



Warner School



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January News

Horizon School Division
Principal: Bryan Pritchard

Principal's Report:

Welcome back to all of our students. January is usually a time of high stress for our high school students, as they prepare for provincial Diploma exams. This year, the January Diploma sittings have been canceled, not only for current students, but also for mature students and people wishing to write to fulfill GED or other purposes. While this has certainly taken some weight off the shoulders of some of our students, it also means that we are not able to provide a writing space for anyone in the community who would like to sit an exam. I do not know at this time if we will be able to provide sittings in April or June, but we will keep you updated.

In school news, we have been able to hire Miss Schatz for two days per week until June. She will be supporting students in Literacy and Numeracy interventions, as well as leading some Physical Education classes. We welcome back Mrs Hammell, who has returned from maternity leave. She will continue to lead our grade 2/3 class.

As much as I want to avoid yet another Covid-19 update, the current wave has made for some responses from the Alberta Government, Horizon School Division, and Warner School. We have put school sports activities that involve travel and hosting other schools on hold, and this will be updated on a weekly basis. At the time of writing this, we are waiting on PPE supplies to arrive from the government for our students, staff, and families. Once these supplies arrive, Warner staff will need some time to repackage them for distribution, which we will do as quickly as we are able. We thank you for your attention and adherence to the protocols that we all answer to at this time. My job is to provide a safe learning space for students, and I thank you as a community, and our students, for not making that aspect of my job more difficult.

The arena skating schedule will be posted to our website calendar, as some of the days may change certain weeks. Thank you for keeping up to date, and thank you to the Village of Warner for providing such a great space for us to use.

Semester 1 finishes later this month, so that means that our school year is half done. Congratulations to our grade 12 students completing their graduation requirements a semester sooner than anticipated. We still really want you to celebrate Grad 2022 with us on May 27th.

Have a wonderful month,
Bryan

Upcoming Events

Exams Semester 1: Please look at the Website Calendar for dates and times of high school exams.

For high school classes - Beginning January 24th, Grade 10-12 students finish each class upon completion of their subject exam. Warner does have a study space for students who wish to attend in person, to study or to complete online courses during the exam week.

Junior high students are expected at school each day, as their classes will proceed with no final exams in January. Report Cards for high school students will go home on January 31, 2022.

No school: No school on Friday January 28, 2022.

School and Parent Council News

Parent Council will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, Feb 8, 2022. The meeting will be a zoom meeting (unless restrictions change) starting at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend the meeting please email bryan.pritchard@horizon.ab.ca and he will send you a link to join the meeting.

Around Our School

Curling: The Warner School Curling Club would like to thank two donors for supporting our program. Thomas Farms made a donation which will be used to provide meals during our league games and Royal Purple made a donation that will be put towards the purchase of coaching aids and curling equipment. Without sponsors like this we would not be able to have such a successful program. Thanks again!

In conjunction with four other Southern Alberta Schools we have started a rural high school curling league. Although games are currently on hiatus the high school curlers can look forward to games against Milk River, Picture Butte and Coaldale.

The School Curling Club is currently offering two programs. Grade 8-11 curlers practice Tuesdays after school. Grade 6/7 students are practicing Monday and Wednesday afternoons as part of a CTF class. Thanks to the high school curlers for helping to coach.

Pickleball: Thanks to the Royal Purple for their donation towards the purchase of new pickleball racquets. These will be used by both the school and local pickleball players.

Cardboard Races: Warner School was represented by two Junior High Teams at the Southern Alberta Cardboard Races in Lethbridge before the Christmas break. The teams consisted of Aunnya Herget, Aidan Antosko, Jaylen Cronkhite, Isaac Pittman and Aydin Herget.



In the Community

Thank you: Thank you to everyone who donated items to this year's Santa's Workshop. We had a huge number of items for students to purchase for gifts for their families. I know for many of us the Workshop gifts are the highlight of Christmas morning! Proceeds from the Workshop were over \$700.00. The spirit of Christmas is alive and well in our community! Thank you and Happy New Year!

Terry Fox Run: This year, Warner School came together to raise an incredible \$349.05 for cancer research for our Terry Fox School Run. The Terry Fox Foundation is so grateful for our commitment and dedication. It is wonderful to see that Terry continues to inspire millions of students across the country. If you have not donated and would still like to contribute, our school donation link is still open at <http://www.terryfox.ca/Warner> #TryLikeTerry



Jaylen, Isaac and Aydin getting ready to launch their boat!



Aidan Antosko paddling as fast as he can before their teams boat sunk!

Warner School Cardboard Boat Team

