

# WAINWRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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December is a time of high energy in schools. Some of the liveliness is generated from looking forward to traditions and practices we know and love, while feelings of uncertainty and curiosity create a different energy all together.

There are activities to highlight the up-coming celebrations, and there are in-class preparations for students to show their learning in the semester.

While the WHS leadership class makes plans to kick off the Christmas Extravaganza, teachers are thinking about the next steps in learning for their students prior to final assessments.

The daylight continues to lessen (until the 21st at least) but our streets are lit up with colourful displays

for the season.

There are feelings that our shared spaces hold which cause a variety of different behaviours in us. It is our responsibility to do our best to choose how we act out those behaviours, so that we can get the best out of a situation.

Choose to look to the goals we have ahead of us. Choose to look for the situations that we can enjoy. Choose to see the sparkling lights in the darkness of the night.

Sometimes we are left without choices so we work to create a feeling that will carry us through the tough times. We can feel the energy building in our school, and it is an energy that is filled with optimism.

## KEY DATES

December 20 - 31st  
Winter break

January 3rd - Classes  
resume

January 20th - 28th -  
Diploma Exams

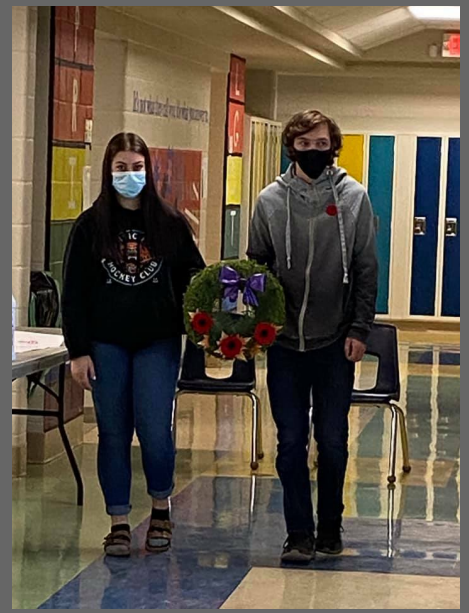
January 25th - 27th -  
Semestered class finals

Jan 31st - Feb 1st - No  
classes

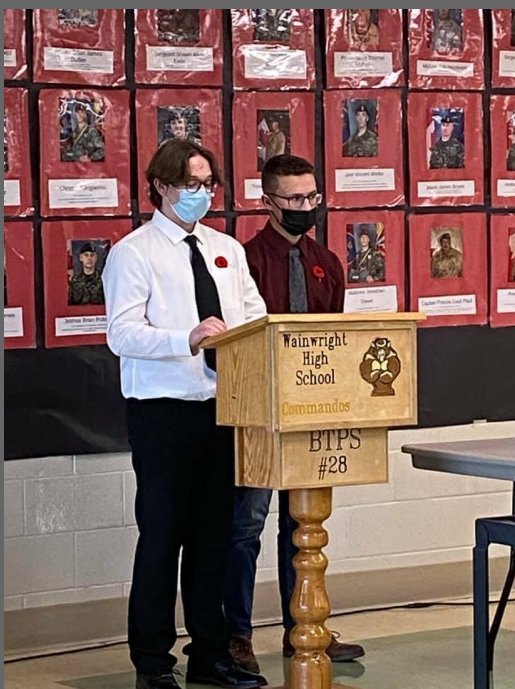
February 2nd - First day  
of Semester 2

