

McLurg Holiday Newsletter

WARM GREETINGS

As we head into the break, we want to extend warm wishes to our entire school community. This time of year is an opportunity to reflect on kindness, gratitude, and the strong sense of belonging we share. We are thankful for the care, effort, and positivity shown by our students, families, and staff each day. Most importantly, we wish our students a well-deserved break to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with those who matter most.

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Festive gatherings with students & staff

Sweet treats and warm cocoa

The joy of giving and sharing



YEAR IN REVIEW



This semester has been defined by busy classrooms, strong engagement, and a shared commitment to learning. Throughout the year, we have focused on empowering students to take ownership of their learning while providing meaningful opportunities that connect classroom learning to real-life experiences. Our staff have been intentional in designing assessments that are mindful, differentiated, and encourage high-level thinking. Alongside academic growth, students have contributed to a well-rounded school culture through extracurricular involvement and athletic success, while many continue to be recognized for living out the core values that make McLurg such a positive and supportive community.

LOOKING AHEAD

When we return, our focus will turn to final exams and finishing the year strong. Students will be encouraged to challenge themselves academically by applying what they have learned and making real-world connections across their courses. By staying focused, preparing thoughtfully, and embracing learning with purpose, we are confident our students will be well supported and set up for continued success.

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We Have!
a Winner!



Sr. Group

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Senior



Junior



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Charity in action was cancelled this month due to weather, but will resume again after the holidays.



More Locker Decorating Fun!



Christmas Hamper
You are a Winner
GRADE 3 & Grade 10

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Wrestling season is in full swing again! Last month we started wrestling practices and saw a few returning wrestlers as well as a few grade 7s come try out the sport. We have gone over the basics of wrestling, starting with stance, into some of the essential takedowns in



preparation for our first tournament this past Saturday in Saskatoon. Our wrestlers were excited to get back to wrestling and jumped right into their matches. Jeremy Gallant tried a lot of different moves in his matches which are going to serve him well in his future tournaments, but he ultimately lost his two matches. Ben Gallant had a slow start in his first match but came back and found his footing with some great moves ending the tournament with one win and two losses. Ashton Weber had the crowd watching him while he created great setups throughout each of his matches where he pulled out one win and two losses as well. Each wrestler took away some things they can improve on in practices and how to become better wrestlers in future matches. We look forward to what this next tournament brings. Keep up the great



work Broncs!
Coach Kent
and Coach
Loewen



HOME EC. 10



Home Ec. 10 is baking up a storm in the kitchen these past few weeks! They baked 12 dozen sugar cookies for the Christmas festivities before diving into their whole grains and appetizer units. They have made whole wheat pretzel bites with half dipped in cinnamon sugar and half in a cheese sauce where they learned they are not fans of whole wheat. This healthy grain was redeemed with some whole wheat cinnamon muffins with a streusel topping that turned out a lot better. This week, they helped cook a ton of mashed potatoes and tried their hands at carving some turkeys for the Christmas dinner. Keep up the culinary magic Home Ec. 10!

Miss Loewen

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Students & Staff
Would like to
Thank
&  
For their generous donations
which made our Christmas
dinner possible.*

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 <i>Back to School Minecraft Club Jr. Boys 3:30 Wrestling 5:00</i>	6 <i>Crochet Club Jr. Girls @ 7:00pm</i>	7 <i>Sr. Girls 7:00am D&D Club Yearbook meeting Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls HOST Unity Wrestling 5:00</i>	8 <i>Sr. Girls 7:00am</i>	9 <i>Minecraft Club Sr. Girls Home Tournament</i>	10 <i>Sr. Girls Home Tournament</i>
11	12 <i>Minecraft Club Jr. Boys 3:30 Wrestling 5:00</i>	13 <i>Crochet Club Jr. Girls @ 7:00pm Sr. Basketball @ Macklin</i>	14 <i>Early Dismissal Sr. Girls 7:00am D&D Club Yearbook meeting Jr. Boys 3:30 Wrestling 5:00</i>	15 <i>Sr. Girls 7:00am</i>	16 <i>Minecraft Club</i>	17 <i>Jr. Boys @ Biggar</i>
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
EXAM WEEK						<i>PD Day No School</i>
		<i>Jr. Girls @ 7:00pm</i>				

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Holiday Newsletter



This year, McLurg High School applied for and was chosen to participate in the Fins (Fish In Schools Program). The project was made possible with the gracious sponsorship of the Unity Wildlife Federation for all the supplies, and the Wilkie Wildlife Federation for the tank. Rainbow trout eggs will arrive in January, and we will begin the hatching and watching of 100 tiny fish as they grow. A special thank you goes to Mr. Myszczyzyn, Mr. Marek, Ms. L'Hoir and all the students who have assisted in making this project possible. Stay tuned for an update on the little minnows in the January newsletter!

**CLASSES RESUME
JANUARY 5, DAY 2
FINAL EXAMS
JANUARY 26-29**

Final Exam Schedule – January 2026

Date	Time	
Monday, January 26 th (Day 5)	9:00 AM	Workplace & Apprenticeship 10 ELA 20 Physics 30
	1:00 PM	ELA 9 Foundations 20 Workplace & Apprenticeship 20 Workplace & Apprenticeship 30
Tuesday, January 27 th (Day 6)	9:00 AM	Financial Literacy 10 History 30
	1:00 PM	Science 9 History 10 History 20 Precalculus 20 Precalculus 30
Wednesday, January 28 th (Day 1)	9:00 AM	Math 9 ELA A30
	1:00 PM	ELA 8 ELA 10 Health Science 20
Thursday, January 29 th (Day 2)	9:00 AM	Social 9 Chem 30

Students that have outstanding assignments must be present during unscheduled exam times to complete them and receive their Credit.

