

# Tofield School Newsletter

December 2019



Students help make backdrops for Christmas play.



Students decorate for Christmas.



Students volunteer to help get ready for Winterfest.



Students participated in Reindeer Games.



Students in Grades 7 to 9 participated in a Skills Alberta presentation.



Grade 6's acted out the play "Elf" at the community hall.

# Administrative Message

December has been fleeting and busy ~ it is always a good type of busy! Basketball season is well underway with teams practicing, playing, and being great ambassadors at away games and tournaments. Several classes have been afforded the opportunity to go on field trips involving art and theatre. Our 7X/8X class made placemat quilts with several of our expert quilters from the community. School staff had a fun-filled collaboration day where we simulated a CEWL Friday with Connecting, Wellness, and we even had a Titan Time and WIN Time. We certainly try to practice what we preach. We had a group of students present several performances of the play, *Elf*. Thank you to Miss Brown for leading this group and directing the play that was enjoyed at Tofield's Winterfest and by our two community schools. Titan Time in December saw a variety of Christmas-themed activities organized by our Senior Leadership class. The Christmas spirit has been wonderful. We also held the first ever Annual Christmas Brunch at the Legion. Thank you to the Legion for hosting this event and to the firefighters for helping to cook the pancakes. Additionally, thank you to our amazing teachers for organizing this event. Our Grade 9 Leadership helped the community build Christmas hampers. We have to acknowledge that this time of year can be hard on families that are struggling and Tofield has shown us just how amazing they are at supporting those in need. It is truly heartwarming to be a part of this wonderful community. Our final activity before Christmas was a fun-filled event involving a Tofield School Highlight Reel video, a Kahoot! Trivia game, a lost and found fashion show, and Christmas Carolling in the gym. Once again, we have been impressed and pleased with the social and academic growth of our students. We wish all of our students and their families, the Tofield community, and our staff a wonderful, fun-filled Christmas break! See ya in 2020!



**Janice Muench**  
Principal

**Chad Kendall**  
Assistant Principal

**There are a number of teachers who utilize REMIND for their students.**

*These teachers are:*

Mrs. Netik: 6N

Mrs. Kropielnicki 6K ELA and Math,

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Blaney

Mr. Cordeiro

Mrs. Woode



## From the Office

### ATTENDANCE

We are making a change to improve our attendance.

Please email

[tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca)

to inform us if your child is

absent from school.

- **Sign out** – Please remember that every student is expected to sign in & out of the school, if you arrive late, leave early, or are in and out during the day. The sign out sheet is a safety measure to ensure that all students are accounted for in the event of a problem.
- **New Physical Address** – Please inform the office of your new address ASAP, either by email ([treid@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:treid@brsd.ab.ca)), note or phone call. Thanks
- **New Email Address** – Please inform the office of your new email address ASAP, either by email ([treid@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:treid@brsd.ab.ca)), note, or Phone call. Thank you.

# January Exam Schedule

## JANUARY 2020 EXAM SCHEDULE - TOFIELD SCHOOL

- All Govt. exams are **BOLD**.
- **PDE Course marks due: Friday, January 24**
- **Non PDE course marks due: Monday, January 27**
- **Exams begin at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Students must write for a minimum of 1 hour before submitting exams.**

<i>MONDAY, JANUARY 13</i>	<i>Room</i>
<b>ELA 30 DIPLOMA: PART A</b>	COMPUTER LAB
<i>TUESDAY, JANUARY 14</i>	<i>Room</i>
<b>SOCIAL 30-2 DIPLOMA: PART A</b>	COMPUTER LAB
<i>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22</i>	<i>Room</i>
9:00-11:00: MATH 10 STUDY SESSION	110
12:15-2:15: SOCIAL 10 STUDY SESSION	106
<i>THURSDAY, JANUARY 23</i>	<i>Room</i>
<b>ELA 30 DIPLOMA: PART B</b>	106
SOCIAL 20-2	109
SOCIAL 10	110
SSP WORK EX REVIEW	115
<i>FRIDAY, JANUARY 24</i>	<i>Room</i>
<b>SOCIAL 30-2 DIPLOMA: PART B</b>	106
MATH 20	110
SSP WORK EX REVIEW	115
<i>MONDAY, JANUARY 27</i>	<i>Room</i>
<b>BIOLOGY 30 DIPLOMA</b>	106
SCIENCE 20	Main Office
<i>TUESDAY, JANUARY 28</i>	<i>Room</i>
CHEMISTRY 20	106
MATH 10 MIDTERM	110
<i>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29</i>	<i>Room</i>
<b>PHYSICS 30 DIPLOMA</b>	106
<i>THURSDAY, JANUARY 30</i>	<i>Room</i>
<b>SCIENCE 30 DIPLOMA</b>	Main Office

