

2025 DECEMBER EDITION

the
SILVER STAR News



Principal: Mrs. Taylor Secretary: Mrs. Skillnick Vice Principal: Mr. Nielsen

❄️ **Happy Holidays!** ❄️

Silver Star is the Best it Can BE!

As December has arrived, I want to share from the heart that I will be finishing my time here and moving into the next phase of my life, where I can spend some quality time with my children and travel with my husband.

This community has meant more to me than words can fully express. Each day spent with our students, families and staff has been a delight, and I am deeply grateful for the kindness, support and trust you have shown.

Transitions are never easy, but I leave with a full heart and tremendous pride in all we have accomplished together. Our school is a special place-warm, resilient, and full of promise and I know it will continue to flourish. **Please join me in congratulating Mr. Erik Nielsen as he takes on the role of principal. We would like to welcome Ms. Natasha Sengotta as our new VP.**

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives and your children's journeys. I will carry these memories with me always. Wishing each of you peace, joy and rest during this holiday season.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Jacqueline Taylor, Principal



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations will begin on January 15th, for students entering the school system for the 2026/2027 year. The Kindergarten program operates for the full day on every school day. Priority in attending Silver Star will be given to students living in the catchment area.

Important Information you need to bring:

A Birth Certificate and Care Card/BC Services Card. Two pieces of proof of residency: a utility bill or tax notice that clearly identifies the current address. See registration guide at <https://sd22.bc.ca/parents-students/student-registration-transfers/>

Montessori Registration open house Dec 11 from 3pm - 4 pm

Registration for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students wanting to start Montessori in September 2025 will open on January 15th. Please see the school and District website indicating Programs of Choice. We will be having an open house for those that are interested. A formal presentation will be on January 7th at 6 pm.

✧ **Happy New Year!** ✧

Basketball Season will be Underway!



Grade 6/7 girls and boys basketball games will start in the new year. Practice times will be determined once we have all the coaches. Games for boys on Wednesday and girls on Thursday.

A Concert to Brag About December 18th 10:15 and 1:00 pm

The Concert "Best Christmas, Never" is going to be over the top incredible. It was written and directed by Mrs. de Dood our Music teacher and Mr. Anderson our Librarian. We are very proud of our student leaders and all the students that will be involved. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Silver Star community. It is going to be a fabulous day for all to be proud.



Santa's Anonymous Bring to the Concert.

We are supporting our community of Vernon by collecting new toys, puzzles and games for those that are less fortunate.

Please bring in a donation of new toys for kids aged 12 and under to the music room any time or when you come to watch the Christmas concert. We are looking to fill our bucket by the end of the week.



Thank you for your kind donation.

Young Entrepreneur is "open for business"! Date: Wednesday, December 12th

**Time: 9:00 - 12:00 pm for Silver Star students
*1:00 - 2:00 pm for the public ***

Some of our grade 6/7 students have been participating in Young Entrepreneur, an educational program that helps students develop the tools needed to start their own businesses.

These enterprising young people are now ready to display their business plans and sell products they have developed. You are invited to attend their Young Entrepreneur Show. Come check out the inspiring business ideas and see these young entrepreneurs in action.

Please show your support by coming to the fair. You never know what you might find...

Prices range from .25 cents to 15 dollars

Next PAC Meeting

See you January 19th
in the Library at 6:00!
ZOOM only

Plant PAC Fundraisers

Please come and pick up your poinsettia Friday
December 5th 2:00 pm-5:00pm

Shop Late till 8 at Vernon Teach and Learn.

December 12 from 5 to 8 pm. All proceeds go to the school. Thank you.

Purdy's Chocolates - Grade 7 Fundraiser

Pickup: Friday, December 12, 2025 2:30 to 4:00pm

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NATURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring Nature in the Classroom for all of our Silver Star classes. Allan Brooks Nature Centre will come to our school to help our students learn about various topics. In this exciting program, an Allan Brooks Nature Centre host comes to visit classrooms to give a presentation focused on local wildlife and ecosystems, with engaging natural artifacts and activities.

Work it Out!

December 10th
1:10 to 2:30 in the Library

The Silver Star SBRT team invites all Kindergarten and Grade 1 parents or guardians to a presentation at Silver Star on December 10th. The presentation will introduce and go over the Work it Out program we use at Silver Star. This is a program for younger students that helps them understand the idea of self-regulation, teaches them language to use to describe their emotional state, introduces some calming techniques, shows how to recognize the size of the problems they may encounter and some strategies to problem solve more effectively. We hope you will be able to attend. Babysitting is provided.

Dogs on the Playground

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This is a district policy that allows for the safety of everyone.



Upcoming Events at Silver Star

December

05	Plant Fund-Raiser pick up
11	Montessori Open House 3-4pm
12	Purdy's Pick up
12	Entrepreneurs Fair grade 6/7
18	Christmas Concerts 10:15 & 1:00pm
19	December reports released
19	Last day before winter break

January

5th	School reopens
7th	Montessori Info Night 6:00 pm
15th	Student Registration K and Mont
19th	PAC meeting 6:00 on ZOOM
22nd	Family Literacy day
23rd	No School - Pro D Day
26th - 30th	Nature in the Classroom

Learning Update Reports are Coming Soon

These reports will be available for parents/guardians through MyEd Friday, December 19th.