

TA Bulletin December 4

Important Dates

Dec 7	Non-Instructional Day - no classes
Dec 11	Sandwich Making for Drop In Centre
Dec 18	Holiday Sweater Day and Potluck Party (During TA)
Dec 21	Last day of classes before Winter Break
Dec 24 - Jan 4	WINTER BREAK
Jan 7	Classes resume
Jan 14	ELA 30 Diploma - Part A 9:00am
Jan 15	SS 30 Diploma - Part A 9:00am
Jan 18	Last day of formal classes for Semester 1
Jan 21-22	Class Tutorials - All grades
Jan 23	Math 30 Diploma 9:00am
Jan 24	ELA 30 Diploma - Part B 9:00am
Jan 25	SS 30 Diploma - Part B 9:00am
Jan 28	Bio 30 Diploma 9:00am
Jan 28	Science 9 PAT 9:00am
Jan 29	Chem 30 Diploma 9:00am
Jan 29	Math 9 PAT Part B 9:00am
Jan 30	Physics 30 Diploma 9:00am
Jan 31	Math 9 PAT Part A 9:00am
Jan 31	End of Semester 1
Feb 1	Non-Instructional Day - No Classes

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Kyra Cato - Gymnastics

6th Place TopGym Tournament - Belgium

Silver Medalist on Beam - TopGym Tournament - Belgium



Liam Gill - Snowboarding

1st Place Men's snowboard category - Golden Ticket Rail Jam, Sunshine Village



Culture of Excellence - Group Dynamics - Developing Agency

This week during TA, teachers are continuing to work with students on developing agency so that in any given situation they feel empowered to use their choice and voice to take action and/or stand up for the 'right' outcome. Students will be asked to reflect on one of a variety of scenarios and determine what roles (Leader, Participant, Follower, Witness) others are taking and what actions are possible using some an agency role (Advocater, Diffuser, Distractor, Reporter) - see below. The purpose is to empower students to use their personal power for good and choose kind and respect when taking responsibility for their words and actions.

Advocator;

- Has courage to face others in a confident non-aggressive way
- Can say no
- Is willing to stand up publicly for others

Diffuser;

- May gently encourage leader to stop while allowing leader to save face
- Uses a socially acceptable reason and skilfully removes the target away from the group

Distractor;

- Knows something should be done to change activity or lessen intensity
- uses quiet strategy
- Changes the subject
- Suggests another activity

Reporter;

- Could be in any role and feel compelled to share
- They may tell an adult who is known to them i.e. parents, coaches, teachers, etc. or they may choose to tell an adult who is not known to them i.e. security, facility staff, police, help phone, etc.

LEADERSHIP PRESENTS:

Leadership meeting today at lunch. We will be decorating the Christmas tree.

Please feel free to join leadership anytime.

CLOTHING - No orders will be taken after today, Tuesday, December 4, so be sure to hand in your forms today. Please click on the link [HERE](#) to access the order form. Students have chosen to embrace the champion clothing this year. You will be able to try on the clothing at lunch times to ensure sizing. We also have NSS buffs, toques, ball caps, and t-shirts to purchase for \$10/item.

Sandwich making (brown bag lunch) for Drop In Centre- Over the past few years, NSS families have come together to make hundreds of sandwiches for the clientele at the Calgary Drop In Centre. This year the event will take place during TA on Tuesday, December 11. In order to make the sandwiches we need help from our NSS families to bring in the following item:

- Bread
- Cold meat
- Cheese
- Condiments
- Granola bars

Please note that the sandwiches will be frozen so no fresh vegetables can be added to the sandwiches.

Holiday Celebration and Sweater Day - December 18 - during TA. Wear your most festive holiday sweaters and celebrate the upcoming holidays. We will have our annual Holiday Celebration Potluck student can bring a snack or treat to share with the rest of the school during TA. Please indicate the ingredients is in the food you bring and no nut items please.

DOOR DECORATING - At NSS we enjoy getting into the holiday spirit. With only a few on Tuesdays remaining we don't have one designated time to decorate, so feel free to start decorating whenever you like. If you would like to start today and need supplies, Ms. Boughton has them all stocked up in her room. TA with the most festive/creative door will be awarded a pizza lunch in the new year. Judging will take place by the leadership students on December 18.

GSA Gay Straight Alliance

All students at CBE schools are invited to create and participate in a GSA. Everyone is welcome. Members of or friends of the LGBTQ community and or any interested student are welcome to join. The group would gather weekly, biweekly or monthly and set their own agenda . This is a respectful safe environment for students to gather. If you are interested please see Clare Fewster or Mr. Zado who have volunteered to be the adult sponsors for the group.

More information about GSAs retrieved from CBE's ***Guidelines for Attending to Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sexual Orientation in our Schools***


“Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) are student clubs made up of gender and sexual minority students as well as allies (cisgender, heterosexual students). There are also teachers who serve as advisors. Students in a school with a GSA know that they have at least one or two adults they can talk to about LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning) matters. The purpose of GSAs is to provide much needed spaces in which LGBTQ students and allies have a safe place to meet and connect. These groups also work together to make their schools more welcoming for sexual and gender minority students. The clubs should be open to all students and foster a sense of belonging and respect for diversity. GSAs may be referred to as other names such as: Rainbow Clubs, Queer Straight Alliances, Human Rights Clubs, or Social Justice Clubs. This is sometimes done to be inclusive of non-LGBTQ membership (though, of course, some of these are not GSAs and might not address homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia), and because “Gay Straight Alliance” may seem problematic in that “gay” does not necessarily refer to lesbians or bisexuals and trans identities are not explicitly encompassed by the expression. However, using the acronym “GSA” to represent any student group ‘concerned with LGBTQ matters has become commonplace. Very often it is LGBTQ students themselves who initiate the GSA, although sometimes a teacher will also initiate the club.

Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Memberships

As part of the National Sport School partnership with WinSport they have purchased annual passess for students and staff at National Sport School. As students you can enter during regular hours by showing your NSS ID for admittance.

My Pass

If you have not already signed up for **myPass**, please see below for instructions. This will allow you direct access to your marks with Alberta Education, the ability to order transcripts for University entrance and much more.



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