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H. HARDCASTLE SCHOOL

Challenging the Future



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January 2025

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Bows & Bouquets

- Thank you to Edam Fall Fair, Lee Ann & Sheldon Rickett-Graupe, and the Meota United Anglican Church for their generous donations to our Breakfast Program. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to the School Community Council for covering lunch supervision so that our staff could enjoy lunch together before the holiday season.
- Thank you to everyone who donated food items and/or monetary donations to our collection for the Edam-Vawn food bank.



Curling Season Hits the Ice – Ms. Thom

The Royals curling season kicked off in December with two practices before the holiday break. Our team of 15 dedicated athletes from Grades 7 to 10 has been hard at work honing their skills. Practices will continue every Thursday as we gear up for an exciting season ahead.

We're looking forward to playing exhibition games to prepare for the upcoming Sr. Districts in St. Walburg and Jr. Districts (location to be announced).

A huge thank-you goes out to Denis de Montarnal for ensuring the ice is always in top condition, The Edam Curling Club for supporting our program, and to an amazing community volunteer, Dianne Weitzel for always offering such invaluable support during practices.

Go Royals!

Project Cookie: Connected Communities are Healthy Communities – Mrs. Moriarty

Students from grades 1 to 10 have been busy in both the kitchen and the classroom, preparing for an exciting and special project – code-named: Project Cookie!

- Students in 1-8 designed Christmas Cards
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- Students in 7-10 baked and decorated 100 dozen cookies.

Yes, that's right—100 dozen! In fact, at the last count, the total was well over 100 dozen, likely closer to 115 dozen. We were thrilled to donate the extra cookies to our community's Light 'Em Up evening, where they were served alongside delicious hot chocolate at the Seniors Center.

With the generous financial support of some amazing people, we launched Project Cookie. We baked, organized, and delivered cookies to over 90 households in our area. Project Cookie was set to succeed.

Each household received one dozen assorted cookies, a student-designed gift bag, a personalized Christmas card, a collection of all the cookie recipes, and an invitation to our school's Christmas concert.

We delivered these bundles of Christmas magic between December 11th and 12th, focusing on residents over the age of seventy to ensure we reached those most in need. While we would have loved to deliver cookies to everyone in town, that simply wasn't feasible. We've done our best to include everyone in the community who qualifies based on age, though it's not a perfect system. Our goal is to ensure no one is left out.

The joy on the faces of the Grandmas and Grandpas was something we won't soon forget! While not everyone is actually a Grandma or Grandpa, we use the term as a term of endearment for these special members of our community who truly deserve a little extra Christmas magic!

The surprised expressions, looks of shock, and tears of appreciation made all the hard work worth it! The hugs, words of gratitude, and well-wishes along the way reminded us that this is meaningful work that truly matters.

One of the best parts of our community is the people who make it up! Whether you're 2 or 92, we are stronger and truly better together.

What a beautiful memory for our students to be part of such meaningful work; their request for next year? They want to help with the cookie delivery.

If you have a loved one who will be seventy or older by next December, lives in Edam or the surrounding area, and would like to be on the "Project Cookie" list for next year please email, Roberta.Moriarty@nwsd.ca to be added to the list.

Special thank you to Cheri Frey and Heidi Jamieson for helping make these deliveries possible! Thanks also to Elaine L'Heureux for giving us the names to get started.

We were thrilled to see the grandmas and grandpas from our Christmas project attend the Christmas concert and enjoy the hard work of our students and staff. For some of them, this was their first time at the concert; here we were able to present an entertaining concert resulting from the efforts of our staff and students.



Drama - Mrs. Moriarty

On Monday, December 9th our HHS Drama students presented their play "Cousin Amy's Diner" and "Lemonade Standoff" to a crowd of over 160 attendees. This marked the 7th and 8th performances that we have presented since 2022 at our Semi-Annual Community Dessert Theatre.

Students from Grade 7-11 participated in this year's play, after months of hard work and dedication. A total of twenty-five students were involved in the drama program this season, contributing as cast members, crew, light and sound technicians and backstage support. Their efforts were invaluable in bringing these wonderful plays to life.

Thank you to our amazing families for providing such delicious treats and for all their help with costume design and props.

