

PANTHER NEWS



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Dec 1	Hot Dog Day (Gr. 1 - 8) Ski/Snowboard Club Registration Opens
Dec 2	Mom's Pantry Order Pickup (3-5 p.m. HS Foods Lab)
Dec 5	Hot Lunch - Soft Taco
Dec 6	Elder Visit
Dec 5 - 9	January Hot Lunch Available to Order
Dec 7	Gr. 6 & 9 Immunizations Booster Juice Day
Dec 8	Subway Day
Dec 9	No School for Students
Dec 12	Hot Lunch - Pizza Buns
Dec 12 - 16	Candy Grams for Sale for .50 cents at noon
Dec 15	Christmas Hat Day Hot Dog Day Ski/Snowboard Club Registration Deadline
Dec 16	Ugly Christmas Sweater Day Popcorn Day
Dec 19	Hot Lunch - Cheeseburger Pie
Dec 20	Christmas PJ Day Elder Visit
Dec 21	Jr./Sr. Pizza Day Christmas Concert - Student Performance @ 1 p.m. Christmas Concert - Public Performance @ 6:30 p.m.
Dec 22	Elementary Pizza Day Gr. 7 - 12 Christmas Activity Day Gr. 1 - 6 Movie in the Gym
Dec 23 - Jan 6	Christmas Break
Jan 9, 2023	Welcome Back Students!

December 2022

High School Spirit Challenge

Gr. 9 - 12 students will be participating in a High School Spirit Challenge throughout the month of December to try and win lunch for their team in January!

Check inside the newsletter for the calendar of events.

Hockey Academy

Tuesday

Gr. 5 & 6 12:45 - 1:45
Gr. 7, 8 & 9 1:45 - 2:45

Thursday

Gr. 1 & 2 12:45 - 1:45
Gr. 3 & 4 1:45 - 2:45

Bentley School Gives Back

Each year, in the Spirit of Christmas, Bentley School staff and students join together to fundraise for Gifts for Grandparents and families in need through our annual Families in Need Raffle at the Christmas Concert. Funds raised are used at Christmas and throughout the year to support families with essential gift cards for gas and groceries, hot lunches through the school, etc.

Gifts for Grandparents Toonie Drive

We are, once again partnering with Earthy Accents to provide Christmas arrangements to the Care Centre, Oxford Court and Westview Apartments in Bentley. Toonie Collection bins will be in each classroom as well as The Drop. Toonies will be accepted until Friday, December 16.

Families in Need Raffle

Bentley School will be collecting gifts or gift cards for each division according to the themes below and raffling them off at our annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School. Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 16. Teachers will be reaching out to parents with ideas on how they can help fill baskets or the gift card tree.

<p>K - Grade 3</p> <p><i>Family Night Basket</i></p>	<p>Grade 7 - 8</p> <p><i>Death by Chocolate Basket</i></p>
<p>Grade 4 - 6</p> <p><i>Gift Card Tree</i></p>	<p>Grade 9 -12</p> <p><i>Home for the Holidays Basket</i></p>

Tickets for the raffle will be 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 and available for purchase the night of the concert. All proceeds will support families in need in our school community not only at Christmas but throughout the year as well.

Bentley
School's

12 DAYS OF Christmas



Date:

Wednesday, December 21



Doors Open:
5:30 p.m.



Concert:
6:30 p.m.

