



Kate Andrews High School

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



News from our Principal

December! Are you kidding me? I cannot believe we are that far into the year already. It seems like we just started the school year and we are already focused on the end of the semester.

It was great seeing a lot of you at our Fine Arts Night. It always amazes me how talented our youth are. It continues to be the motivation I need and also reaffirms the great job I see our students and staff doing on a daily basis. I hope to see all of you at our Christmas Concert in a couple of weeks. It has traditionally been such a great event.

Congratulations to all our volleyball teams for doing a great job of representing our school. I am also looking forward to seeing how our basketball and curling teams do in the coming months.

Although the holiday season is a time to relax and forget about school for a couple of weeks, it is also a time for students to catch their breath and catch up on some of the things they may have fallen behind on. It is only the blink of an eye and finals are upon us.

On behalf of the Kate Andrews' staff, I would like to wish all of you safe travels, lots of time with family and friends, and a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday season.





The Kate Andrews Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm in the gym. Please join us for an evening of interesting music for both the Jazz and Concert Bands. We will also be accepting Food Bank Donations at the concert.

We are happy to announce our November Student of the Month winners!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
THIS IS AWARDED TO
KAYSIA SCHALK

KAYSIA IS A REAL-LIFE SUPERHERO! SHE'S JUGGLING WORK EXPERIENCE, VOLUNTEERING FOR THE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM, AND HITTING THE BOOKS, BUT GUESS WHAT? SHE'S STILL A ROCKSTAR. SHE'S LIKE CLOCKWORK, ALWAYS ON TIME, RELIABLE, AND GETS THE JOB DONE WITHOUT NEEDING A BABYSITTER. PLUS, KAYSIA IS THE REAL DEAL WHEN IT COMES TO RESPECT AND ALWAYS MAKES SURE THINGS ARE TOP-NOTCH. KUDOS TO YOU, KAYSIA!





STUDENT OF THE MONTH
THIS IS AWARDED TO
SHAUN TKACHENKO

BY THE STARS ABOVE, HAVE YOU BORNE WITNESS TO SHAUN'S PERFORMANCE IN THE DRAMATIC ARTS? THE MIRTH HE CONJURES IS A FEAST FOR THE SENSES, AS IF HIS VERY ESSENCE IMBUED WITH AN ENCHANTING GLOW. HIS PASSION IS PALPABLE, ENOUGH TO SET ABLAZE THE EMBERS OF EVEN THE MOST LISTLESS SPIRIT. THE WONDER IN HIS PERFORMANCE IS UNPARALLELED, DESERVING OF A THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE THAT ECHOES BETWEEN THE REALMS.





STUDENT OF THE MONTH
THIS IS AWARDED TO
HAYDEN POETTCKER

HAYDEN IS A TOTAL SUPERSTAR STUDENT! HE'S ALWAYS ON THE BALL, NEVER TOO SHY TO ASK FOR HELP, AND EXTRA DILIGENT WHEN IT COMES TO KEEPING UP WITH HIS WORK. AND, WAIT FOR IT, HE'S ALSO A SUPER POLITE DUDE! HE ALWAYS TAKES A MOMENT TO THANK HIS TEACHERS BEFORE HE DASHES OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. WE'RE ALL ABOUT THAT GRATITUDE LIFE!





STUDENT OF THE MONTH
THIS IS AWARDED TO
BELLA BIRSS

BELLA IS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY IN MY ELA CLASS AND THE SCHOOL PLAY! SHE'S A POWERHOUSE OF CURIOSITY, ALWAYS DIVING INTO THE DEEP END WITH HER QUESTIONS AND INSIGHTS, AND HER LOVE FOR LITERATURE IS CONTAGIOUS. IT'S CLEAR SHE'S A STUDENT WHO'S ALWAYS HUNGRY TO LEARN AND GROW.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
THIS IS AWARDED TO
DALYN MILLER

MOVE OVER SUPERMAN, DALYN IS HERE! THIS YEAR HE'S BEEN WORKING LIKE A BOSS, PUTTING IN SWEAT AND TEARS TO CONQUER ALL HIS LEARNING CHALLENGES. HE IS A TRUE CHAMP, DETERMINED TO GIVE HIS BEST EVERY DAY, AND IS NEVER AFRAID TO GO THE EXTRA MILE. EVEN WHEN FACED WITH A SETBACK, HE IS QUICK TO DUST OFF HIS CAPS AND TRY AGAIN. HIS RESILIENCE IS PAYING OFF IN SPADES, WITH HIS GRADES SKYROCKETING LIKE A FIREWORK.





