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Proud to learn together within the Traditional Territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

From the Principal's Desk:

What a semester it's been! Yukon volleyball champions are in the house, National Waterloo Math Contestants roam our halls, and students have returned from harvest camp, hide camp, Dawson City, Edmonton and Haida Gwaii! This month is packed with Celebrations of Learning, through Winter Eve's Concerts, our Indigenous Film Festival and Silent Auction, and culminating assessments! The Jamie Shaw Memorial Tournament will be packed with great basketball by 10 participating teams; and holiday excitement is in the air!

With 17 days of classes until final exams, the final push is on for student learning this semester. Informal updates / progress reports went to all families of students in semestered classes recently; please follow up with your student(s) and connect with teachers if you have questions or concerns.

Exams start 4 days after we return from the holidays, with Provincial Assessments also occurring during the exam period for grade 10 and grade 12 students.

As we strive to develop the excellence that is within our youth – Excellence of Character, Excellence in Academics, Excellence in Culture and Excellence in Sport – we thank you for your partnership, and welcome your questions and suggestions. Every day we strive to make FH the best place to learn and to work – for all. We hope you see those efforts reflected in our newsletter!

Ruth Burridge



FHC students stand together with YFN leaders and elders at the Healing Totem as part of Orange Shirt Day – 'Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow'

Below, students gather prior to the Orange Shirt Day March



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Exciting Events!

(see inside this newsletter for more information)

- Dec 5th Indigenous Academy Film Night
- Dec 7th – 9th Jamie Shaw Memorial BBall Tournament
- Dec 11th & 12th Winter's Eve Concerts
- Dec 18th & 19th FHC Holiday Play
- Dec 19th All FHC Grade 8's to Canada Games Centre
- Dec 20th p.m. Toy Bingo! All students are encouraged to attend this free event: prizes and fun guaranteed.

F.H COLLINS PRESENTS

**HOOPS FOR
JAMIE**



December 6th, 7th and 8th

Pancake breakfast on the Friday!



All profits will go to Jamie Shaw Memorial
Foundation
For more info visit: <http://fhcphysed.weebly.com/>

FREE OR BY DONATION!!

Important Dates

- Wed. December 6 PLC Day
- Wed. Dec 20 Last school day of 2023!
- Mon. Jan 8 First school day of 2024!
- Fri. Jan 12 – Thur. Jan 18**
→ FINAL EXAM & PROJECTS WEEK
- Jan. 15th – 18th BC Provincial Assessments**
- Friday, Jan 19 No School PD Day
- Monday, Jan 22 First Day Semester Two
- Wed. Jan 31 PLC Day
- Thursday, Feb 1
→ Course Selection Information for students and caregivers. Night Room 218
- Wed. Feb 14 PLC Day
- Monday Feb 19 – Feb 29 Course selection for 2023/24
- THREE WAY CONFERENCES**
→ Wed. Feb 21 5:30 – 8:30
→ Thu. Feb 22 4 – 6:30
- Fri. Feb 23 – No School Heritage Day
- Wed. Feb 28 PLC day
- Mon. March 11 – Fri. March 22 – Spring Break!
- Mon. March 25 Classes Resume
- Wed. March 27 PLC Day
- Fri. March 29 No School Good Friday
- Mon. April 1 No School Easter Monday
- Friday, April 5 Last Day Term 3

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Upcoming Film Night and Silent Auction - December 5, 2023 • Admission by donation

The Indigenous Academy program will be hosting a film night and silent auction on December 5th at the Beringia Centre to showcase a series of Indigenous films (including sharing our own). **Doors will be open at 5:30pm** and the silent auction last call will be at 8:00pm. We have received some incredible donations for our silent auction including handmade items, an Air North gift certificate and Arcteryx jacket. We will also have the honour of hearing from some of our Indigenous community leaders who were part of the films. All money raised will be split between the Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council and our program. This is shaping up to be an exciting night – **all are welcome!** *See attached 'Film Night Poster'*



Indigenous Academy students scape hides

Jamie Shaw Basketball Tournament December 7 – 9, 2023

Hey Warriors, The Jamie Shaw Memorial basketball tournament is coming up this week!

