our first ever festival special.

Our judges and the SCC were especially thrilled with the amazing variety and quality of all the entries. It made their job both exciting and challenging!

A huge thank you to the teachers for bringing their students to enjoy and appreciate all the fantastic displays. Your support helped make this event a great success.

We are so proud of all the participants and excited to announce the winners. We hope a lot of great ideas were generated as we hope to make next year's Fall Festival even bigger and better!

Congratulations to the following winners:

| Category                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Biggest Carrot</b>     | Hudson Gabruck        | Meadow MacDonald      | Bowyn Gabruck         |
| <b>Biggest Sunflower</b>  | Tessa Cook            | Cooper Mohr           | Ward Jamieson         |
| <b>Biggest Potato</b>     | Blair Valliere        | Octavia MacDonald     | Layne Stuart          |
| <b>Biggest Pumpkin</b>    | Claire Baillargeon    | Liam Esquirol         |                       |
| <b>Vegetable Creature</b> | Logan Jamieson        | Brie Roach            | Noah Weber            |
| <b>Rock Character</b>     | Barrett Roach         | Nevaeh Weber          |                       |
| <b>Garden Display</b>     | Addie LaClare         | Rowyn LaClare         |                       |
| <b>People's Choice</b>    | Rian Balog            | Blake Harty           | Emmett Kobes          |
| <b>Judges Choice</b>      | Hayes Wall            | Brooks Weitzel        | Kara LaClare          |

Everyone that submitted an entry was put into a draw for a \$20 gift card to the Book Fair. We made 3 draws and the lucky winners were:

**Blaine Jamieson**  
**Ty Weitzel**  
**Barrett Roach**

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you again to all who participated.



## Parent Teacher Conferences



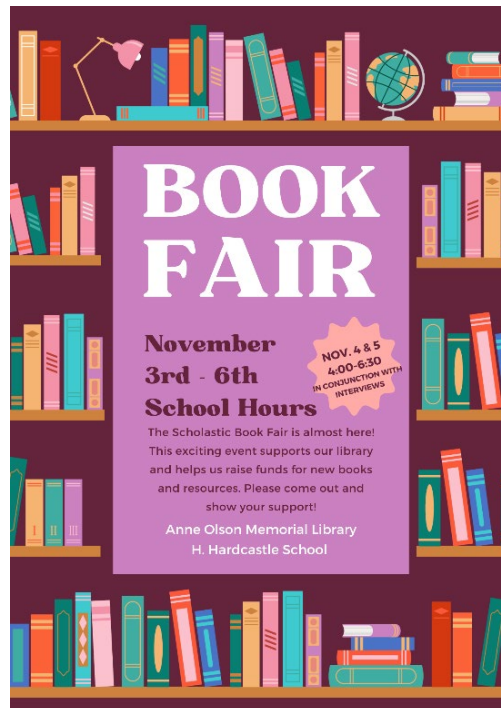
Parent Teacher Conferences for K-12 will take place on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:30pm.

Scheduling for K-6 interviews will take place online. 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 November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and will be open during school hours. All Elementary classes will have scheduled times to attend.

The Book Fair will also be open for families and members of the public on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:30pm (in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your continued support.



## Remembrance Day Service

You are warmly invited to join us for our **Remembrance Day Service** on **Friday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m.** in the school gym. The gym will be closed until 10:50am to allow time for our students to practice in the gym, with the microphone.

Together, we will honour and remember the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Families and community members are welcome to attend as we reflect and pay our respects.



## Junior Girls Volleyball - Mrs. Jessica LaClare

The girls had a very busy season! We practiced Monday and Fridays with league play on Wednesday evenings. We attended multiple tournaments in North Battleford, Maidstone, Thunderchild, and Paradise Hill. Tournament highlights include winning gold at Mega Volley, gold tier 2 in Thunderchild, and silver medalists in Paradise Hill.