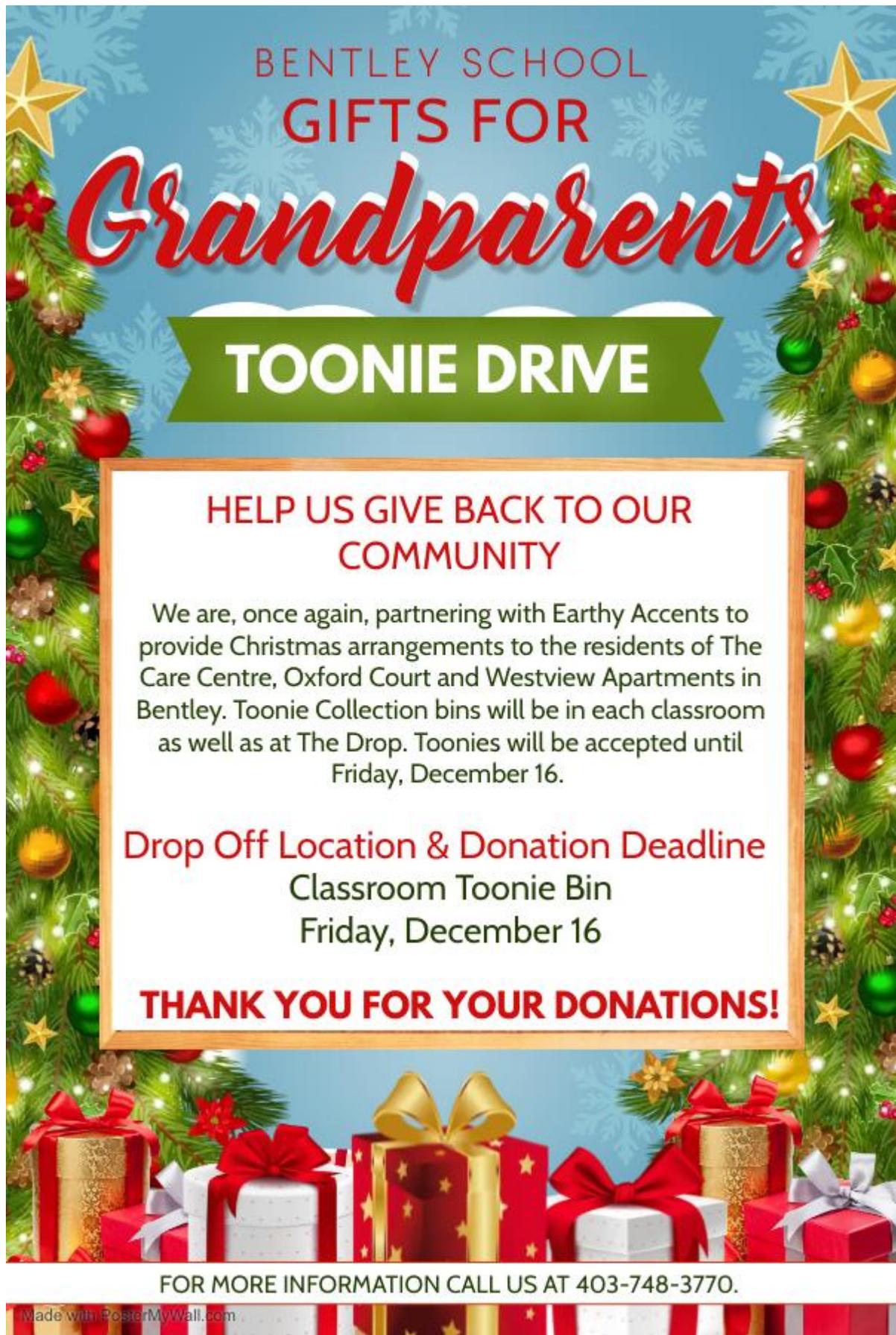
Location:
High School Gym

Raffle Baskets:
1 ticket for \$5
5 tickets for \$20



All proceeds support local
families in need!