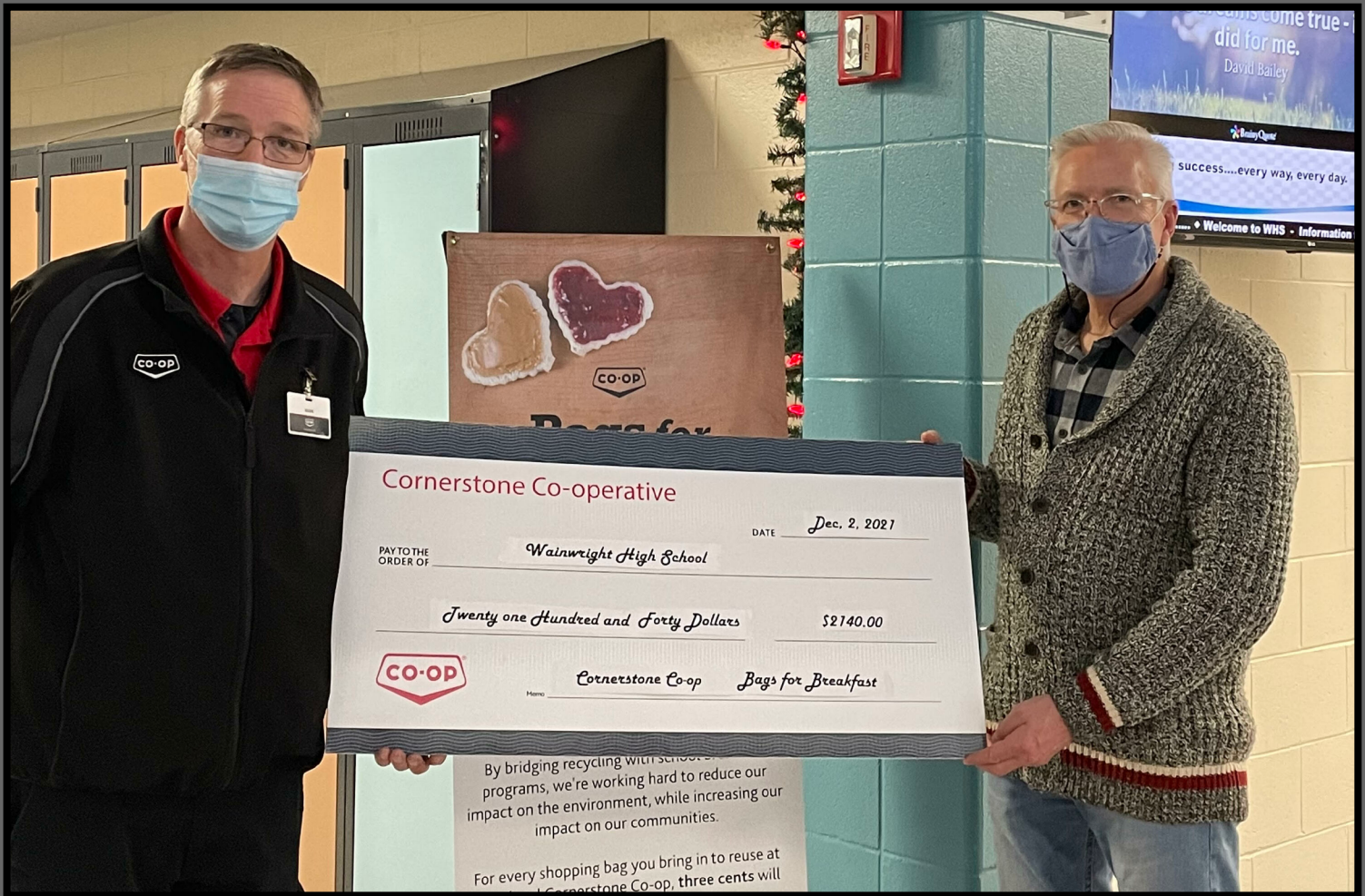


**COME BY THE LEARNING COMMONS AND PICK UP A COMMANDOS WATER BOTTLE. THIS BABY WILL HELP YOU STAY HYDRATED ALL DAY LONG! NOT ONLY IS IT FASHIONABLE AND FUNCTIONAL IT IS ALSO AFFORDABLE – AT ONLY \$20 IT'S A REAL DEAL!**



The Leadership class organized an excellent Remembrance Day Ceremony for our school. We hosted our guests in the common area and had the band perform to then broadcast the event live to our classes via zoom. Thank you to Chief of Staff Major Dustin McLeod, Mayor Bruce Pugh, Councillor Bruce Cummins and Comrade McBride for presenting.






## Thanks Cornerstone Co-op!

We received a cheque for \$2140.00 from the bags for breakfast campaign. We are so fortunate to be part of a community that values working together and giving back.





Papaduke is BACK! If you missed him last time he was in town be sure to catch him this time! Two shows to choose from that promise to be highly entertaining!

Thank you to the Taphouse for donating \$5 of every ticket sold to WHS.

VIOLIN VIRTUOSO LIVE  
AT 1979 SPORTS BAR & GRILL

# VASYL PAPADUKE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6 PM**

Tickets \$30

\$5 of each ticket sold goes to support Wainwright High School

# Give the Gift of Understanding

Join us for the first in a series of presentations in collaboration with the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters as we work towards gaining a better understanding of the root causes, myths, and misconceptions around domestic violence and recognizing when someone you know is in need of help and how to support them.

*"Working together for safe, caring, connected communities"*

## Understanding Domestic Violence

Date: December 8, 2021

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Where: Zoom

Cost: Free

For more info/registration:

780-842-2555

[fcscommunityprogrammer@gmail.com](mailto:fcscommunityprogrammer@gmail.com)

<https://forms.gle/nNa6ibrQ66Tm65Kp7>



# Provost Music Festival

March 27 - April 1, 2022

Speech . Strings . Instrumental . Piano . Vocal

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students-

The Provost Music Festival is proud to announce the upcoming dates of the 50th annual festival. This exciting week long event showcases an impressive array of local talent. All participants are professionally adjudicated in non-competitive classes and considered for awards or competition advancement. Audience support is always welcomed and encouraged. Please join us and celebrate the arts!

**Entry Forms Now Available**

**Registration deadline late January 28 2022**

**Find us on-line!** for contact information, involvement opportunities, registration packages, class selections or syllabus links.

**[www.provostmusicfestival.com](http://www.provostmusicfestival.com)**

50  
Years of  
Excellence

# Book Club!

Come join Mr. Spencer  
and Ms. Boxell for endless  
literary adventures in  
Ms.Boxell's room (105)  
from 3:35-4:15 pm

This month's meetings are on:

December 8th and 15th



# VIRTUAL SESSIONS

TAKE ON THE FUTURE AND LEARN FROM ALBERTA INDUSTRY EXPERTS

**November 30** • Industrial Trades  
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

**January 12** • Agriculture/Cooking  
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

**January 18** • Agriculture - Plant Systems

**February 16** • Forestry

**February 24** • ICT/Forestry  
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

**March 8** • Scaffolding

**March 17** • Automotive/Mechanical  
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

**March 23** • Mechanical Trades

**April 5** • Service Trades

**April 20** • Pipe Trades

**May 10** • Information and Communications Technology

**May 17** • All Opportunities/Summer Internships

## CALENDAR



[careersnextgen.ca/events](https://careersnextgen.ca/events)

for information email or call  
[events@nextgen.org](mailto:events@nextgen.org)  
1.888.757.7172



CAREERS  
take on the future

**With the temperature dropping, we would like to remind everyone that the main entrance doors and south entrance doors will not open until 8:30.**



**Please continue to complete the daily screening and refrain from coming to school if feeling unwell.**



**A reminder to wear your masks while inside. Check the 2021-22 Parent Guide for updates.**



wainwrightonwellness



[Wainwright on Wellness](#)



[Wainwright on Wellness Facebook - Home](#)



[Wainwright on Wellness Instagram - Home](#)

**Wainwright on Wellness (WOW)** is a program funded by Alberta Services as part of the *Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative (MHCB)* to provide programming and support to students, schools, families and communities in building their mental health and wellness capacity.

*Please click on above links for additional online prevention and promotion support*

## School Council Dates

Please join us **VIRTUALLY** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month!

For more information, please contact Jason Dahlgren, School Council President at [councilwhs@gmail.com](mailto:councilwhs@gmail.com)



### Habitat's affordable home ownership program

Would you like to become a homeowner in Wainwright?

#### Your family may qualify if...

- Your annual gross income is between \$35,000 and \$65,000
- You have children under the age of 18 living at home
- You are willing to volunteer 500 hours
- You are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

For more information, please contact Carley at (780) 842-3381.

[HFH.org](http://HFH.org)



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# 2021-2022 BTPS SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

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LEGEND	
<span style="color: green;">■</span> Holiday	<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Day-in-Lieu
<span style="color: purple;">■</span> Self Directed Teacher Day	<span style="color: red;">■</span> Celebration Day
<span style="color: pink;">■</span> School Based PL	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Convention / ATA PL Day
<span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> BTPS Learning Day	<span style="color: grey;">●</span> First Student Day of Semester
<span style="color: brown;">■</span> Central Office Closed	

The first day for students is **September 1, 2021**. **February 2, 2022** is the first day of Term 2. **June 29, 2022** is the last day of school for students.

