December 2015

Dear Families

As we come to the final days of school for December 2015, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. Although there was uncertainty in the labour situation at school during the fall, some great learning took place with our students. Our grade 6 French Immersion science class participated in a nation-wide science experiment. Our Canadian Tire and chocolate bar fundraisers were a great success. Last night we celebrated the arts with our Christmas concert. We would like to thank the parents for all of your support in our endeavours.

We would also like to share with you that there will be some staffing changes in January. There will be another new face in the office, but this time, he will be here to stay. It has been 2 years since Mrs. Williams, our VP, was diagnosed with cancer. She has completed her treatment and is back at work at another school. Since she left, we have had many temporary Vice Principals. I am very happy to welcome Mr. Michael Sendrea to Crestview as our new, *permanent* Vice Principal. He has been working at the Education Centre as a consultant for the past several years and brings all of his curriculum expertise to us at Crestview. We will be sharing him with Lackner Woods.

Last week, we welcomed back Mrs. Morrison from her maternity leave. This means that Mrs. Maldini now has reduced hours here at Crestview. In January, Mrs. Kristine Johnston will be increasing her hours to full time. She will be teaching the English half of grade 1 French Immersion in the afternoon. Because of this change, we will be saying good-bye to Mrs. Arthurs, who has been with the grade 1’s since September. Mrs. Leah Carter, our grade 5/6 teacher, has found a permanent position at Coronation Public School in Cambridge. She has been with us on a temporary basis since September. Her grade 5/6 class will certainly miss her, but we do congratulate her on this achievement. At this point, we have not yet hired a replacement for Mrs. Carter.

We want to thank our departing staff members: Mrs. Carol Hagerman, who has come out of retirement twice to be our Vice Principal in the past year, Mrs. Christina Arthurs, who will continue to supply teach and Mrs. Carter as she begins her time with her new class.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for making Crestview a wonderful place for our students to learn. On behalf of the staff, I would encourage everyone to take the time this holiday season to be thankful for our blessings and to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

We’ll see you in January,

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Principal