In 2018, F.H. Collins Vice Principal Jamie Shaw passed away from cancer. His death largely impacted the school and community. Jamie connected with many staff, students and community members as he dedicated an endless number of hours to events at the school and community. One of his passions was basketball. He motivated his athletes and provided them with support as well as experiences so that they could continue to reach their full potential. He is greatly missed by all. This event helps to raise money towards the Jamie Shaw memorial foundation which provides financial support for athlete and coaching development in the Yukon.

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Here are some important dates to remember: We will start selling our merchandise on Monday. Hoodies will be 50\$ and T-shirts 25\$. There will be a merch booth set up throughout the tournament. On Wednesday we will be having our alumni vs senior game. If you are an FHC alumni feel free to come out, girls at 5:30 and boys at 7:30. If you are interested in playing, please feel free to reach out to nathan.bingham@yesnet.yk.ca. The official tournament begins Thursday at 10am and games will run from then to finals on Saturday, girls at 4 and boys at 6.

We will also be hosting a by-donation pancake breakfast on Friday from 6:45-9am, all funds go towards the Jamie Shaw Foundation.

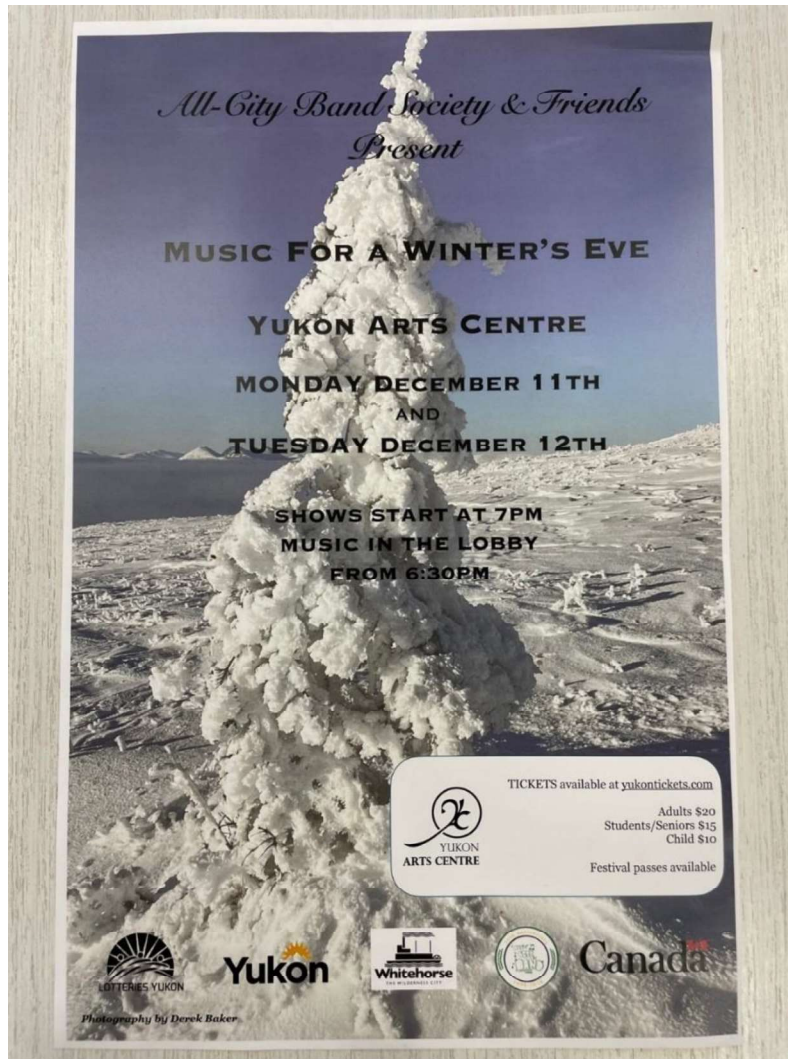
Schedule – All Games at FHC

Wednesday Dec 6	All Games at FHC
5:30 pm	Alumni vs FH Girls
7:30 pm	Alumni vs FH Boys
Thursday Dec 7	
10:00 am	SF vs PC Girls
12:00 pm	1) FHC vs SF 2 Boys
1:30 pm	FHC vs SF Girls
3:00 pm	2) PC vs SF 1 Boys
4:30 pm	3) Skag vs W1 Boys
6:00 pm	Haines vs SF Girls
7:30 pm	4) Haines vs W2
Friday Dec 8	
9:00 am	FHC vs Haines Girls
Lunch 11:45 pm	PEP Rally
12:00 pm	PC vs FHC Girls
1:30 pm	5) L2 vs L3
3:00 pm	Haines vs PC Girls
4:30 pm	6) L1 vs L4
6:00 pm	7) W3 vs W4
7:30 pm	2nd vs 3rd Girls
Saturday Dec 9	
8:00 am	8) W5 vs W6
9:30 am	1st vs 4th Girls
12:30 am	9) W8 vs L7
2:00 pm	Girls Bronze
4:00 pm	Girls Final
6:00 pm	10) W7 vs <u>W9 Boys Final</u>

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Music for a Winter's Eve Concerts



Tickets are on sale for our Music for a Winter's Eve Concerts at the Yukon Arts Centre on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December!

Shows start at 7pm with music in the lobby between 6:30pm and 6:50pm. Each night will be a different concert program with FH Collins Grade 8s playing on Monday 11th and PCSS Grade 8s playing on Tuesday 12th December. We will also be joined on stage by musicians from St. Francis of Assisi Rock Bands (first set) and on both nights their rock bands will be playing in the lobby (from 6:30pm onwards and after the show).

