



# H. HARDCASTLE SCHOOL

Challenging the Future



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Merry Christmas

It's hard to believe that the first four months of the school year are coming to a close, and we are embarking upon a whole new year in January. Thank you to the parents and community members who have taken time out of their day volunteering in our school. Whether that be taking part in our SCC, driving to sporting events, reading with our students, or helping coach, our community is rich with volunteers who care. Volunteers make a difference in our school, showing up for staff and students alike. Thank you for stepping up for our students- it does not go unnoticed by myself, our staff, and our students.

Thank you to our staff who have leaned into the chaos of the Christmas season this month. We welcomed visitors, celebrated dress up days, hosted classroom activities, and brought our community together through school-wide events. The time, attention, and continued investment you pour into our students truly sets our school apart.

Thank you for being an important part of our school community. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and neighbors -together we work to make our school the best it can be.

From our school family to yours, have a very Merry Christmas. Remember the reasons for the season and spend time with the ones that you love. Soak up the memories, and we look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Mrs. Roberta Moriarty  
Principal



## Bows & Bouquets

- Thank you to everyone who donated books to both our Christmas Book Shop event and Adult Book Swap. These events would not be possible without your generous donations.
- Thank you to everyone who donated gift wrap and/or tape to be used at our Christmas Book Shop. Our students were thrilled to take home their wrapped books—ready to place under the tree or share as gifts.
- Thank you to the Edam Rink Board for lending us tables to use for our Cozy Christmas event and Dessert Theatre.
- Thank you to our SCC who has stepped up in a big way this month. They helped with the Christmas Book Shop, preparing and delivering a wide school lunch, as well as providing lunch hour supervision so that our staff could enjoy lunch together before the Christmas break. The presence of our SCC and their willingness to lend a hand wherever needed is much appreciated by all our staff.
- Thank you to the SCC for providing gifts for our staff and classrooms. Each gift was well thought out, and although not expected, is appreciated by all.
- Thank you to Levasseur Sales & Service Ltd. for the donations of shop supplies to our school. It is much appreciated and in a small town it is nice to know the help, support and supplies we need are just around the corner.
- Thank you to Byron Merkosky for the donation of school supplies. They are appreciated and will be put to good use.
- Thank you to Strathcona Resources Ltd. for their donations to the school and for volunteering their time through various school activities.
- Thank you to Fall Fair for their generous donation to our Breakfast Program. We appreciate your support.
- Thank you to everyone who donated food items and/or monetary donations to our collection for the Edam-Vawn Food Bank.
- Thank you to the Day Family for donating shorts for gym and basketball. They are appreciated and will be put to good use.



## Hot Lunch/Nutrition Program

On December 17<sup>th</sup> we were able to offer Chili and a Bun to our school. Students in grades 1-12 enjoyed Chili and a Bun prepared and delivered to classrooms by our School Community Council.

Special thank you to:

- Melissa Stuart, Chantelle Weber, Jenn Kobes, Madalyn Kobes, and Elaine LaClare for helping prepare the meal and deliver to our students.
- Olivia Moriarty for helping with grocery shopping

Next on the menu in the new year: Grilled Cheese and Veggies, Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, and Beef Orzo Soup.

## Drama - *10 Ways to Survive the Holidays* – Mrs. Moriarty

A big thank you to our community for showing up to support our Drama production again this fall! We had over 150 adults and students attend our drama production on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Some attendees were returning fans, while others were first time attendees. Whether you were a first-time attendee or a returning fan, the laughs were big, and the joy palpable.



There are many people to recognize with special thanks:

- Our Grandmas and Grandpas for attending our production. It was wonderful to see so many shining faces in the gym, eager to enjoy the production.
- Megan Baillargeon, Janelle Olson, Gail Wegner and Renee Day for providing supper for our cast and crew before the production.
- Our parents for providing delicious treats and amazing costumes.
- Mr. Mason Blais and the Grade 8/9 class for setting up the gym for the production.
- Mrs. Troesch for helping with ticket sales, and for running the entrance door.
- Lindell Gateley and Renee Day for helping with setup and cleanup.