On October 23rd we hosted Central Division Playoffs. Royals won and advanced to Districts. The team traveled to Ill a la Crosse to battle with the top teams in the Northwest. The pool play was tight; each team was very evenly matched. Royals played the best ball I have seen all season! Our defense was superior to that of the other teams. We advanced to the semi-finals, having a rematch against Clearwater. Unfortunately, we lost, but again, the level of competition was incredible. Congratulations to the girls for winning third place at Districts!



## Cross Country – Mr. Gateley, Ms. Hutchings & Mrs. Weber

Our Cross-Country team wrapped up a fantastic season over Thanksgiving weekend. Throughout the fall, every athlete demonstrated outstanding dedication and spirit, training hard and representing our school with pride at each meet.

We were proud to take thirty-five students to the District Meet in Silver Lake, where our runners delivered exceptional performances, including four top ten finishes. Congratulations to Ryker MacDonald, McKenna Wall, and Jack Jamieson, who qualified for the Provincial Cross-Country Meet and represented our school at the next level.

The Provincial Championships were held in Yorkton over Thanksgiving weekend, with beautiful weather conditions for the time of year. Ryker, McKenna and Jack, each achieved personal bests while competing against fields of more than 100 runners in their respective age categories. They displayed remarkable athleticism, determination, and team spirit throughout the event.

As coaches, we are incredibly proud of every member of our team for their hard work, sportsmanship, and growth this season. We extend a heartfelt thank-you to all the athletes, families, and supporters who contributed to making this season such a success.

We look forward to another great season next year!



## Grade 7/8 Junior Boys Volleyball Season Highlights – Ms. Thom & Mr. Gateley

The Grade 7/8 Junior Boys Volleyball team had a fantastic season filled with growth, improvement, and exciting moments on the court.

Our Grade 7 players included Hudson Gateley (setter, power, libero), Eli LaClare (power), and Hudson Pitcher (power). Our Grade 8 players were Jack Weitzel (setter, power), Charlie Elliott (setter), Memphis Borschneck (setter), Wes Jamieson (setter, power), Chase Day (power), Maxwell Bourrier (power, middle), Preston Troesch (middle, power), Scott Baillargeon (middle), Benjamin Jeske (middle), and Jay Thom (middle).

The team practiced twice a week and competed in league games every Wednesday. Over the season, they attended tournaments in Medstead, Meadow Lake, Hillmond, and hosted their own home tournament.

The highlight of the season came in Hillmond, where the boys went undefeated and impressed with a serving accuracy of 90%, earning themselves gold medals. Another proud moment was winning the consolation final of their home tournament, defeating Turtleford in the last match. It was a perfect way to end the season on our home court.

These boys are a talented group of athletes and are quickly developing into outstanding volleyball players. Mr. Gateley and Ms. Thom were incredibly proud to coach such a hardworking and positive team. Keep an eye on these players, as they'll be ones to watch in the years to come



## **Grade 9 Boys Volleyball Season Recap – Coach Danielle Troesch**

Time sure flies when you're having fun! What an incredible volleyball season our Grade 9 boys have had. In just two short months, they practiced twice a week, played in weekly league games, two exhibition matches, and five tournaments — earning two gold medals, two silver medals, one bronze medal, and a silver at Conferences!

We were very fortunate to have several Grade 8 boys rotate through our team to help when we were short-handed. Thank you, Max, Preston, Wes, Chase, Jay, Jack, Memphis, Ben, Scott, and Charlie, for joining us — you were a huge part of our success!

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### **September 13 – Wilkie Tournament**

Our first tournament of the season in Wilkie was a great one! The boys bonded quickly and started strong, coming together as a team and winning the tournament.

### **September 19–20 – Lloydminster (Holy Rosary)**

Next, we headed to Lloydminster to face many new opponents at Holy Rosary. Playing the home team during school hours was an unforgettable experience — the gym was loud and electric! After two exciting days of competition, the boys finished in 3rd place.