BENTLEY SCHOOL
GIFTS FOR

Grandparents

TOONIE DRIVE

**HELP US GIVE BACK TO OUR
COMMUNITY**

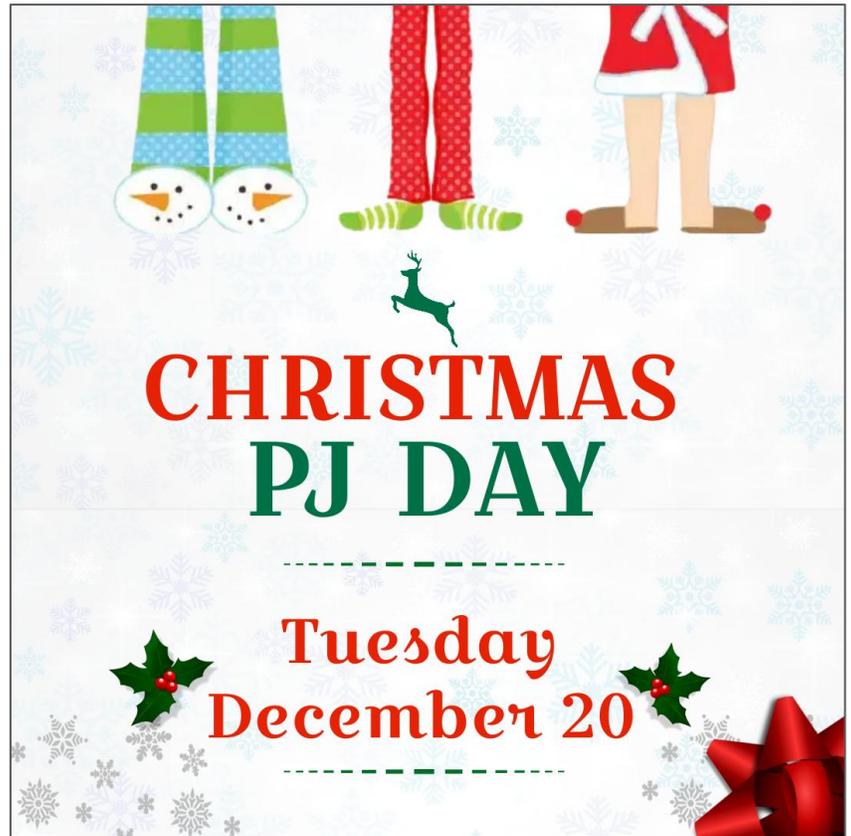
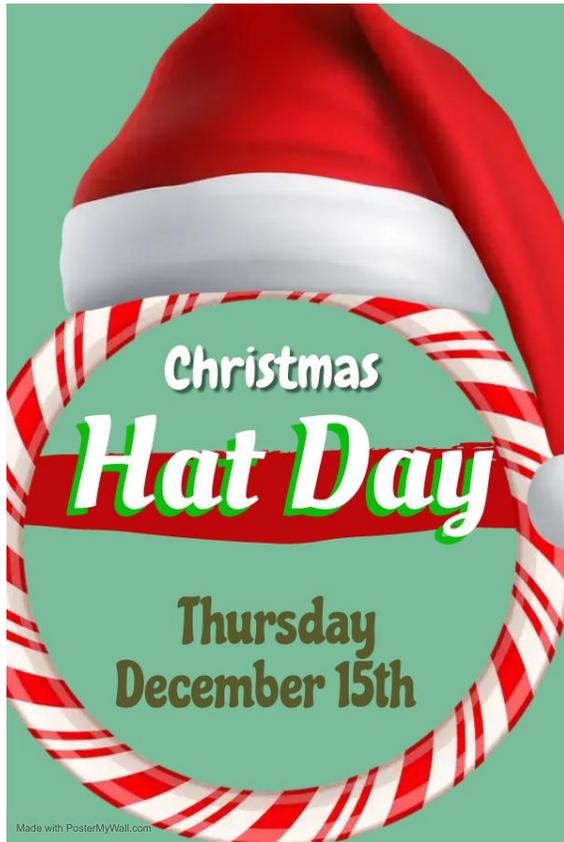
We are, once again, partnering with Earthy Accents to provide Christmas arrangements to the residents of The Care Centre, Oxford Court and Westview Apartments in Bentley. Toonie Collection bins will be in each classroom as well as at The Drop. Toonies will be accepted until Friday, December 16.

Drop Off Location & Donation Deadline
Classroom Toonie Bin
Friday, December 16

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US AT 403-748-3770.

Elementary and Junior High Christmas Spirit Days!





December High School School Spirit Challenge

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>FREE LUNCH ANY ONE?</p>	<p>Win lunch for your team in January! Your participation wins points for your team. The team with the highest score by December 22 wins free lunch!</p> <p>Teams will be randomly made up of grades 9-12 kids.</p>		<p> Santa's Coming Wear red today!</p>	<p>(Day 1)  Trivia Challenge (during tutorial)</p>
	<p> Toasty Tuesday Wear your Christmas socks, slippers & hats!</p>		<p> Channel the Flannel Wear your flannel!</p>	<p> NON SCHOOL DAY</p>
	<p> You're a Grinch Wear green today!</p>		<p> Festive Fun Wear your favorite Christmas attire!</p>	<p>(Day 1)  National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!</p>
<p> CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT (during TA)</p>	<p> I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas Wear your pajamas!</p>		<p> School-wide Activity in the Afternoon</p>	<p> MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</p>

The Blessing Pantry would like to say a special "Thank You" to everyone who supported the "We scare hunger campaign". We are very thankful for your continued support! This food helps so many families in our community during the holidays and into the New Year.

Thank you

SCHOOL BUS

Rider of the Month

Congratulations to:

Alex Moore – Gr 10 – Bus Bentley 4

Tucker Vert – Gr. 11 – Bus Bentley 4

Wacey Smith – Gr. 11 – Bus Bentley 4

6" Sub Sponsored by Subway

Ski/Snowboard Club 2022 - 2023

Interested students in Gr 1-12 have the option of participating in a Ski/Snowboard Club between Bentley School and Canyon Ski Hill in Red Deer. For full program details including dates, costs, etc. please click the link to read the [information package](#). Registration opens December 1. Sign-up via the PowerSchool and Online Payments Parent Portal under the student fees tab by Thursday, December 15.