After a day off, we quickly got back to work, searching for plays for our upcoming festival production and Grade 6 performance. We are excited to announce that we have selected our next two plays titled, "Too many detectives at the Murder Mansion" (festival play), and "30 plays in 30 minutes" (Grade 6 performance).

Our Dessert Theatre in Edam is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 7th, 2025, while our Festival Play will take place on Thursday, April 10th. We are already practicing and excited to share with you all our hard work with you. Thank you for continuing to support Drama and the Arts in our community.



Christmas Fundraiser: SRC and Community Work Together

Our Student Representative Council is gearing up for another busy year of activities at HHS. We have students from Grade 6-12 taking part in SRC and are continually looking at ways to support not only our school, but also our community.

One of the projects our students took on before the holidays was fundraising for the Edam-Vawn Food Bank. Thanks to the SRC and our amazing school community, we were able to organize several fundraising initiatives for this amazing organization.

Between mid-November and the end of December, the SRC held six "Hat Days" to support fundraising efforts for the food bank. Furthermore, with the support of Ms. Sittler, our school held a food drive and collected donations for the food bank throughout the month of December. A silver collection with all proceeds going to the food bank was collected at the Christmas Concert. Ms. Sittler also organized a Hot Dog Sale in December with all funds raised being added to the total profits for the Edam-Vawn Food Bank.

We are proud to have written a cheque to the Edam-Vawn Food Bank for over \$2000.00, with all proceeds going to support families in our community. What an incredible accomplishment! Thank you for your help with this important community fundraiser.

Keep watching for more events to come!

Fish In Schools Program Running again

Thanks to the incredible support of the <u>TurtleRiver Wildlife Federation</u>, students at HHS will once again be raising Rainbow Trout to later be released at Picnic Lake. Last year we had the opportunity to do this in the spring, and we were excited to jump at the chance to do it again this year. Last June, students released the fingerling trout into Picnic Lake to help support our local ecosystem.

Thank you to Jeremy Moriarty for getting our tank up and running, so that we can begin filtering and cooling the water. For these delicate little fish, the water must be maintained at a temperature of 10 degrees to replicate the conditions they experience in the hatchery. We are scheduled to receive our fish at the end of January, and they should begin hatching shortly in the weeks that follow.

Having already done this as a school community, we are eager to observe and learn about this new batch of fish, and we are excited for the memories that are about to be created for our students.

Keep watching our school's social media to see the most current updates regarding our Rainbow Trout hatching operation beginning January 2025.

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January 2025 EXAM SCHEDULE

		GRADE 7	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Monday, January 27	AM		MATH 8	ELA 9	ELA 10	PHYSICAL SCIENCE 20	PHYSICAL SCIENCE 20
	PM						
<u>Tuesday.</u> January 28	AM	MATH 7		MATH 9		MATH 20	MATH 30
	PM						
Wednesday. January 29	AM				MATH 10	PSYCH 20	PSYCH 20
	РМ						
Thursday. January 30	AM			HISTORY 10 UNIT EXAM	HISTORY 10 UNIT EXAM	ELA 20	ELA 20
	PM						

Grade 7-12 exams are on January 27-30th. Exams not posted on the schedule are written as "term" or "unit" exams throughout the schedule OR written earlier during scheduled class time. Grade 10-12 students may leave school after examinations PROVIDING PARENTAL PERMISSION IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO EXAMINATION DATE.

My son/daughter writing an exam during January 27 to 30 ^{TI}	has my permission to go home or to the location specified below (home or business location) once he/she has finished examination periods.
	Alternate location) it is my expectation that he/she only be at this location when not writing a final exam.
	Parent/Guardian Signature



Newsletter

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Northwest Nutrition







This newsletter aims to support schools by providing valuable nutrition tips, activities, and resources that promote healthy 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.

January bites: Enjoy Meals Together

The Food First Approach in Schools

Teach Food First focuses on using a food exploration approach to nutrition education that has been linked with long-term, positive eating attitude and behaviours.

Watch this short <u>video</u> to learn more about teach food first and what it means to develop a healthy a positive relationship with food.

NUTRITION RESOURCE LINKS

- * Teach Food First Educators Toolkit
- <u>Let's Talk About Food</u>—resource for communicating food in the classroom.
- A Collection of Tried and True Recipes—shared by Manitoba Schools and Child Care Facilities.
- The Cost of Nutritious Meals and Snacks for Children
 —plan healthy food budgets for meal/snack programs.