Tickets are: \$20 (adults); \$15 (students/seniors); & \$10 (children under 12). You can also purchase festival passes (for both nights) for \$35 (adults); \$25 (students/seniors); & \$15 (children under 12) by calling the box office. **For more information and tickets go to yukontickets.com**

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The Annual F. H. Collins Holiday Play Has Returned!
~A Very Shakespearean Holiday Tale~



“A Very Shakespearean Holiday Tale” is an original play written by our own Mr. Matthew Brown and directed by Mr. Brown and Ms. Kelly-McNally. It will be performed in our school’s atrium by a cast made up of FHC students from grades 8 to 12, returning students, and FHC staff members. There will be four performances - two day shows for specific classes and **two evening shows open to the public**. Performances are scheduled for:

Monday, December 18th: Evening Show: 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm) \$8 per person

Tuesday, December 19th: Evening Show: 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm) \$8 per person

Come to enjoy and support our talented, theatrical F. H. Collins students and staff in our memorable, magical, mercurial “Shakespearean Holiday Tale!”

FHC Grade 8’s Field Trip to CGC

Caregivers will receive a field trip consent form week of December 11th, with info as per below, to sign. **Please return signed form and \$10** to Period One teacher. No form? Please advise your student to ask their teacher for another one or print and return attached, ‘Grade 8’s to CGC Field Trip....’

All grade 8's will take the school bus to and from the Canada Games Centre (depart FHC 9:00 a.m., back at FHC 3:00 p.m.). Students will participate in a variety of games organized by Mr. Feht's senior Sport School students. **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!**

What to bring: running shoes, skates & helmet and a hockey stick. Skates & helmets can be rented, but please if you have them, bring them!

I can't promise hockey will occur, but if the opportunity arises, we want to be ready! Please remember skates must be in a bag or blades covered to transport on the school bus. Hockey sticks are NOT allowed on the school bus...parents should make alternate arrangements to get the sticks to school and FHC will transport them to Canada Games Centre. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact michael.toews@yukon.ca

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TOY BINGO!!!! An annual tradition here at FHC that starts about 1:00 p.m - students are strongly encouraged to attend. The event is exactly as named...students play bingo with an opportunity to win fantastic prizes, including toys. It is an absolutely free event where students have fun and enjoy each other's company prior to the holiday break.