### **September 26–27 – Maidstone “Mega Volley” Tournament**

The boys came into this tournament with a clear goal — and nothing was going to stop them. In a hard-fought final against Glaslyn, they pulled out the win to become the Mega Volleyball Champions!

### **October 3–4 – Thunderchild Tournament**

In Thunderchild, the boys played a ton of volleyball, finishing first in their pool during round robin play. After a tough semifinal loss in three close sets, they battled their way back to the finals for a rematch with Glaslyn. Despite their effort and determination, they finished 2nd place after another great weekend of volleyball.

### **October 18 – Home Tournament**

We wrapped up our tournament season by hosting our own 8-team event, including our Grade 7/8 and Grade 8/9 teams. It was a fantastic day of volleyball! The Grade 8/9 boys finished first in their pool and won a close semifinal against Spiritwood to advance to the finals. Once again, they met Glaslyn and finished 2nd place after a great effort.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible — from refereeing, lining, scorekeeping, organizing, cooking, and baking to helping in the canteen. Events like this don't happen without you — thank you!

### **October 23 – Conferences in Glaslyn**

The boys finished second in round robin play, then faced a determined Turtleford team in the semifinals. They dug deep, played with heart, and earned another shot at Glaslyn in the finals. After a competitive match (18–25, 16–25), the boys took silver and wrapped up the season with pride.

From September 10 to now, the growth in this group has been incredible — both as athletes and as teammates. Great job, Royals!

A special thank you to Trayton Troesch for joining us at practices and games when he could, and to Reid Olson for coming out to practices. The younger athletes truly look up to you, and your leadership helped make this season a success.

Finally, thank you to all the students who reffed, kept score, lined games, or helped in any way. And most importantly, thank you to the junior boys for giving your all in every practice and game. You made this season fun, exciting (and sometimes stressful!), but above all — memorable.

Good luck to all of you as you move up to senior volleyball next season!

### **Junior Boys**

7 – Dawson Pitcher

11 – Kannon Rogers

13 – Cole Mack

19 – Cohen Blaquiere

20 – Shea Weber

22 – Reese Orchison

27 – Ryker MacDonald

28 – Theo LaClare



WILKIE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



MEGA VOLLEY CHAMPIONS



MEGA VOLLEY CHAMPIONS



HOME TOURNAMENT - SILVER MEDALISTS



CONFERENCE - SILVER MEDALISTS

## Senior Girls Volleyball – Mr. Mason Blais

The Senior Girls have been holding steady as they prepare for the final weeks of the season! The girls have played in many tournaments this month with highlights coming from a strong showing in North Battleford against some of the best teams in the province and a Tier 1 Silver medal at the Thunderchild tournament! Strong team play from all the girls has led to many successes in October. The girls look to finish off the season on a high note and continue to get better every time they step onto the court!



### **October Goats – Mrs. Jessica LaClare**

Math 9: Chloe, Kannon, Elie, Cohen, Ava

Math 8: Halle, Jay, Ella, Erica, Wes

Math 4: Reagan, Ward, Tucker, Jackson, Blair

Sport Psychology: Heidi, Ryder & Kiptyn, Kendra, Kale & Eric

Art 7/8: Hudson G, Phoebe

### **Cookies for our Seniors program – Mrs. Moriarty**

After delivering close to 100 dozen cookies last year in Edam and surrounding area, we are coming back for a second year. If you know someone who is over 70 years old, and lives within Edam and surrounding area, please email Roberta Moriarty at [Roberta.Moriarty@nwsd.ca](mailto:Roberta.Moriarty@nwsd.ca) to be added to the list. We're organizing our list and checking it twice this December to ensure that all the Seniors and Grandparents in our community are included.

### **HHS Presents “10 Ways to Survive the Holidays” - Mrs. Moriarty**

Our students have been busy during mornings, lunch breaks, and soon after school! They are practicing, organizing, and making sure they have their lines down. This year, our cast and crew include students from Grades 7–11- some in their first year of drama, and others in their fourth!