Every Year, at Christmas time, there are families in our community who need help to put groceries on their tables. Between **December 4th and December 20th** we will be collecting food for the Coaldale Food Bank. A collection box will be placed in each room and the class that brings in the most food will win a pizza party on Thursday, December 21st. Start raiding your parents' pantry now!



December 8th in the Gym



A Year to Remember

Get excited. Get inspired.
Get ready for grad pictures.

Prestige
Photography by Lifetouch

You only graduate once, your grad pictures matter.

As a part of the Lifetouch + Shutterfly family, Prestige Photography by Lifetouch is excited to help you celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Step 1
Review your photo session options here and select your favourite.

Step 2
Visit prestigeportraits.ca to schedule the session that is right for you.

Step 3
Come prepared! Be sure to bring multiple outfits and props to your session.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT:

High School: Kate Andrews High School
Portrait Sittings: 12.18.23 -12.20.23

Notes: Please come to your session 5 minutes prior to start time.

KAHS STUDENT COUNCIL DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Dec. 8 - Dress as Your Favourite Christmas Character & Pep Rally



Dec. 13 - Sign up for Gingerbread House Decorating!

Dec. 15 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day & Teacher Ugly Christmas Sweater Decorating (TAP)




Dec. 20 - Gingerbread House Decorating at lunch in the art room for those who signed up!



Dec. 22 - Pajama Day
Free Hot Chocolate Before School
Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest
Winner Announced!





The Diversity, Equity, and Human Rights (DEHR) committee is excited to embark on a project aimed at celebrating the rich cultural diversity within our staff and student community. We are inviting all members to contribute their cherished family recipes, as we strive to curate a meaningful and flavorful recipe book. These recipes should hold special cultural significance to you and your family, offering a glimpse into the culinary traditions that have shaped your heritage.

Once we've gathered an assortment of recipes, we plan to compile and publish a recipe book that will be available for purchase. We strongly encourage you to include accompanying pictures with your submissions, though this is entirely optional.

If you would like to participate, please fill out this Google Form. For more details please get in touch with the DEHR committee chair at suneet.kharey@pallisersd.ab.ca. Our target is to have this project completed and the recipe book available for purchase in time for the upcoming spring season. Your participation will contribute to a culturally diverse collection that we can all enjoy and appreciate.





- Tuesday, December 5 - [Geospatial Technician](#)
- Wednesday, December 6 - [Software Developer \(Databases\)](#)
- Additional sessions and registration links can be found on our website: careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions
- Over 65 recordings from past sessions are also available [here](#)

CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

GEOSPATIAL TECHNICIAN

DECEMBER 5, 2023
4:30pm

A Geospatial Technician, sometimes called a GIS Technician or Geomatics Technician, uses hardware, including drones, survey equipment, GPS, Lidar scanners, and then software to gather and create location-based datasets to store and integrate with other data in a Geographic Information System.

Data can be associated with agriculture, environment, hydrology, meteorology, economics, infrastructure, transportation, epidemiology, crime, etc. Analyzed data might solve problems, answer questions, test hypothesis and measure interrelationships, resulting in products such as maps, graphs, charts, and statistical reports, both in digital and paper form.

Join Tobi and alumni from Lethbridge College to find out more.

Register now for this FREE virtual session!
Once registered, you will receive an email with the link, plus additional information regarding the event.