# JANUARY 2020 EXAM WEEK -TOFIELD SCHOOL

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13 ELA 30 PART A DIPLOMA	14 SOCIAL 30-2 PART A DIPLOMA	15	16	17
20	21 <i>LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SENIOR HIGH</i>	22 9:00-1:00: MATH 10 STUDY SESSION  12:15-2:15: SOCIAL 10 STUDY SESSION	23 ELA 30 PART B DIPLOMA  SOCIAL 20-2  SOCIAL 10  SSP WORK EX REVIEW	24 SOCIAL 30-2 PART DIPLOMA  MATH 20  SSP WORK EX REVIEW
27 BIOLOGY 30 DIPLOMA  SCIENCE 20	28 CHEMISTRY 20  MATH 10 MIDTERM	29 PHYSICS 30 DIPLOMA	30 SCIENCE 30 DIPLOMA	31 <i>SCHOOL CLOSED - SEMESTER BREAK</i>

**Happy Holidays from the Staff of Tofield School**



# Titan Sports

**Basketball Season is underway.**

**Our coaches for this season are:**

Junior High Girls: Tanis Miller and Val Rickett

Junior High Boys: Joel Tidemann, Christian G. Teacher Liaisons: Betty-Lou Roe and Nigel Kendall

Senior High Girls: Scott Schultz and Jenn Sideroff

Senior High Boys: Brad Regehr

Thank you coaches for all of your volunteer time and dedication to the basketball program at Tofield School.

Good Luck with your seasons.

We are co-hosting 2 basketball tournaments at our school:

**Junior High: Jan 24 and 25**

**Senior High: Jan 30 to Feb 1**



**Physical Education:**

**Please make sure that your child has clean athletic shoes for Physical Education class.**

**With winter coming it is our job as a school to keep our gym floor clean.**





### Ways to build assets during the holiday season:

The holidays are a great time to reconnect as a family. These small, but meaningful connections can help build assets in your child. The 40 Developmental Assets are building blocks that children and youth need as a foundation for growing up healthy!

Strong family relationships are the very heart of asset development. Here are some ideas to help your family grow closer and maintain a positive atmosphere at home.

### MORE RESOURCES

[www.sparcreddeer.ca](http://www.sparcreddeer.ca)

<https://keepconnected.searchinstitute.org>



### Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Have your child teach you something new.

Get to know your children's friends and invite them along to one or more of your great holiday activities!

Go tobogganing, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing.

Volunteer together.

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### Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Build a snowman together, then warm up with some hot chocolate.

Have a screen free day. Get active!

Talk about family traditions.

Walk around the neighborhood to look at festive lights and decorations. Make sure to say hello to the neighbors that you see.

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### Ways to build assets in your child during the holiday season:

Curl up together as a family and watch a favorite holiday movie.

Shovel your neighbors' driveway together.

Make holiday crafts together.

Plan and cook a meal together as a family.

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## Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)

Your Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Tofield School is

Mrs. Georgina White. FSLWs can help find resources to other helping professionals and bridge the gaps between those professionals and the school, connect you with community resources, help advocate with the school, or support with social/emotional challenges. To see one of the FSLWs, you can fill out a referral form (come see Mrs. White in Room 210).

*\*If a student is 13 years old or younger, parental consent must be provided for ongoing support. If a student is 14 or older, those students can consent on their own for FSLW service.*



# HIGH+ SCHOOL

BRSD Career Counselling  
career counselling@brsd.ab.ca

# Career Counselling

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## Skills Needed

According to a survey on behalf of Cengage in Fall 2018, the top **'uniquely human skills'** employers seek include: the ability to listen (74%); attention to detail & attentiveness (70%); effective communication (69%); critical thinking (67%); strong interpersonal abilities (65%); and being able to keep learning (65%).