**Please be reminded that when inclement weather does not allow us to operate our buses, schools will be open, classes are occurring and student learning continues. As with any absence, students who miss material will be provided with an opportunity to receive instructional material through an alternate means or catch up on missed school work upon return to school!**

Students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school as identified by the BTPS Board Approved Calendar. Final exams at the Grade 7 to 9 level will occur during the last five student days each semester. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur. Final exams in diploma courses will occur as described in the Alberta Education Diploma exam schedule ([www.education.alberta.ca](http://www.education.alberta.ca)) and submission of marks will occur the day the diploma marks are due to Alberta Ed. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur.

The 2021-2022 school calendar provides for instructional time for students that exceeds the requirements set by Alberta Education for instructional hours at the Grade 1-9 levels of 950 hours and at the Grade 10-12 levels for 1000 hours. The total student days in this year's calendar equals 181 days.

## STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DATES

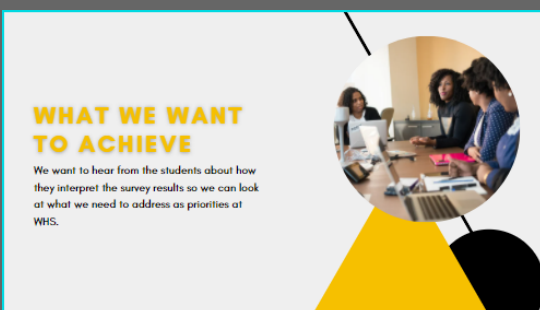
August 2	Heritage Day
August 26	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 27	BTPS Learning Day
August 30	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 31	School Based PL
September 6	Labour Day
October 8	Celebration Day
October 11	Thanksgiving Day
October 22	School Based PL & Support Staff PL
November 8	School Based PL
November 9	ATA Professional
November 10	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)

Dec 20 - 31	Christmas Break
January 31	Self Directed Teacher Day
February 1	School Based PL
February 17 & 18	ATA Teachers' Convention
February 21	Family Day
March 4	BTPS Learning Day
April 15	Good Friday
April 18 - 22	Easter Break
May 6	School Based PL
May 19	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
May 20	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
May 23	Victoria Day
June 30	Self Directed Teacher Day

\*\* Central Office Closure will be July 18th - July 29th, 2022

# Student Response

During our last virtual assembly, students were presented with some data from the previous year's Our School Survey compared to some of the APORI results. Giving students the opportunity to view the results helps them see what we are saying about our school. Also, students are more prepared to provide



their responses to the survey results. We have put together a form to gather answers from students and to hear their perspective on the information.

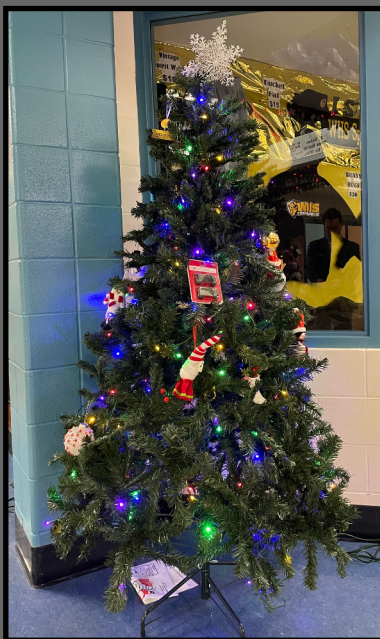
Survey responses is one of the ways we collect data to inform us for our school plan. Together, we make our school great!

## GENEROSITY

Generosity is giving and sharing. You share freely, not with the idea of receiving something in return. You find ways to give others happiness, and give just for the joy of giving. Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

~From the Virtues Project~

## WHAT'S NEW AT WHS?



It's not a new idea, but it's a great one. We are collecting decorations for our tree to donate to a family in Wainwright. Welcome the spirit of giving. Allow your generosity to take hold of you and add to the holidays for someone else in our community.

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