Grad Class of 2024

Hoodies and Crewnecks are available for sale until December 18th! Hoodies are \$55 and crewnecks are \$45. Order forms are available on the grad board and money will be collected on the 15th and 18th at lunch in the atrium.

The FH Collins Graduating class of 2024 is organizing a **bottle drive** to help fund our graduation! Save the trip to the recycling centre and donate your bottles and cans. We will pick up the bottles and cans from your house on January 4th, 2024.



CLASS OF 2024

JOIN IN

2024 FH COLLINS SUBSTANCE-FREE
GRADUATION SOCIETY UPDATE

Grads and Grad Parents!

We would like to extend an invitation for you to join, big or small in any way. If you just want to be on the email list and get communication that's great or if you want to be a part of fundraising, decorating or helping at Prom please check out our website or reach out via email.

website:
<https://bit.ly/47xD0z4>

email:
fhcgrad2024@gmail.com



Keep up to date with grad 2024 activities: <https://sites.google.com/view/fhcgrad2024/>

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Counsellor's Corner

Thursday, Feb 1 Course Selection Information Night for students and caregivers. 6:30 p.m. in room 218

Monday Feb 19 – Feb 29 Course selection for 2023/24 will occur for students during class time.

The Schulich Leader Scholarships are prestigious entrance scholarships awarded to high school graduates enrolling in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) programs at our 20 Canadian Partner Universities. FH Collins can put forward one Schulich Leader Nominee to be considered for these scholarships. If you are graduating this June and pursuing one of these areas, please see a counsellor for more information on how to put your name forward to be considered as the nominee for FH Collins. For more information on the Schulich Leader Scholarships and the process, please visit schulichleaders.com

PE Department Update

Celebrating the conclusion of a successful Volleyball Season, we are thrilled to announce that five out of six FHC teams made it to the finals, securing three well-deserved Yukon Championship Banners! The dedication and hard work of our athletes truly shone through. As we bid farewell to volleyball, we eagerly welcome the start of the basketball season. Practices are in full swing.

Excitement fills the air as we gear up for the 4th Annual Jamie Shaw Memorial Basketball Tournament. Kicking off with Alumni Games December 6, the tournament promises thrilling competition from local teams and those travelling from Skagway and Haines.

Simultaneously, athletes diligently prepare for the upcoming Arctics competition while Rugby continues to thrive.

As we embrace the spirit of physical activity and good health remember, although some people may have reservations about organ transplants it is usually only until they have a change of heart :)

Until next time, keep fit, and have fun!



Thank you to CYFN for their generous donation of period products to help us on our journey to ending period poverty. The school is now very well stocked with all classrooms, offices and bathrooms having free period products available.

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Clubs, Extra-Curricular Activities & Opportunities

Student Council is busy! We meet on Tuesdays at lunch in room 211. All students are welcome! FHC Student Council supports both school spirit and student advocacy. Contact scott.kerby@yesnet.yk.ca or annie.broadhurst@yesnet.yk.ca

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) meets in the Rainbow Room 226 over lunch on THURSDAYS. All 2SLGBTQ+ students and allies are welcome. Thank you to Audrey and Kate for speaking with Yukon News about the school's GSA room, and to the Workplace Sexual Harassment Clinic for a great lunch hour presentation with pizza! Students have been working hard to make the space feel like their own with the addition of decorative rhinestones and a disco ball. Also, big thank you to Mr. James for the musical instruments and couch! The group is planning a visit to Queer Yukon's "The Cache" to learn more about supports and the 2SLGBTQ+ community outside of the school. Club contacts: katelyn.clark@yesnet.yk.ca or annie.pellicano@yesnet.yk.ca

Chess Club meets every Thursday at lunch in Room 119 Contact sean.mulhearn@yesnet.yk.ca

The Writing Club meets every Monday at 11:45am in room 204. This is a chance for writers (of any genre or style) to get together to share their stories, poems, screen plays, graphic novels, English essays...anything at all! If you are a bit shy about sharing, you are always invited to listen.