Questions? Email office@careersteps.ca

CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER (DATABASES)

DECEMBER 6, 2023
4:00pm

The most familiar software are games or applications you install on your phone or PC, but software touches many industries, and many career opportunities exist building software used directly by businesses.

Modern software is typically written in 'layers'. Some Software Developers focus on the front end, or visual aspects of applications. Software Developers working on databases work exclusively on the lower layers which are less visual and often still command-line driven.

The software our host builds is used by other software developers who use a database to store data for very high traffic websites.

Join Morgan to find out more.

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ATHLETIC NEWS



Congratulations to our Senior Varsity boys on winning the 2A zone volleyball banner. They advanced to Provincials ranked 4th in the Province, competing in High River from November 22nd to 25th. They finished the year 6th in the Province and made Kate Andrews proud! Well done and congratulations on a successful season gentlemen.

BASKETBALL NEWS

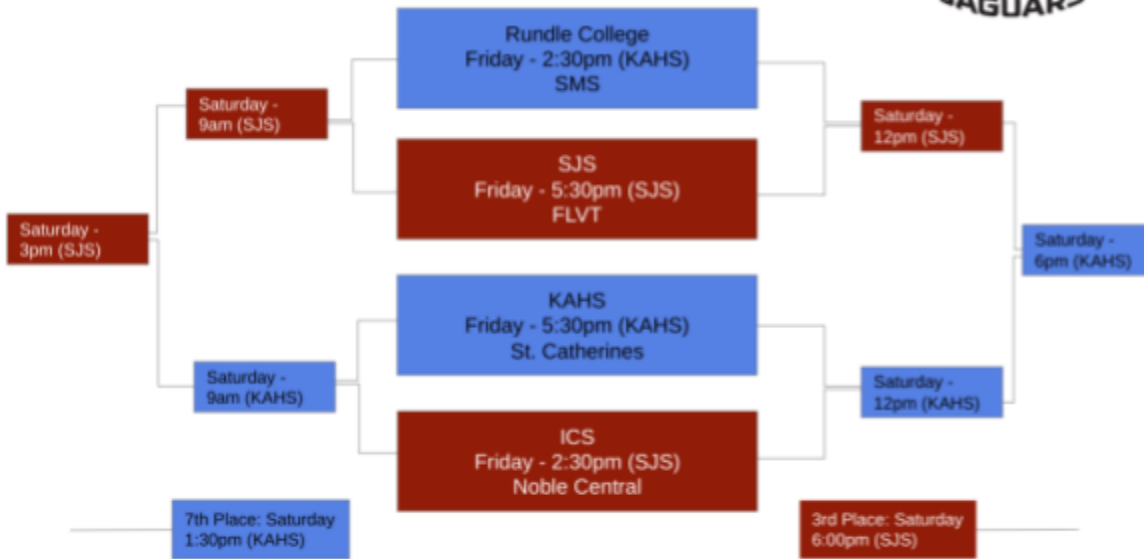
Basketball is well underway now with all teams created and games beginning as soon as November 29th. December is full of league play and two big tournaments hosted at Kate Andrews.

December 1st and 2nd is our Grade 9 Cat's Classic tournament hosted in conjunction with St. Joes. This 16 team boys and girls tournament will crown a winner Saturday with the finals hosted at KAHS at 4:30pm and 6pm.