MADDEX IRWIN

Maddex is full of laughter and joy and sometimes, he makes mistakes. The best part about Maddex is that he is always quick to apologize and do his best to fix those mistakes. Maddex seems to have learnt that his mistakes are all part of the process towards learning. Maddex is quick to stand up for himself, for his friends, and asks others to stand up to what is not right as well. I love seeing how much Maddex has grown throughout the years as he becomes a strong young man with strong values and morals. Maddex does not shy away from being himself, making it clear to everyone how much he values who he is as a person. Sometimes, the things that Maddex says are out of left field, but he never apologizes for being the crazy kid that he is. Maddex, the classroom is so much more fun with you in it but thank you for being unapologetically you.

Mrs. Anderson



COURAGE

JENAYA POWELL

I am excited to recognize Jenaya this month! Jenaya demonstrates courage through her leadership in joining wrestling for her first time. She was very excited to join and stood out immediately during warmups as she cartwheeled her way down the mats. Her commitment and determination in practice has led to other grade seven's trying out wrestling as well. Throughout her volleyball season, she continuously took risks to try new skills and would listen to all advice and use it to help her improve. In the classroom, Jenaya asks questions only after she reads the instructions and tries to work through them. She is growing in her confidence both in the classroom and in sports and I look forward to seeing where this school year takes her. Keep up the great work, Jenaya!

Miss Loewen



COURAGE

MYLA HUBER

Over the past few months, Myla has stepped forward and shared her music with courage—being fully herself and owning what she does. As she sings or plays, she shows what it means to take responsibility, to learn and grow from mistakes, to keep commitments, and to forgive and let go. Not only has she grown as a musician, she has assisted one of her peers with one her project, as well as shared the music with those around her. Her voice brings joy to all those who hear it in the room, in the halls, down the hallway or in other rooms. It takes a lot of bravery and determination to do something out of regular routine. Myla shows that true courage isn't the absence of fear—it's choosing to rise above it. In sharing her music with others, Myla shares her heart, her growth, and her courage.

Ms. L'Hoir



COURAGE

SR. BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Courage for the McLurg Sr Boys Volleyball team meant showing up and giving everything they had, even when the pressure was high and the moments felt a little scary. It was staying locked in during tough games, performing the way they were trained when challenges hit, and pushing through the nerves instead of letting them win. Courage is what helped them keep fighting for that provincial title, even when they were frustrated, tired, or things weren't going their way. It was not about being fearless — it was about choosing to work hard and stay confident no matter what was in front of them. That's the attitude that makes champions.

Ms. Braun



COURAGE



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- * BEING YOURSELF AND OWNING WHAT YOU DO. SAYING SORRY
- * TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
- * KEEPING YOUR COMMITMENTS AND MAKING GOALS
- * GROW AND LEARN FROM MISTAKES. LET GO AND LEARN
- * THE ABILITY TO FACE FEAR, PAIN, DANGER AND INTIMIDATION
- * STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT, TRYING SOMETHING NEW AND ADMITTING WHEN WE ARE WRONG

DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE YOU AND STAND OUT IN A CROWD



KALEB CAMPLIN

Kaleb is the student that comes to mind when I think of courage. He is authentic and always stands up for what is right. I see him act as a leader and he shows others the right way to handle situations. I have witnessed him being thoughtful and caring to others when the majority of the class isn't. He is realistic and honest about his effort level or behaviors and will reflect on things that could have been done differently. He has many great qualities and his desire to be a great person shows often. Keep it up Kaleb.

Mrs. Myszczyzyn



COURAGE

CADENCE GAW-WINTER

Joining a new school is never easy—new faces, new routines, and a whole new environment can feel overwhelming. Yet from the moment Cadence walked through our doors, she approached this transition with remarkable grace, positivity, and a willingness to embrace every opportunity that came her way. It takes real courage to step into unfamiliar spaces, but Cadence has done so with confidence and heart. She has quickly become an active member of our school community, bravely putting herself out there by joining SLC and engaging fully in school life. Her leadership is already making a positive impact, and her enthusiasm is contagious. In the classroom, Cadence continues to show that same courageous spirit. She takes her academics seriously, challenges herself, and demonstrates a strong commitment to learning. Her determination to succeed—paired with her kind and open attitude—has set a wonderful example for her peers. Cadence, thank you for showing us what courage looks like in action. We are grateful to have you in our school and excited to see all the amazing things you will accomplish.

Mrs. Nett



COURAGE

IVAN PUGAL

Ivan embodies the definition of courage. His journey is a powerful example of courage, determination, and growth. Arriving in Canada only just over a year ago with limited English, Ivan bravely faced having to adapt to a completely different language and culture. Attending school everyday when you are unable to communicate effectively with those around you takes incredible courage. In the classroom, Ivan consistently demonstrates a strong willingness to learn, even when the tasks feel difficult or unfamiliar. He has a strong work ethic to complete his tasks on time, even when they take longer due to having to translate back and forth. Outside the classroom, Ivan continues to show bravery by joining extracurricular activities such as basketball and making friends, even when language remains a barrier. He attended the school ski trip last year even though he had never skied before. Although he was very unsure, he bravely tried anyway. His positive attitude and openness to learn will serve him well when it comes to achieving his goals. I am incredibly proud of all that Ivan has achieved in the past year and look forward to seeing where his goals and determination take him next.

Mrs. Kotzer



COURAGE

*May this
Christmas bring
you blessings
and beautiful
moments.*

*From the
McLurg Staff*

