The theme for the month of December is “Caring.”

**Reminders:**

* The student-led breakfast program is every morning and it is available to all students.
* On Friday, we have pizza available to purchase for lunch at $2.00 a slice and we have our canteen with a variety of healthy options available to purchase for $1.00 - $2.00 an item.
* We need to remind all students that due to health concerns, energy drinks such as Rock Star, Red Bull, Monster, etc. are not permitted in our school. Please do not bring these items to school. Thank you.

Today, Monday, December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Our flag will be lowered to half – mast from sunrise to sunset and we will have a moment of silence to remember the 14 young women who were murdered over 30 years ago at Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6th, 1989. This violent act shook our country.

Please let us take a moment to care as we remember:

Huge shout out to Sarah Smith from 7 Cullinan! Sarah won our Barnhill Christmas Card design competition. Congratulations Sarah!

**Important Dates:**

We encourage all staff and students to enjoy each day to the fullest and spread a little holiday spirit, therefore we encourage everyone to “dress-up” for the entire month of December.

* Monday, December 6th ~ Wear cozy Christmas flannel or sweats.
* Tuesday, December 7th ~ Winter Wonderland – Wear blue and white (sparkles are optional).
* Wednesday, December 8th ~ Dashing through the snow! Wear all white like a snowstorm!
* Thursday, December 9th ~ Baby, it’s cold outside! Bundle up in your favourite winter scarf.
* Friday, December 10th ~ Caring Day – To spread some cheer, all students and staff can wear a white shirt and bring a marker to school. Through - out the day, students and staff can write positive caring comments on each other’s shirts. Everyone has just created a great keepsake.

**Athletics and Activities:**

1. Music Club is today after school with Mrs. Roy.
2. On Thursday at lunch in the Art Room we have the Christian Fellowship group with Mr. Smith and Mrs. Vanbuskirk.
3. Badminton Zones begin this week:
   * Monday – singles with grade 6 at Barnhill and grade 7&8 at Sam de Cham.
   * Tuesday – doubles with grade 6 at Barnhill and grades 7&8 at Sam de Cham.
   * Wednesday – mixed doubles with grade 6 at Barnhill, grade 7 at Milledgeville and grade 8 at Sam de Cham.

Please be at the proper school and ready to play at 3:45 p.m. We want all the students to enjoy these competitions, unfortunately there are NO spectators for the Badminton Zones.

During the final week of school before Christmas Break, we will be having our annual Dodge Hunger Newcomb Ball Tournament. Students may create their own teams of 15 players. The team must come up with a name that is creative and of course, school appropriate. The winning team will have their name engraved on the trophy in the display case. To participate, all 15 players must donate either three non-perishable food items OR three dollars to the campaign. Team rosters and donations of food or money are to be given to Mrs. Graham. The deadline is next Friday, December 17th. Students - start thinking who you would like on your team for this worthy tournament and get your information into Mrs. Graham as soon as possible!