Mom's Pantry Order Pick-up

Thank you for supporting the Bentley School Mom's Pantry Fundraiser. Orders will be available for pickup in the High School Food Studies Lab on Friday, December 2, 2022 from 3-5 p.m. All orders are delivered frozen. **There is no freezer space available for storage** if you are unable pick your order up, please make arrangements to have someone pick up your order on your behalf.

Thank you,

Bentley School Chest Society



One World Drumming Residency

Bentley School is pleased to be hosting the The One World Drum Co. for a one week music residency January 16 - 20 for students in Gr. 1 - 8. The One World Drum Co. is committed to sharing the rich and incredible culture of West African drumming with students of all ages. They offer age-appropriate programming that will engage students and expand their cultural awareness in a fun and enlivening way with a residency that supports our school culture, curriculum and community atmosphere. *Watch for more information in January!*

Hot Dog Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to help cook hot dogs in the New Year. If you can help out, [please sign up here](#). We wouldn't be able to offer this lunch option without the support of our volunteers!

December Hot Lunch Dates

Did you know you can see all the dates for hot lunches on the [Bentley School calendar](#)? Some of the online hot lunch may have displayed incorrect dates when you signed up or sometimes things pop up and days need to be moved. You can view all the correct dates on the school calendar. You can even print the calendar from 'Print Month' link and put it on your fridge or download dates directly to your iphone or google calendar using the 'Download to iCal' and 'Add to Google Calendar' links. Check it out!

The screenshot shows a calendar interface for December 2022. At the top, there are options for 'List' and 'Month' (selected). Below are links for 'Download to iCal', 'Add to Google Calendar', and 'Subscribe to Calendar'. A search bar and a 'Print Month' button are also visible. The calendar grid shows the following events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hot Dog Day (gr 1-8) 12:00 pm Hockey Academy (Gr 1-4) 12:45 pm	2 Day 2	3
4	5 Hot Lunch - Soft Taco 12:00 pm	6 Hockey Academy (Gr 5-9) 12:45 pm Elder Visit 1:30 pm	7 Gr. 6 & 9 Immunizations Booster Juice Day (gr 1-12) 12:00 pm	8 Subway Day (gr 1-12) 12:00 pm Hockey Academy (Gr 1-4) 12:45 pm	9 No School for Students	10

New Subway Form

Parents, please note that from now on, there is only Subway order form for regular and gluten free subs. We are still able to offer the same gluten free options! It's just condensed into one easy to complete form.

Routine School Immunization

Public Health requires parental consent before providing any immunization to children in schools. Consents signed during one school year may be used until the immunization and/or immunization series is complete, as long as the consent has not been withdrawn. Interruptions in the delivery of routine school immunizations due to the pandemic have made catch-up immunizations in many schools a necessity, therefore Public Health teams may be immunizing students using consents obtained in previous years.

Grade 1 - Immunizations records will be reviewed, and immunizations offered to students who are not up to date according to current recommendations.

Grade 6 - Hepatitis B Vaccine (HBV) and Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) are offered and recommended for all Grade 6 students. Immunizations records will be reviewed, and immunizations offered to students who are not up to date according to current recommendations.

Grade 9 - A booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTap) vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine is offered and recommended for all Grade 9 students. Immunizations records will be reviewed, and immunizations offered to students who are not up to date according to current recommendations.

Other Grades - There are many students who have not had their immunization records reviews in the past 3 years and this review will be complete during the 2022-2023 school year. Immunizations for students who require vaccines will be offered throughout the school year to decrease the risk of vaccine preventable diseases.



Book Fair Thank You!

Thank to everyone that supported the Scholastic Book Fair in November! With your support we were able to purchase over \$2000 worth of new books for our school library. The students are excited to get their hands on them.

Congratulations to Emberlyn Yurystowski and her teacher Mrs. Kimmel's grade 5/6 class for winning \$25 worth of books each. Special thank you to our leadership students for helping to run the book fair. We couldn't do it without their help!



