



"WEEK AT A GLANCE" Feb. 12-16

Monday, February 12

- ▶ Conference Sign up on Parent Portal
- ▶ Div. 6, 13 & 16 to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- ▶ Girls Basketball practice at lunch
- ▶ Boys basketball game at FVE

Tuesday, February 13

- PAC meeting 7pm
- Meeting at recess for Book Fest students
- Girls Basketball game at Kanaka
- Grade 8 registration opens at noon
- Boys basketball practice at 2:30

Wednesday, February 14

- ▶ Happy Valentine's Day
- ▶ Candy Grams delivered to classrooms
- ▶ Div. 3 Ninja Park
- ▶ Div. 9 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- ▶ Girls Basketball practice at lunch

Thursday, February 15

- ▶ Last day to order Fuel Hot Lunch: hot dogs
- ▶ Boys and girls basketball practice at lunch

Friday, February 16

- ▶ HHE Spirit Wear day or wear purple
- ▶ SPCA visiting Div. 21, 22, 23, 24
- ▶ Div. 15 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

VALENTINE'S DAY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

With Valentine's Day approaching please be reminded of the following:

Valentine Cards

Valentine card exchange is permitted.

Homemade Baked Goods

Schools must not allow homemade food items. Only individually prepared and packaged commercial items are acceptable.



Term 2 Student Led Virtual Conferences are on Thursday March 7 (early dismissal at 11:30) and Friday March 8 (no school for students)! Check the parent portal to book your conference!

Hallways in the Mornings

We have noticed an increase of students wandering the hallways in the mornings. If your child gets to school before the 8:25 bell, the expectation is they go to their outside line up to wait for their teacher by going around the outside of the building. They may also attend Breakfast Club which opens at 8:00. Please enter breakfast club through the music room's outside door.

We ask that you are considerate to the staff who are working in the mornings to get ready for their students and that entry into the hallways doesn't happen until the 8:25 bell ☺

February is Black History Month!

Featuring Oscar Peterson: A Black Canadian Hero



Oscar Peterson is considered one of the greatest jazz pianists of all time. Born in Montreal, he began studying classical piano as a child. When he was fourteen years old he won a national music competition organized by the CBC, and began working professionally as a pianist. He soon had his own radio show on Montreal's CKAC called *Fifteen Minutes Piano Rambling*.

By the age of 25, Peterson was respected all over the world for his incredible skill as a pianist. *Downbeat* magazine named him "Pianist of the Year" every year between 1950-1962, but Peterson faced a lot of discrimination and racism in his life. He and his manager once had to face down an armed policeman who tried to stop him getting into a "whites only" taxi cab. Peterson performed all over the world, and composed some famous music, including the *Canadiana Suite*, and the song *Hymn to Freedom*, which became an anthem in the civil rights movement. He became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1984, and won many awards, including a Governor General's Performing Arts award in 1992, the Glenn Gould Prize in 1993, a special Grammy award for lifetime achievement in 1997, and the UNESCO Music Prize in 2000.

Hymn to Freedom

Hymn to Freedom was Oscar Peterson's first major composition. Peterson was inspired by the hymns and spirituals from his childhood in Montreal. He wanted to write a simple, beautiful piece with an early-blues feeling. The words were added afterwards, and the song eventually became an important song in the civil rights movement:

'When every heart joins every heart and together yearns for liberty, That's when we'll be free.

When every hand joins every hand and together molds our destiny, That's when we'll be free.

Any hour any day, the time soon will come when men will live in dignity, That's when we'll be free, we will be

When every man joins in our song and together singing harmony, That's when we'll be free.'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCrrZ1NnCuM&feature=emb_title