Work with a Nutritionist!

- Find nutrition grants and strengthen applications
- Develop or update school nutrition
 Policies or Administrative Procedures
- · PD sessions for teachers or staff
- Find curriculum-linked resources and lesson plans

Email: dallas.odgers@saskhealthauthority.ca





Thankyou to everyone who joined us!!

The people voted and these are the winners!!



People's Choice Award: Ray & Charlene Seipp

Gift Basket Winners: Brenda Pollard Cheri Frey



Scavenger Hunt Prize Winners: Sandra Clarke Zoey Pollard Raymond Thom

Thank you to all those who have sponsored our event:

Gift Basket/Prize Sponsors:

Igloosat Installations ~ Levasseur's Sales & Service
Sugar Joe's ~ RM of Turtle River ~ Edam Credit Union
North Battleford Movie Theatre ~ Meota Golf Course ~ Mervin Golf Course

Event Sponsors:

Turtleford Coop ~ Edam Credit Union ~ Scoop Ice Cream Shop Edam General Store

Special Mention:

Seniors Centre - Warm-Up Point Tyson Morin — Supplied Bales Ray Seipp and Crew — Hanging New Lights Ray Suderman — Supplied Power Cord Blanchettes — Supplied Hockey Nets Don and Brad Cole – Supplied Generators Garry Blanchette – Supplied Utility Trailer RM of Turtle River – Firewood/Snowhill Ian McDonald/Kelly Baillargeon - Pallets Arnold's Sand & Gravel – Built Snowhill

Fireworks Display:

Thanks to Greg Frey and his crew for setting off the fabulous fireworks display!!

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT DONATED

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Shawn Blais and Jolene Sittler Edam Craft and Trade Show Gary and Trina Deobald Martin and Sandy Smith Jim and Andrea Harty Denis and Barb Johnson Laurie and Rene Hamel Kade and Keira Mosimann Lee and Cathy Monteith Bob and Evelyn Cooper Hank and MJ Blaquiere Tannys and Meagan Mannix Lisa and Roger Blaquiere Blanchette Ranching Ltd. Arnold's Sand and Gravel Ray and Carmen Suderman Prairie Hair and Massage Guy and Lucie Baillargeon Kelly and Meagan Baillargeon Kevin and Bonnie Letwinetz Ryan and Ashley Suderman Clint and Stefanie Rogers Lawrence and Judy Carignan

Dustin and Teagan Harty Lester Li Marc LaClare Garry's Heavy Repair Senior 3-Stars Terra Schaefer Greg and Cheri Frey Simplot Bill and Bernie Roach H. Hardcastle School Mike and Marie Harty Sask Energy Lake & Country Realty Edam Fall Fair Vic and Rita Kappel Paul and Vicki Morin Edam Fire Fighters Hancock Petroleum ELC's Restaurant Brady Deobald Larry and Judy McDaid Dan and Bev Esquirol ThEdam Bar

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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Day 5 Classes Resume	7 Day 6 K Soup & Bun Lunch \$4.00	8 Day 1	9 Day 2 K	10 Day 3	11 Jr. Girls
		·	Jr. Girls @ Meadow Lake			Bball @ Gateway
12	13 Day 4 K	14 Day 5	15 Day 6 K	16 Day 1	17 Day 2 K	18
	Jr. Boys Bball vs P.Hill	No Soup this week		Hot Dog Lunch		
19	20 Day 3 21 Day 4 K Soup & Bun Lunch \$4.00		22 Day 5	23 Day 6 K Little Buddy Day	24 Day 1 School Wide Breakfast Ham n'	25
	Sr. Boys Bball @ Glaslyn	Jr. Boys Bball @ NBCHS	Sr. Boys Bball vs J.P II		Eggers	Jr. Girls Bball @ P. Hill
26	27 Day 2 K	28 Day 3	29 Day 4 K	30 Day 5	31	
	Final Exams	Final Exams Soup & Bun Lunch \$4.00	Final Exams Jr. Boys Bball @ Maidstone	Final Exams	No School Semester Turn Around	

Upcoming Dates

February 17th – Family Day, No School February 18th – 21st – No School