Remembrance Day Service

Thank you to Mrs. Crawford, Miss Bertin and all staff who assisted with organizing and contributing to the Remembrance Day Service in November. Special thanks to our students for their magnificent artwork, leadership students for set-up, RYANNE LESYK for creating the programs, Jason Hazlett for his moving tribute to the Queen and prisoners of war, Max & Gracie for acting as MC, Ashley Law for her musical contributions, the Bentley School choir for their beautiful performance, the wreath layers & special guests along with parents and community members in attendance. It was a beautiful service and tribute to our soldiers past and present.

Remembrance Day Highlights



November Highlights!

Western Day



National Jersey Day

Pep Rally





Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

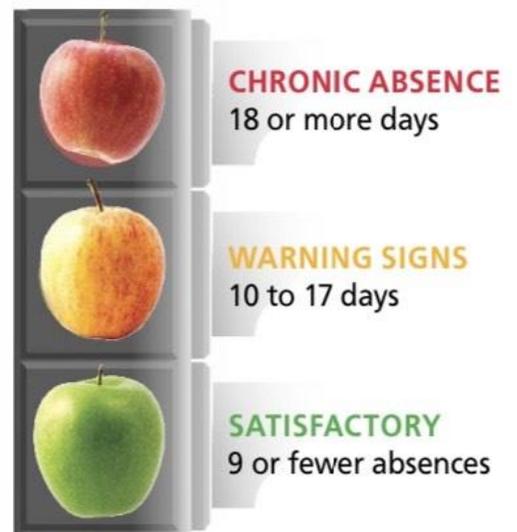
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your child healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your children are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your children if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



ATHF U13 Team Handball Registration

Students interested in joining the ATHF handball league will play:

- January 15 - Red Deer
- February 4 - Red Deer
- February 12 - Edmonton
- March 11 - Red Deer
- March 19 - Finals in Edmonton

On each of the first four play dates, it is a tournament style day where teams will play 3 times each date. The number of games played for the finals depends on the number of teams, but it is likely 2-3 games as well.



ALBERTA TEAM HANDBALL FEDERATION ATHF League Play

U13 Team handball Registration - Now Open



**Come try the exciting sport of team handball
BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS**

5 playing dates
Games played in both Edmonton and Red Deer
Contact the club nearest you for more information

FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION: www.albertateamhandball.com

Community News!

Everyone Is Invited!
December 3rd - 6 to 9 PM

Main Street Park - Outside Event

No long line up!

Visit With Santa

Visits will be by # so families can enjoy other activities- Get Yours At the Registration table...

Go On A Horse Drawn Wagon Ride

Warm Up By The Fire

Enjoy Hot Chocolate

**LATE NIGHT
SHOPPING**

**LETTERS TO
SANTA**

Leave them with us to be answered!

*Santas Anonymous New
Unwrapped Toys Can
Also Be Dropped Off*

Community Partners

Lacombe & Area Family Resource Network

Kroozin West Bentley Museum

Bentley Farmers Market Bentley Fire Dept

Blindman Valley Lions Club

Town of Bentley Bentley Municipal Library

Family & Community Support Services

Bentley Ag Society

**If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Community Services
403.748.2160 Opportunity for decorating Santa's area, set up, take down, Santa Assistants**

Community News!

FCSS in Lacombe is in partnership with Bentley Community Services that has a number of resources for families to access including:

- New Coats for Kids
- Fill a Fridge
- Santa's Anonymous

More information and application forms can be found on their website at: www.lacombefcss.net or contact Barb Carson at community@townofbentley.ca.



New Coats for Kids

FCSS Family and Community Support Services
Lacombe & District

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE USED FOR PURCHASING NEW WINTER COATS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED IN LACOMBE, CLIVE, ALIX, BENTLEY, AND LACOMBE COUNTY.

Donate or apply online or in office www.lacombefcss.net

LACOMBE COUNTY



Lacombe & District
FCSS
Family and Community Support Services

**CHRISTMAS
FILL A FRIDGE**

Local grocery certificates are provided to enable qualifying families to purchase groceries for the holidays. Donations or applications can be submitted online or at one of these community partners: Lacombe & District FCSS, Alix and Area Resource Centre, Clive FCSS and Bentley Community Services.
www.lacombefcss.net
403-782-6637 #201 - 5102 49 Street Lacombe, AB
Charitable Tax Receipts will be provided.
Opens November 15, 2022



Donate



Kin Canada
Lacombe
Kinsmen Club

Santa's Anonymous

Apply online or at any of these partner agencies: Lacombe & District FCSS, Clive FCSS, Bentley Community Services & the Alix Resource Centre.

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