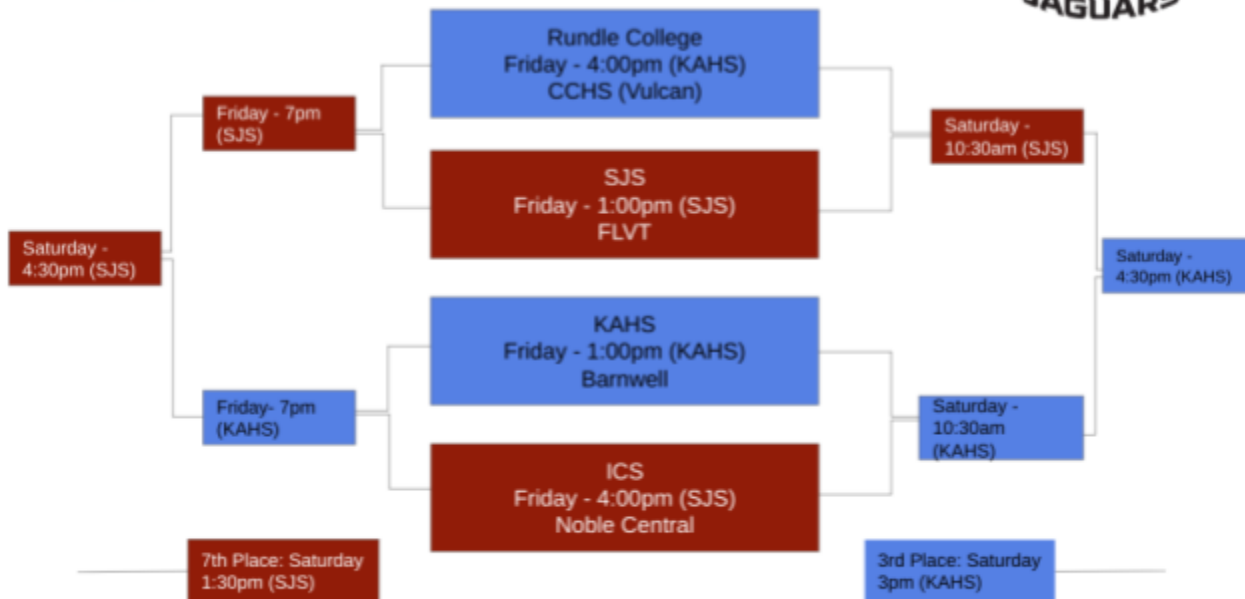
December 14th, 15th and 16th KAHS hosts our annual Christmas Festival. This is a 3 day basketball tournament for Senior Varsity competition. Games will be hosted at a variety of venues Thursday, and Friday. Thank you to RI Baker and Coaldale Christian for allowing us to use their facilities for this important tournament! Tournament champions will be crowned Saturday the 16th with the finals tipping off for the boys at 4pm and girls at 5:45pm.



Cats Classic **Boys** Basketball Tournament
December 1/2, 2023



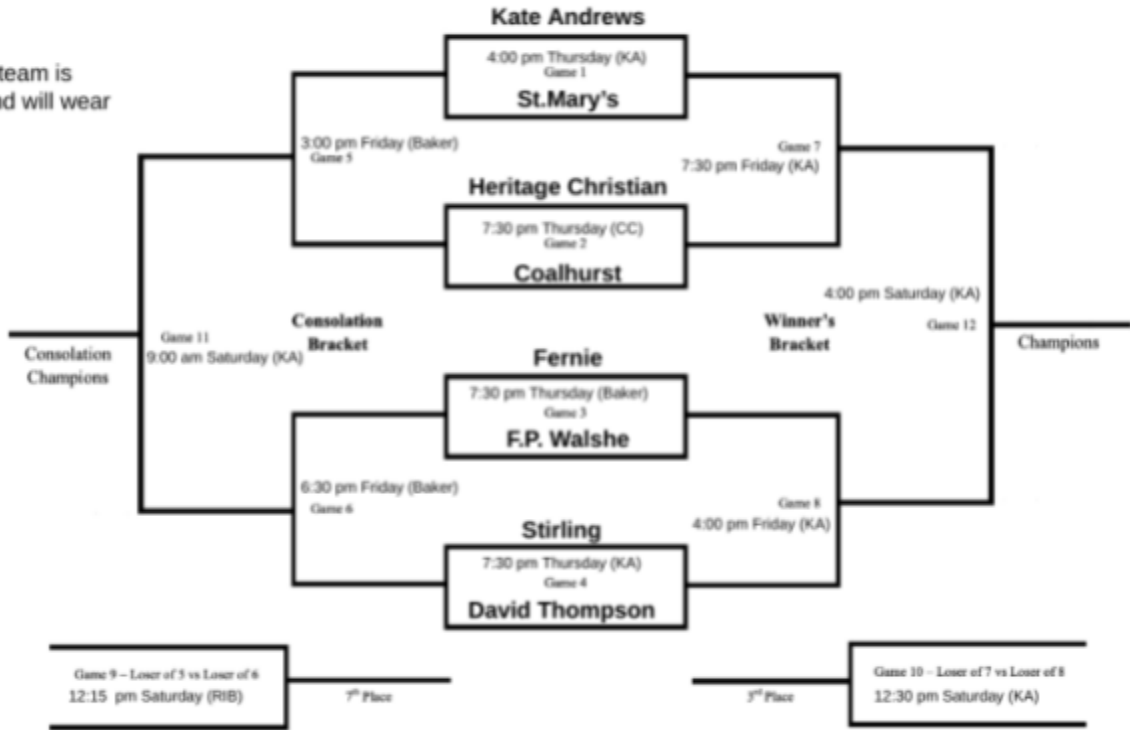
Cats Classic **Girls** Basketball Tournament
December 1/2 2023