Schaffhauser, D (Jan 2019) [Employers Want 'Uniquely Human Skills'](#). Campus Technology

Post-Secondary	Career-Ready Programs	Scholarships
<p><i>Are you in the process of applying to a post-secondary program? If you are, it is <b>imperative to continually manage your application</b> through your program's <b>portal</b>.</i></p>  <p><i>You will be asked to complete steps to keep your application active, and if you miss out, your application may be withdrawn. Some examples may include submitting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> proof of enrollment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> first semester progress</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> registered courses for the second semester</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> and/or a tuition deposit.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> etc.</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions about your application? Contact your institution or see your BRSD Career Counsellor.</i></p>	<p>Looking for work-ready programming? Career colleges in Alberta are one choice for innovative programs that are known to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ responsive changes to the labour market and industry needs</li> <li>➤ flexible schedules with multiple intake dates</li> <li>➤ small class sizes with opportunities to build strong relationships with the instructors</li> <li>➤ industry related programming that has ties to employers.</li> </ul> <p><i>Career Connections, 2018/19</i></p>  <p>Check out Alberta Career Colleges on the <a href="#">ALIS website</a>.</p>	<p>Scholarship applications are work! But the time spent in researching and applying for scholarships may help make a difference in the cost to the student for school.</p> <p>For enthusiastic scholarship writers, the holiday break may be an opportunity to focus on meeting the requirements for the many scholarships available to high school students. This could mean writing an essay, completing an application, organizing documents needed to meet award criteria or spending time volunteering.</p>  <p>Check out the <i>Post-Secondary Institution Scholarships &amp; Other Scholarships</i> sections (and more!!) under the <i>Funding Your Education</i> tab in the <b>High School Plus</b> website to begin your search.</p>

Enjoy your holiday break and take some time to have fun and do things that make you smile! Your BRSD Career Counsellors, Lynda Kope & Carla Praticante  
[career counselling@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:career counselling@brsd.ab.ca)



# Did You Know?



The Breakfast Program is the lucky recipient of the Beaver Municipal solutions Grant in the amount of \$2000.

Northstar students have completed 84 Courses so far this term. Way to go!

Tofield students participated in the 10th Annual Reindeer Games.

Tofield Elementary Students performed their first Christmas play in years.

Tofield School enjoyed a Christmas pancake breakfast.

Our Junior High boys and girls teams both won their first game of the season.

Tofield Students joined Tofield Country Quilters Guild to create beautiful sewing projects.

Our Senior High girls team went to a tournament this weekend in Bashaw and won a game.

Holli Mack, a former Tofield student, was featured on Global News as MVP for her gold Medal win in World's Kettlebell.

Our SSP class delivered Christmas cookies to people in the community.

Tofield Grad class ran the Annual Cookie walk fundraiser.

Our students have been busy shoveling snow around the community.

# Off Campus Information



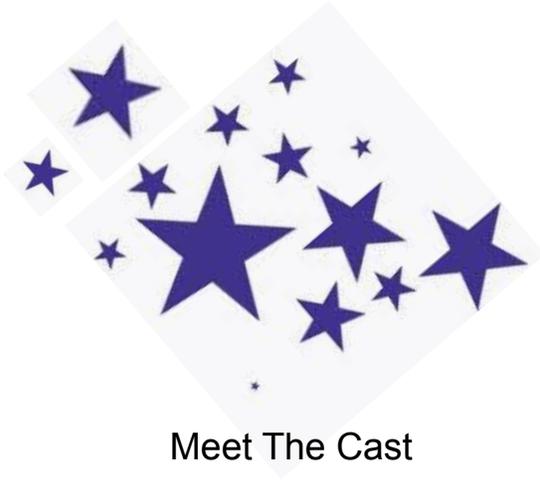
A friendly reminder for all off-campus students in work experience/RAP that your monthly timesheets are due at the end of each month. For students completing their off-campus placement at the end of semester one, the evaluation and final timesheets are due on **January 15th, 2020**. You can send your forms to 780-722-4058 or email: [croe@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:croe@brsd.ab.ca)

## SCHOOL FEES

School fees for Semester 1 (Term 1 / Term 2) have been assessed and invoices have been sent home. Please make payment online by visiting the Tofield School website and clicking on the “Online Payments and Ordering” icon (located at the bottom of the page) and following the links. If you are unable to pay online, payment by cash or cheque (payable to Tofield School) will be accepted in the office.