We are doing things a little differently this year. We are presenting one play, and it is a festive, Christmas-themed production. The format will be familiar to fans of our Dessert Theatres: snacks, drinks, great acting, and a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors.

Tickets go on sale November 24th through School Cash Online or at the school office. Please join us when our curtain rises on **December 15th, 2025, at 7:00 PM** for *10 Ways to Survive the Holidays*.

We can't wait to share this new play with you! This marks play number 11 for this incredible group of actors since they began in 2022. WOW!

### **Cozy Christmas**

The SRC is excited to host *Cozy Christmas* at the school on **Monday, December 8th** — and we're looking for amazing vendors to join the fun! Come share your crafts, treats, and holiday goodies with our community.

**Table cost:** \$20 plus a door prize.

If you're interested in booking a table or want more details, please contact Mrs. Moriarty or Mrs. Weber at school or through Edsby.

## Northwest Nutrition



This newsletter aims to support schools by providing valuable nutrition tips, activities, and resources that promote positive eating habits and enhance student well-being both in and out of the classroom.

### Nutrition Bites

Nutrition Bites can be used in newsletters, as a part of school announcements, posted in the school or on websites and social media accounts.

**October Bites:** [Make the Healthy Choice Easy](#)



### The Power of Food Literacy

Food literacy is more than knowing what foods are nutritious—it's about building skills and confidence to choose, prepare, and enjoy food. In classrooms, this can look like involving students in simple food prep activities, exploring where food comes from, or linking food to science and culture. Strengthening food literacy helps children feel empowered and curious rather than confused or pressured by nutrition messages.

#### NUTRITION RESOURCE LINKS

- [Food and Nutrition Literacy Progression](#)
- [Teaching Canada's Food Guide—Toolkit for Educators](#)
- [Food Corps 17 Children's Books We Love All About Food](#)

#### Work with a Nutritionist!

- Find and apply for nutrition grants
- Develop/update school nutrition policies
- PD sessions for teachers or staff
- Find curriculum-linked activities/lesson plans

Email: [dallas.odgers@saskhealthauthority.ca](mailto:dallas.odgers@saskhealthauthority.ca)

# November

| Sunday    | Monday            | Tuesday           | Wednesday  | Thursday          | Friday   | Saturday  |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|---|
|           |                   |                   |  |                   |  | <b>1</b><br><br>Sr. Girls Conferences@ Leoville |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b> Day 2 K  | <b>4</b> Day 3    | <b>5</b> Day 4 K<br>"Take Your Kid to Work Day"<br>Gr. 9<br><br>Hot Dog Lunch<br><br>Parent-Teacher Interviews<br><br>Fair | <b>6</b> Day 5    | <b>7</b> Day 6 K<br><br>Picture Re-takes<br><br>Remembrance Day Service @ 11:00am<br><br>Sr. Girls @ Regionals | <b>8</b>  |
|           |                   | ← Book            |  |                   |  |   |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>         | <b>11</b>         | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>         | <b>14</b><br>Sr. Boys @ Regionals<br>Sr. Girls Provincials   | <b>15</b>                                       |
|           | ← NO              |                   | SCHOOL   |                   |  |   |
| <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> Day 1   | <b>18</b> Day 2 K | <b>19</b> Day 3  | <b>20</b> Day 4 K | <b>21</b> Day 5<br><br>Taco Salad Lunch<br><br>Sr. Boys Provincials  | <b>22</b>                                       |
| <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> Day 6 K | <b>25</b> Day 1   | <b>26</b> Day 2 K<br><br>Staff PD<br>After School  | <b>27</b> Day 3   | <b>28</b> Day 4 K<br><br>School Wide Breakfast<br>Ham n' eggars  | <b>29</b>                                       |
| <b>30</b> |                   |                   |  |                   |  |   |

**Upcoming Dates:**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Cozy Christmas

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Christmas Break, No School