



December 2, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

*Weekly Newsletter*

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**December 6:** Christmas Concert, Doors open 6:00 p.m., concert starts 6:30 p.m.

**December 7:** Early Dismissal

**December 8:** 4R, 4/5L Muttart Conservatory Field Trip 9:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

## Westboro Christmas Concert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6  
PARK CHURCH, 1 BROWER DRIVE  
DOORS OPEN 6:00 P.M.  
CONCERT BEGINS 6:30 P.M.



PLEASE SEE ALL OF THE DETAILED INFORMATION BELOW!



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT INFORMATION

A Twisty, Christmassy Christmas!

We are absolutely thrilled to bring back a live Christmas concert this year for all our Westboro families! Here are a few important pieces of information.

## WHO?

- Starring ALL Westboro students. Please note that Kindergarten students will be performing at the beginning of the concert and will be dismissed immediately after their performances to parents or guardians outside the auditorium while our audience joins in a few Christmas carols. You can choose to leave at this time or save a seat for your child to join you in watching the remaining performances. ALL other students are asked to stay until the finale.
- STEPS students are showcased through a special video at the concert and are not required to be at the church the evening of the performance. STEPS families of course are still invited to come watch!
- Likewise, this year our 6R class has chosen to film their concert piece instead of performing live. There will be no supervision for students of this class during the evening performance. However, we do still encourage 6R families to attend so they can see 6R's performance as it will not be shared through any other means. If 6R students and families attend the evening concert as part of our audience, 6R students are invited to join on stage for our finale song.

## WHEN?

- **Tuesday, December 6th**
- The dress rehearsal will be in the afternoon beginning roughly around 12:30 p.m. This is open to families and we encourage grandparents and extended family members to attend the dress rehearsal rather than the evening concert due to seating capacities. We try and run the dress rehearsal as much as possible exactly as the concert will be. A HUGE thank you to our Westboro Parents' Group for paying for students to be bussed to the church for our rehearsal!
- **The evening concert will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Doors to the church will open at 6:00 p.m.** Please note that all spaces within the church offer great seating. Please ensure that all students are at the church no later than 6:15 p.m. We hope all students will join us for the evening performance to celebrate the season together.

## WHERE?

- We are blessed to be able to host our school Christmas concert again this year at **Park Church**, located at 1 Brower Dr. Sherwood Park.
- Please note – turning left from Baseline Road to get to the church can get quite backed up with so many families arriving around the same time. Please allow yourself plenty of time to arrive for the evening performance.
- There is parking available at the church and OLPH (the church to the north) has graciously agreed to allow us to use their parking lot as well. Please do NOT park in Aster Gardens. As always, parking during concerts can be tricky and we did the best we could to offer additional solutions. Please consider carpooling and give yourself enough time to find parking in case the church parking lot is full.