We want to support you in making online payments so please feel free to contact Janet Carlson at [jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca) if you have any questions.

We are making a change to improve our attendance. Please email [tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca) to inform us if your child is absent from school.



# Musical Theatre



Meet The Cast



Narrator 1 is witty and sardonic, perfect to keep the stage lively as the show progresses. She loves nothing more than to poke fun at the characters on stage as she tells the story of *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*. She works alongside the second narrator onstage, who also enjoys making snarky remarks about these funny characters, and their role on the pirate ship.

## Adventures of the Fearsome Pirate Frank

Who knew the pirate craze dated back to Shakespearean time?! Apparently, the star of a popular pirate play — *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* — is the teenage heartthrob of every girl in Shakespearean England, even though he can't remember his lines for the life of him! However, when the actor playing Frank and his supporting cast, including prima donna Esmerelda, get kidnapped by real pirates during one of their productions, it's good-bye stardom, hello servitude on a real pirate ship!

Two witty narrators and a stream of hilarious sign-carriers keep the musical moving as we see the pirate actors taking orders from the real pirate Frank... who is a woman! But pirate actors are not the only ones hijacked in this hysterical musical comedy... so is the plot from a particularly popular pirate flick! The chilling flashback sequence of how Cap'n Frank get the dreadful "Blackmark" will shiver your timbers, and Esmerelda's lament about losing her makeup case will blow you down! Join the crew of nightmare sailors, zombie pirates, singing sirens and even Spiderman in this zany musical romp!

**The musical will be performed in March 2020. More details to come!**

Cast members who have misplaced their rehearsal schedule can get a new one from the bulletin board outside the Drama Room. Any rehearsal changes will be posted on the bulletin board (outside the Drama Room) at least 48 hours before the scheduled rehearsal(s)!



# Grad News



## Grad News

Update from Student Chair Kylie Kufly

The Grad 2020 class has had a busy month. They have sent out ballots for their motto, colour scheme and grad song.

They have arranged the Cookie Walk and are excited to thank all who show support for the class and attend the event.

The grads have also received all the information they need to schedule their Grad photos.

## Update from Ms. Korpan, Program Advisor

We had another Grad Executive meeting on Tuesday, December 17 so the Grad Chairs could share what each of their committees has started organizing already and discuss the Cookie Walk.

There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7 PM in the Learning Commons. All grads and their parents/guardians should attend.

The grad committees will be sharing their reports at this time.

Grad Pictures are January 10th & 11th, 2020. The sitting fee is \$35. Grads, check the brochures and your emails for the link so you can register online for your sitting.

If you have any questions regarding photography, please contact Sarah Spinks or Ms. Korpan.

Tofield School's High School Graduation will be held on Friday, May 8, 2020.

If you have any other questions re: Grad, please contact Ms. Korpan either by phone

(780-662-3133) or by email ([mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca)).



# Tofield Jam Club



For Grades 7-12  
Students

Welcome to another year of offering a free music program after school! Tofield Jam Club is a group of students who enjoy learning and making music as a group. If you are able to attend the talent show last year, you may have seen the opening act which was the JAM CLUB!

Students are able to experience an extracurricular activity that exposes students to the world of music, building of valuable skills and it connects our school to the community in a positive and uplifting manner! Fortunately, with the help of Wild Oats and Notes Music Festival as a sponsor, we are able to bring in an experienced instructor, have subsidized first instruments for all, and additional instruments and equipment provided as needed! However, any donations would be greatly appreciated to further progress of this amazing opportunity.

**When: 3:15 - 5:30 PM , Tuesdays**

**Where: We meet in the portable.**

Our sincere thanks to the more than 1100 staff, students and parents who participated in the first round of the BRSD Board of Trustees online consultation, answering the question *What are the things students need most in order to receive a quality education?*

Several very clear themes emerged from the consultation, and the Board is committed to following them up. The second phase of consultation is based on two of the themes that were identified. The two themes are:

- 1) Students need: Options and Opportunities
- 2) Students need: Class sizes that aren't too big or too small

In this second round, the question is:

***What are the best ways to balance class sizes and maximize options and opportunities for all students, while maintaining the financial viability of our school division?***

Click this link <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#534730602> to access the anonymous online input site, which is called Thoughtexchange.

Just like in the first round, you can make as many comments as you like. You will also be able to see ideas and comments suggested by others, and can rate how you feel about them. So if you see a great idea that was posted by someone else, you can support it.