We are hosting Drama festival from **April 16-18<sup>th</sup>** in Edam at the Community Centre. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Moriarty at the school.

We will also be hosting a Grade 6 production in April. If your grade 6 child is interested in participating in drama, please contact Mrs. Mo.

Thank you so much for supporting the arts in Edam. Our Drama program is alive and well.

## **Cozy Christmas – SRC**

Our gym was filled with vendors, students, and attendees on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for our annual Cozy Christmas event. With the flu bug going around, we had some vendors who had to cancel at the last minute, but the event was able to go ahead with the support of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who was able to be in attendance for this fun evening. Thank you to our SRC students for working the canteen, entrance table, and baking table. They were there to help vendors haul items as well as clean up from our event.

Special thanks to Ms. Thom for helping oversee the event and for ensuring that it went off without a hitch. Thank you to our SRC parents, and our School Community Council who provided baking for the SRC bake table. With your help we were able to raise over \$350 from our baking table. Incredible!

Finally, a special thank you to our vendors who took time out of their day to attend, and to our attendees for coming and supporting this SRC activity.

We have a plan in place to make next year's Cozy Christmas bigger and better and can't wait to share it with you in 2026! Thank you for your continued support of our SRC at HHS.

## **Gifts for Grandparents - SRC**

Our SRC was tasked with fundraising through *Cozy Christmas* to launch a project called *Gifts for Grandparents*. With the help of the recreation department at the hospital, and the generosity of vendors and attendees, we were able to raise enough money to shop for each resident at the hospital this Christmas.

Our SRC students were given a budget to work with and our SRC advisors drove students to North Battleford to shop for their residents. Armed with their list and calculators, students combed the aisles of the stores and went looking for everything on their lists - skirts, sweaters, peppermints, chocolate, lotion, jewelry, chips, and socks. They named it, and we worked together to find it.

As our students took the time to shop for each present, we were impressed with the care, compassion and love that went into each. Thoughts and questions like, "Do you think they would like red nail polish, or purple nail polish?" "Do you think they would like their sweater to have pockets?" "Would they like a small jar of lotion, should it be unscented?" "What is bridge mix?" Each resident was shopped for with care and attention, some students thinking of their own grandparents and what they would like.

Well done, SRC. The spirit of giving, the joy of the season, and the love of community was truly felt throughout this project.

## **Cookies for Grandparents – Mrs. Moriarty**

Our school has been busy with our “Cookies for Grandparents” program. This month we delivered close to 100 dozen cookies to seniors in our surrounding community. Special thanks to Rachelle Bourrier, Megan Esquirol, Jolene Sittler and Elaine LaClare for helping to deliver.

Special thanks to:

- Kindergarten – Grade 9 staff and students for help with making bags and cards.
- Grade 7-11 students for baking the delicious treats, bagging them up for delivery, as well as delivering them to our community members.

We were happy to have close to forty special grandparents in attendance at our Christmas Dessert Theatre on December 15<sup>th</sup> and were happy to share this moment of connection with them before the holiday rush.

Thank you to everyone for making this project a reality as we hope to make it better each year.

## **Curling Season Off to a Strong Start! 🏒 – Ms. Thom**

The Royals’ curling team has hit the ice and is already looking sharp! After two successful practices, we are thrilled to report that sixteen curlers in Grades 7–11 have signed up this season, which is an exciting sign for the future of the Edam Curling Club.

Be sure to stay tuned for more season updates in the new year!

## **2025–2026 Royals Curling Team Roster – Ms. Thom**

Grade 7 - Julia Duhaime

Grade 8 - Juliette LaClare, Jay Thom, Scott Baillargeon, Jack Weitzel, Wes Jamieson, Ben Jeske, Isaac Speckeen, Ella Grant

Grade 9 - Chloe de Montarnal, Olivia Moriarty

Grade 10 - Rhaya Welin, Zaiden Pollard, Kendra Letwinetz, Ryder Day

Grade 11 - Reid Olson

A big thank you to the Edam Curling Club for generously allowing us to use the ice and for always having it ready for our practices. We truly appreciate the support.