KAHS Annual Christmas Festival

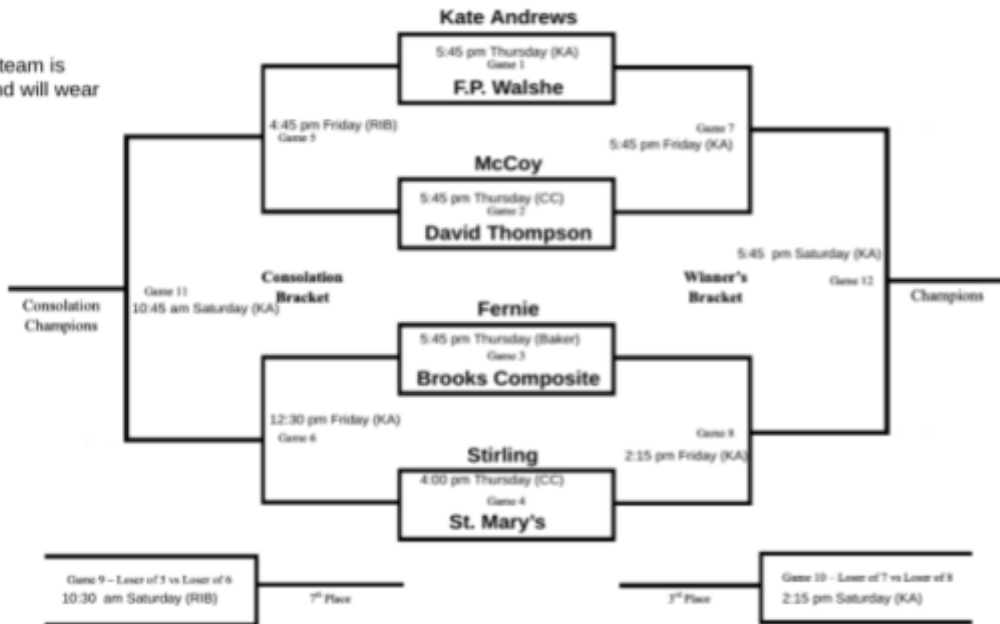
BOYS

The top team is home and will wear white.



GIRLS

The top team is home and will wear white.





DECEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO SCHOOL Site Base PD	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Dress as your Favorite Christmas Character	9
10	11	12 CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 7:00 p.m.	13 Deadline for Gingerbread House sign up	14	15 Ugly Sweater or Green/Red Day	16
17	18 Grade 12 Graduation Photos	19 Grade 12 Graduation Photos	20 Grade 12 Graduation Photos Gingerbread House Contest	21	22 Pajama Day Last day of Classes	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
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Coming up in January

January 8 - First day back after Christmas break

January 16 - Last day of Semester 1 Classes

January 17-30 - (no Classes: Exam Break - see Exam Schedule)

January 31 - First day of Semester 2 Classes