You can even return to the exchange more than once, if you wish, to add new thoughts or rate new thoughts that have been shared by others.

This online input opportunity will be available to you until Friday, January 10, 2020.

Thanks for taking the time to be part of this process. Your ideas will truly influence BRSD's plans for the future.  
The BRSD Board of Trustees

# Leadership Activities



The Leadership class planned school spirit week including: hat/scarf day, ugly sweater day, jammie day and a special visit from Santa. They also delivered candy cane grams. Our school activities also included reindeer games, door decorating, letters to Santa, Snowflake making, snowball fight and hot chocolate.

# Breakfast Program

Tofield School breakfast program continues to thrive by providing nutritious snacks to students before class. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Mrs. Kropielnicki at 789 662 3133 or by email at [akropielnicki@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:akropielnicki@brsd.ab.ca)

Thank you to all those who have lent a helping hand.

Ashlee Warawa, Kaelyn Sideroff, Rebbeca Hill, Mercedes Tremblay, Charli L'Heureux, Aiden Beatson, Abram Rupp, Christian Guangco, Ava Surrige, Abby Match, Becky Kristensen, Jessica Hill, Mrs. Kropielnicki, Ms. Korpan, Mrs. Leone, Mrs. Roe, and Mrs. Woode

Community and parent volunteers welcome!

## The Weather

The weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful, and since we've no place to go, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.



What has been your favourite Titan Time activity this year?

My favorite Titan Time activity was Ms. Korpan's games.-Summer H, Grade 8

My favorite Titan Time activity was tea and reading. -Matthew L, Grade 8

I liked the Dungeons and Dragons Titan Time activity! -Jayda C, Grade 8

Dungeons and Dragons was my favorite Titan time activity. -Kyle R, Grade 8

The hockey Titan Time was my favorite. -Cash C, Grade 7

I enjoyed Ms. Korpan's games. -Madison G, Grade 8

My favorite activity has been Dungeons and Dragons. -Chase C, Grade 8

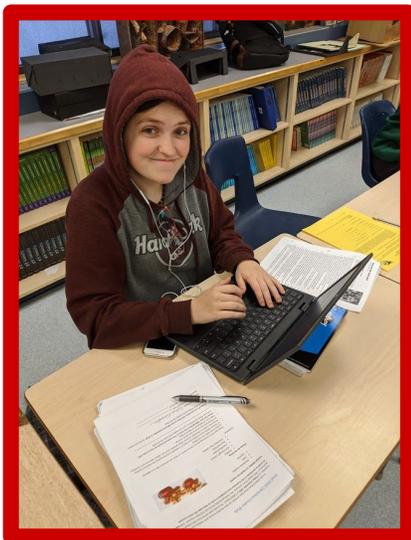
Tea and reading in Ms. Korpan's room was my favorite. -Anthony I, Grade 7



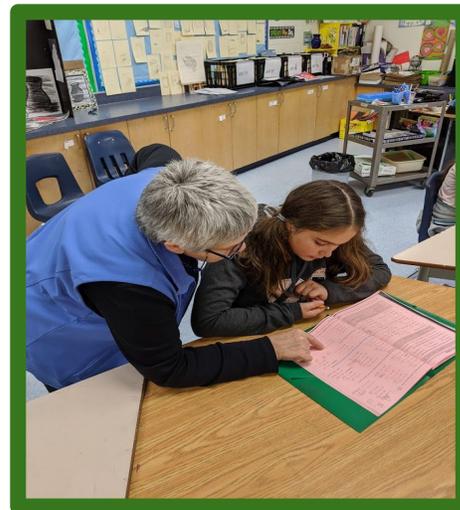
# The Titan Time/WIN Activities for the Month of December:



Students played a fun game of Dungeons and Dragons.



Students completed homework and studied.



Students participated in strategy games.





# Merry Christmas From the Staff of Tofield School



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Chris

C. Perry

Woodruff

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Miss Brown  
Myra Johnson



# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Back to School	7	8	9 	10 Grad Photos	11 Grad Photos
12	13 	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Last Day of Classes Sr. High Parent Council Meeting 6:30 Pm	22	23	24 	25 Jr. High Basketball Tournament
26	27	28	29	30 Sr. High Basketball Tournament	31 Semester break	