



New Horizons School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 5

Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 16

Board Meeting

DECEMBER 19

Last Day of Classes

JANUARY 5

Classes Resume

JANUARY 7

Early Dismissal



FANHS Contact List

Important Reminder

The Fundraising Association of New Horizons School (FANHS) needs your help. Recent federal anti-spam legislation requires that businesses and organizations receive approval from individuals to receive emails that request financial support.

Because FANHS is a body that operates independently from the school (unlike School Council), a separate

consent to be contacted by FANHS for fundraising purposes is required.

While FANHS has sent out paper copies to the NHS parent community requesting consent to be informed of FANHS fundraising events via email, the number of approvals received represent about 1/2 of the potential families.

It is important to note that giving FANHS your consent allows it to contact

you **regarding hot lunch information and orders**, which is a FANHS fundraiser.

If you have not been receiving FANHS updates via email, or if are not sure if you have given consent to to receive FANHS news, please email Sherri Jensen at sjensen@consol.ca

Thank you for considering to be on FANHS email list.

NHS Christmas Concert



The students and staff have been practicing and preparing for our upcoming Christmas concert which will be held on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Here are some things to keep in mind as our concert day arrives.

- If there are any extra tickets, we will inform

parents on Wednesday, December 3.

- Wristbands will be sent home with students over the next few days.
- On the night of the concert, please bring your child to the hallway area in front of the Agora between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. They will be escorted to their waiting room.

- Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:00.
- After the finale, students will be taken back to their waiting area to collect their belongings. After that point they will join with their parents.
- On the last page of this newsletter is a parking map.
- See you there!



OUR SOCIAL CONTRACT

Our school is a place of learning. It is a place where we treat each other with respect and honesty. It is a place where we play in a way that is safe and fair.

Stratchcona County Christmas Bureau Drive

Our Christmas Bureau Drive is in its last week. Last year we had a very successful drive collecting over 1000 items for the Christmas Bureau!

We appreciate all of your support in this important community initiative and look forward to another successful collection drive this year!

Any questions should be directed to Ms. Vigfusson.

Thank you to the parents, students and staff for your amazing support and generosity!

December 1-5: Gifts for Kids. Appropriate gifts include scarves and mitts, games, toys and stuffed animals. All gifts must be new and unopened (1 house point per item).



Christmas Concert Volunteers Needed



As the Christmas concert approaches, we hope you might consider helping us out in one of many ways.

Movers: We will be transporting a large amount of equipment from the school to the hall on Friday, December 5. Will need help loading equipment at the school at 10:00 a.m. and unloading it at 12:00 p.m. The greatest need is with the unloading at the Agora. We will also need help loading the equipment up after the concert.

Ushers: On the evening of the concert, we will need help from parents to direct arriving students to their waiting room.

Door Workers: We will need door workers to admit guests into the Agora.

Thank you to those who already volunteered. If you can help us, please visit the our [home page](#) and click the Volunteer Opportunities link.

2015-2016 Applications

New Horizons School is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. As you may be aware, new applicants who are siblings of students already enrolled at New Horizons School will have priority to fill available spaces as long as they meet entrance criteria.

If you have a child who will be applying for kindergarten, you should complete an application soon. If you are undecided about using the in-school assessment or the services of a registered psychologist, you should still submit an application by February 23, 2015.

Some parents may wonder which assessment would be best for their child – the in-school assessment or the IQ assessment through a registered psychologist. Here are some things to consider:

- No matter which assessment route is used, students need to score in the superior range to qualify for

admission. Preference will not be given to either test.

- The IQ test will be an individual test. The in-school assessments will be group administered test (group sizes will range from 5 to 8).
- In all cases of standardized testing, individually administered tests are more sensitive than group tests, but group administered standardized tests still provide reliable and valid results for the identification of gifted students.
- The only time a very high score will benefit a student is if there is limited space. Test scores along with other information such as parent inventories, observations, and report cards will then be used to determine which student fills that space.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ted Zarowny at tzarowny@newhorizon.ab.ca or visit our [Admissions Page](#).

Student Voice Meetings Begin



Students from grades 3-6 will be involved in their first Student Voice meeting of the year on Thursday, December 4.

Student Voice is a way for our students to share what is on their minds and their classmates minds. They will be able to provide input on various decisions that affect them, and they will have the opportunity to bring forward suggestions to meetings.

We are excited to have this leadership opportunity begin!

Let the Sliding Begin!

The snow has finally arrived, and along with it comes the excitement of snow sliding behind the school.

Please be mindful of the following if your child will be bringing a slider to school.

- Bring only the soft, roll-up type sliders. We have no place to store the larger, non-bendable sliders.
- Please label your child's slider with his or her name.
- Students will be allowed to slide only if they are wearing snow pants.
- Sliding will be allowed only during the lunch recess.

Christmas Concert Parking Information

P Outdoor parking

- North parking lot
- West parking lot
- Festival Lane, Festival Avenue

2-hour time limit
Business hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

No time limit
After 5 p.m. weekdays, all day weekends and holidays

- During non-business hours, public may park in staff parking in the north lot

Library book drop — Festival Lane
5-minute maximum, all times

■ East parking lot
30-minute maximum, all times

■ Festival Place parking lot

■ Festival Way
No time limit, all times

SP Community Centre Parkade
Public Parking Level P1
No time limit - \$2 per hour
Business hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

Public Parking — Level P1 and P2
No time limit - \$2 flat fee
After 5 p.m. weekdays, all day weekends and holidays

Handicap parking
6 stalls, no charge, all times

Regular parkade hours:
Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Centre in the Park

Public Parking

Centre in the Park public parking includes no charge street and outdoor surface lot parking, and paid underground parking at the Community Centre.

Centre in the Park is a sustainable community development in Sherwood Park. It is designed to be a walkable, pedestrian-friendly area and parking is limited. Carpooling and transit is encouraged ... and good for the environment.

Parking enforcement in effect (Bylaw 13-2011)

Further information
Email: county_hall_parking@strathcona.ca
Phone: 780-464-8403
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays