



"November comes / And November goes,
With the last red berries / And the first white snows."
- Clyde Watson

MILES

Macdonell Admin Bulletin

Greetings from Administration

The midterm report card has been distributed on Wednesday, November 25th. We are at the half way mark of the first semester. Please note that if your son or daughter is planning to drop a course of studies, the closing date for the dropping of a semester one course is Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009. No grade 10 students are to drop any course at any time. Students are asked to speak with administration prior to the implementation of this process.

To view our individual teacher websites, I would invite you to follow this protocol: go to the Miles Macdonell Collegiate website and click login. The user name and password have been provided to your child by their classroom teachers. You will see a new Miles Macdonell Collegiate home page that will allow you to view the teachers' sites.

On the first, second and third of December, in our theatre, our Dramatic Arts Department will be presenting "Hollywood Arms". We hope to see a full house each night.

This past weekend saw the beginning of the Provincial Volleyball Finals. All of the

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L.O.T.E. NEWS National Ambassador

The National Ambassador Youth program brings together bilingual high school students from across Canada. This year Natalie K will be one of 2 Manitoba students chosen to represent our province at this national event. Natalie will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Halifax February 13-16 and will participate in educational programs, learn about diverse career paths and enjoy the company of other like-minded students and mentors who share a passion for language, learning and fun. What a combination! Plus all of it en français!

HOLLYWOOD ARMS

Miles Macdonell Collegiate students will be putting on their production of "Hollywood Arms" December 1-3. The shows start at 7:00pm and is only \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. This play was written by Carol Burnett and her daughter, Carrie Hamilton and tells the story of Burnett's life in both 1941 and 1951. The cast of characters includes a tough but hilarious grandmother; a beautiful but distant mother who is struggling to be a writer, only to drown her ambitions in the bottle; a young girl whose only escape is up on the roof of her apartment building; and a loving but absent and alcoholic father. Burnett called this play a "dramedy:" one that definitely makes for a lot of laughs but also has some quite serious moments. It is play that has also been described as "pure entertainment and pure theatre." We hope to see you there!

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be:

Tuesday, January 26th, 2010
Library
7:00 p.m.

All parents/guardians are welcome!

Miles Macdonell Collegiate teams will be participating. We congratulate our Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' teams for winning the KPAC Championships.

As we approach the end of classes in December, I want to remind our students that we have seven weeks remaining prior to the close of Semester 1 classes. Our grade 12 students will write their Provincial Standards Tests on the following dates:

Grade 12 Exam Dates:

January 5-8 - English
January 11-13 - Français
January 18-19- Applied Math
January 20 - Pre Calculus
January 21 - Consumer Math

The school exams will be scheduled from Friday, January 29th to Thursday, February 4th and the second semester will officially begin on Monday, February 8th, 2010.

The last day of classes prior to the two week Christmas break will be Friday, December 18th. We will have our five slots running from 8:25 am to 2:15 pm at which time our students will be dismissed for the holidays.

We wish our community a restful and peaceful holiday with many opportunities to share the joy of the season with family and friends.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I would invite you to contact your son/daughter's Teacher Advisor, the Vice-Principals or myself.

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Buckeye Athletics

It has been a successful start to the school year for the Buckeyes. Already this year our Miles Macdonell athletes have claimed four conference championships. The Junior Varsity Girls and Varsity Girls cross country running teams claimed KPAC championships and recently the Junior Varsity Boys and the Varsity Boys won the KPAC volleyball championships. As this is written the junior varsity volleyball teams are preparing for the Provincial Championships held November 20 & 21. The boys enter the championships ranked number one and girls ranked two.

The varsity volleyball teams also begin their quest for a Provincial Championship with the varsity girls in Brandon on November 20 and 21 for the regional play downs and the varsity boys, who receive a first round bye as a result of their #2 ranking, playing in the quarter-finals on November 20. The final four will be played with the girls on November 25 and the boys on November 26 at University of Manitoba. Good luck to all teams.

Curling has begun their competitive season at the East Saint Paul Curling Club. Games are played Mondays and Thursdays. Hockey is also well into their competitive season with early results promising for both the boys and girls teams. Football came to an end in the quarter finals this year. Several senior players will be moving on next year and will be missed at Miles Macdonell. We have enjoyed watching you play for the last three years. Best of luck in the future.

Basketball try-outs are well under way with the competitive season just a couple of weeks away. The Junior Varsity Girls team will host

the first tournament of the year at Miles Macdonell on December 11 & 12. League play begins on December 15.

For more information please see the Miles Macdonell web site. Click on "Athletics" to find a link to the conference (KPAC – Kilcona Peguis Athletic Conference) website as well as a gym schedule and announcements of upcoming events.

GRAD 2010 INFO

We are making excellent progress planning your 2010 Grad. Cirque de la Lune, MMC's first all night SAFE GRAD, will begin at the Fairmont Hotel with our traditional dinner and dance and then continue at a second location. Students are invited to join the Grad Committee anytime to help us plan this exciting event.

Help from parents will be critical to our success. Troy McLennan is looking for many parents to help on the parent committee which he has kindly agreed to chair. In particular, volunteers are needed to lead subcommittees such as transportation and phoning.

Please check out the Grad webpage on our school website for further details and contact information.

Fundraising is going extremely well, with orders for magazines and Mom's Pantry Products well above expectation. There are many more planned throughout the school year and with your continued support the cost to attend Grad can be reduced. In particular, we need parents to help with the Fashion Show.

Grads will receive more information at the next TA assembly planned for Tuesday December 8th.

Miles Macdonell Collegiate "E" Communication Request

Student Name	_____
Parent Name	_____
Parent E mail	_____
Guardian/Parent Name	_____
Guardian/Parent E mail	_____

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