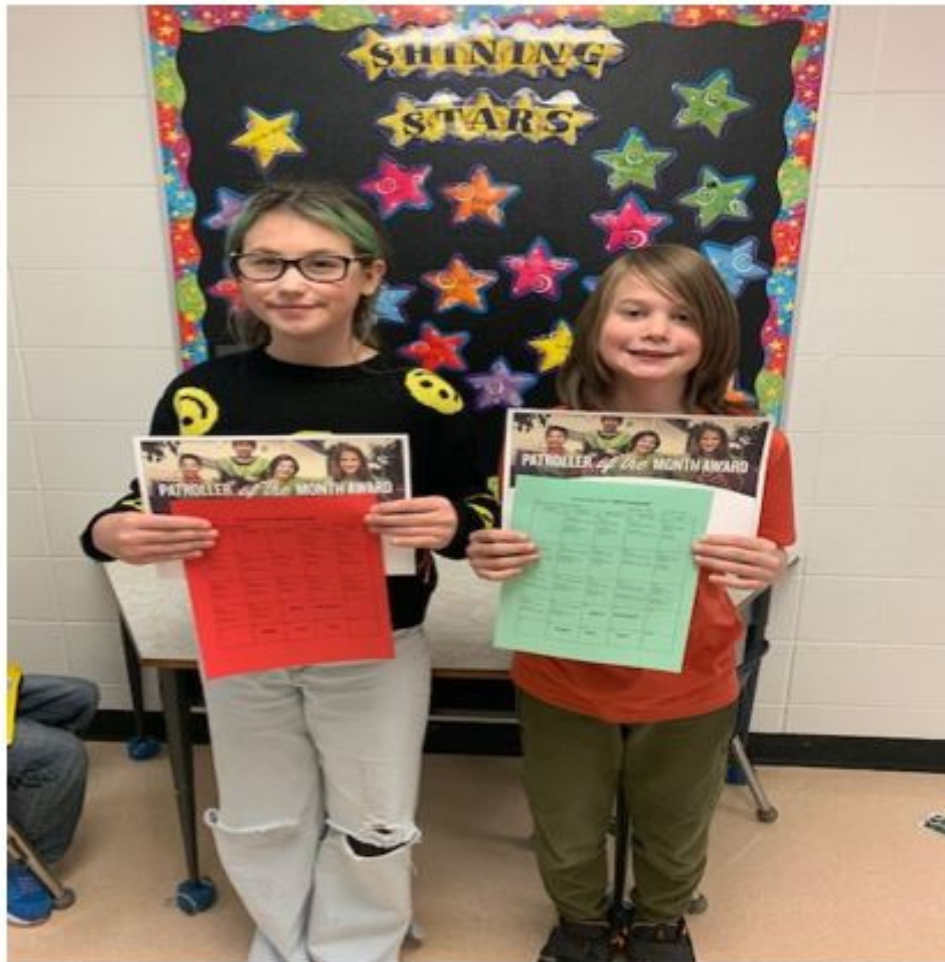
## EXTRA INFORMATION

- Please watch for a notice going home with your child the week of the concert. It will provide additional details regarding where to go and what to do once you arrive at the church. This notice will also include roughly where your child will be performing on stage so you can best choose where to sit.
- We will be passing a donations basket 10 minutes before the concert begins to help with the cost of renting the church. There is no obligation, but we thank you in advance for any amount you might be willing to give.

# Westboro Patrollers of the Month

November

AMA SCHOOL  
SAFETY PATROL™



This month we would like to recognize an amazing patroller team! Olivia and Kanen were here for many early morning shifts (even when the temperature dropped!), they worked at more than one crosswalk, they volunteered to do extra shifts and they did it all with a smile!

# FEE WAIVER APPLICATION DEADLINE

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2022, or 45 days after registration.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees) and <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Billie Jean Mephram at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

# CHRISTMAS BREAK

Westboro Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 26, 2022 to Jan. 2, 2023

Open January 3; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. \*for location and contact information visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year

# RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 780-467-7751.



# Save the date.

December 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

**\$1**

From every  
pizza sold.

## Pizza Night with Panago Pizza and Westboro School

From **December 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>** your Parent Council will be partnering with our local Wye Road Panago Pizza location to offer our families a great deal and raise money for our school.

When you order from the Wye Road Panago Pizza December 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, \$1 from every Small, Medium, Large and Extra-Large pizza sold will be donated to our school!

Let's all come together and make December 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> a pizza week that pays back! We thank you in advance and look forward to a successful fundraising event.

Order online at [www.panago.com](http://www.panago.com)

Call 310-0001 to place your order over the phone.

Order in person at the Wye Road Panago Pizza location:  
#23, 99 Wye Road, Sheerwood Park

# PANAGO

# CAREER PATHWAYS NEWS

The [December Career Pathways News](#) is now available. Include these exciting opportunities in your school newsletters and share them with your school community.

# ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

The December edition of the Alberta Health Services Addiction and Mental Health Newsletter focuses on joy during the holiday season. [Newsletter](#)

Themes include:

- [Increasing your joy during the holiday season](#)
- [Joy through mindfulness](#)
- [Tips to help children feel joy](#)
- [Joy through self-care practices](#)

# Strathcona County Information

## FREE AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION SWIM DEC. 2

Enjoy a free swim after school at the Kinsmen Leisure Centre.

Adjusted date and time due to maintenance shut down.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../drop-in-recreation-calendar>

## CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

Enjoy refreshments at 4 p.m. at the South Contact Office followed by spectacular fireworks starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Take in all the events happening throughout the day at Christmas in the Country, including holiday markets and fun family activities. [Learn more](#)

## FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

The local Family Resource Network (FRN) is a partnership between the County's Family and Community Services, Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Strathcona County and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Strathcona County. The FRN provides programs and services for families with children and youth ages 0-18 years that focus on well-being and resiliency, including:

- Programs to support healthy child development
- Reliable parenting information
- Connection to other local resources

[Learn more here](#)

## DEALING WITH EXTREME COLD WEATHER

The extreme cold temperatures create dangerous conditions for anyone staying outside too long.

As a community, let's watch out for each other as we try to stay warm.

### Emergencies

If you see someone in medical distress due to the cold weather, or if you need emergency help, call 9-1-1. [Learn more here](#)