Merry Christmas and "Good Curling" from your Royals Curling Team!

### **Elementary Curling – Mrs. Laura LaClare**

Students in Grade 4-6 who are interested in learning the basics of curling are welcome to join in at the curling rink on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 starting in January. Instructor Jacquie Code will be joining us and lending her expertise. If anyone is interested in helping on the ice, please contact Laura LaClare at the school.

### **GOATS – Mrs. J. LaClare**

November: Olivia, Brynlee, Bryn, Eric, Kale, Kali, Hughes, Ava, Chase, Briggs, Aiden, Memphis

December: Mckenna, Kamryn, Cali, Charlie, Taylor, Emma, Bennett, Miley, Preston

### **Christmas Book Shop – Mrs. Weber**

With the help of our School Community Council, we transformed the library into a Christmas Book Shop for a day. It was an exciting day and would not have been possible without your book donations. We had such a great assortment to offer students of all ages.

A special thank you to Elementary teachers for bringing students to shop and providing them with the opportunity to pick books for others. Meaningful conversations took place around the spirit of Christmas and the importance of learning to give rather than receive. It was wonderful to see students helping one another, thoughtfully considering others' interests and choosing books with care and kindness.

Our SRC and SCC did such an incredible job. We were able to send home close to 400 books to be gifted this holiday season. Because of you, stories will be shared and books will be under trees and in the hands of many children this holiday season. I am truly humbled.

### **Adult Book Swap – Mrs. Weber**

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Adult Book Swap. We enjoyed great conversations and shared our love of reading with one another. As always, thank you for your generous book donations. We are happy to accept adult book donations at any time and will carry them forward to our next event.

Wishing you plenty of time to relax and enjoy some wonderful books over the holiday season!

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### **January 2026 EXAM SCHEDULE**

		<u>GRADE 7</u>	<u>GRADE 8</u>	<u>GRADE 9</u>	<u>GRADE 10</u>	<u>GRADE 11</u>	<u>GRADE 12</u>
<b>Monday, <u>January 26</u></b>	AM	ELA 7		MATH 9	ELA 10	MATH 20	ELA 30
	PM						
<b>Tuesday, <u>January 27</u></b>	AM	MATH 7	MATH 8		SPORT PSYCH 20	SPORT PSYCH 20	MATH 30
	PM						
<b>Wednesday, <u>January 28</u></b>	AM				MATH 10	PHYSICS 30	PHYSICS 30
	PM						
<b>Thursday, <u>January 29</u></b>	AM					HEALTH SCIENCE 20	HEALTH SCIENCE 20
	PM						

Grade 7-12 exams are on January 26-29<sup>th</sup>. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to go home or to the location specified below (home or business location) once he/she has finished writing an exam during January 26 to 29<sup>th</sup> 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

# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 No School	2 No School	3
4	5 Day 2 K  Classes Resume	6 Day 3  No Soup  Gr. 4-6 Curling 3:30-5pm	7 Day 4 K	8 Day 5	9 Day 6 K	10
11	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 K  Soup \$5.00/bowl  Grade 4-6 Curling 3:30-5pm	14 Day 3  Hot Dog Lunch	15 Day 4 K	16 Day 5	17
18	19 Day 6 K	20 Day 1  Soup \$5.00/bowl  Grade 4-6 Curling 3:30-5pm	21 Day 2 K	22 Day 3	23 Day 4 K  School Wide Breakfast	24
25	26 Day 5  Exams	27 Day 6 K  Soup \$5.00/bowl  Gr. 4-6 Curling 3:30-5pm  Exams	28 Day 1  Exams	29 Day 2 K  Exams	30  Semester Turn-Around No School	31