We are working toward the Young Authors Conference which will be held in the first week of May at FHC. Professional writers spend two days with students from across the Yukon, mentoring, offering feedback and challenging participants to raise their writing game to the next level.

So if you've got a story brewing in brain or a poem bursting from your heart, come join us for lunch. Everyone is welcome. Contact Clare.McDowell@yesnet.yk.ca or Mr. Brown for more information.



Houseplants! Always room for one more, big or small, at FHCt! Please contact Michael.toews@yukon.ca or drop at the main office, anytime. Many thanks!

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Social Justice Club meets every Wed. over the lunch hour room 203. Contact meera.sarin@yesnet.yk.ca or Jennifer.bonny@yesnet.yk.ca For any student not yet involved in the Club, now is a great time to start!



F.H. Collins is proud as the Social Justice Club recently participated in the annual 24-hour famine. Our brave students went without food for 24 hours in support of various causes. We were honoured to have a visit from Morgan Wienberg and to get an update on Haiti and Little Footprints Big Steps (LFBS). This year money will be donated to LFBS and Doctors Without Borders. Students are holding an additional fundraiser to donate much needed items to local shelters.

For Your Information

Math tutoring is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school from 3:15 to 4:30 with our dedicated EA staff. They can support math 8-10 and Foundations 11. On PLC Wednesdays tutoring will be available from 1-3pm with Marie Daniels a former Calculus math teacher. Marie can support all levels of math in both French and English. We also have a senior student tutoring junior math at this time for additional support. All tutoring sessions take place in the school library.

Wood Street Centre a Virtual Open House on Monday, December 4th for rural students and those who are unable to make it in person on November 29th. The Zoom link and time will be sent closer to Mon, Dec. 4th. Students can visit the Programs page: <http://woodstreetcentre.yukonschools.ca/programs.html> and do some exploring before attending the Open House. *Program Applications are due on Monday, January 29th*

- applications can be emailed to: applications-WSC@yukon.ca
- or mailed to: 411 Wood Street – Whitehorse, YT – Y1A 2E9
- or hand delivered to: 411 Wood Street – Whitehorse, YT

Timeline:	December 4 th	Virtual Open House
	January 29 th	Applications Due
	February 14 th	Interviews complete
	February 21 st	Program offer letters out (email) à after 5:00 pm
	February 26 th	Students must accept, or decline offer by
	March 4 th	Information out to schools – WSC programs for 2024 – 202

BC Provincial Assessments - January Schedule

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Numeracy 10 (EN/FR) - Monday, January 15th 8:40-11:40

All students currently enrolled in a Math 10 course.

Please refer to the link below for information on the assessment and access to practice assessments.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année Français langue seconde-immersion

Tuesday, January 16th 8:40-11:40 Written component

Monday, January 15th and Friday, January 18th Oral Evaluation

Students must also sign up to do the oral evaluation. Each evaluation takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The sign up will be available in the main office.

All grade 12 students enrolled in Français Langue 12 this year; this includes students enrolled in the second semester.

Please refer to the link below for information on the assessment and access to practice assessments.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/fr/provincial/evaluation-de-litteratie-francais-langue-seconde-immersion-12>

Literacy 10 Thursday, January 18th 8:40- 11:40

All students currently enrolled in English 10.

Please refer to the link below for information on the assessment and access to practice assessments.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Literacy 12 Thursday, January 18th 12pm-3pm

Any grade 12 student that has not yet written the Literacy 12 assessment or who wishes to rewrite the session. If you are unsure whether or not you should write please contact your school guidance counsellor.

Please refer to the link below for information on the assessment and access to practice assessments.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

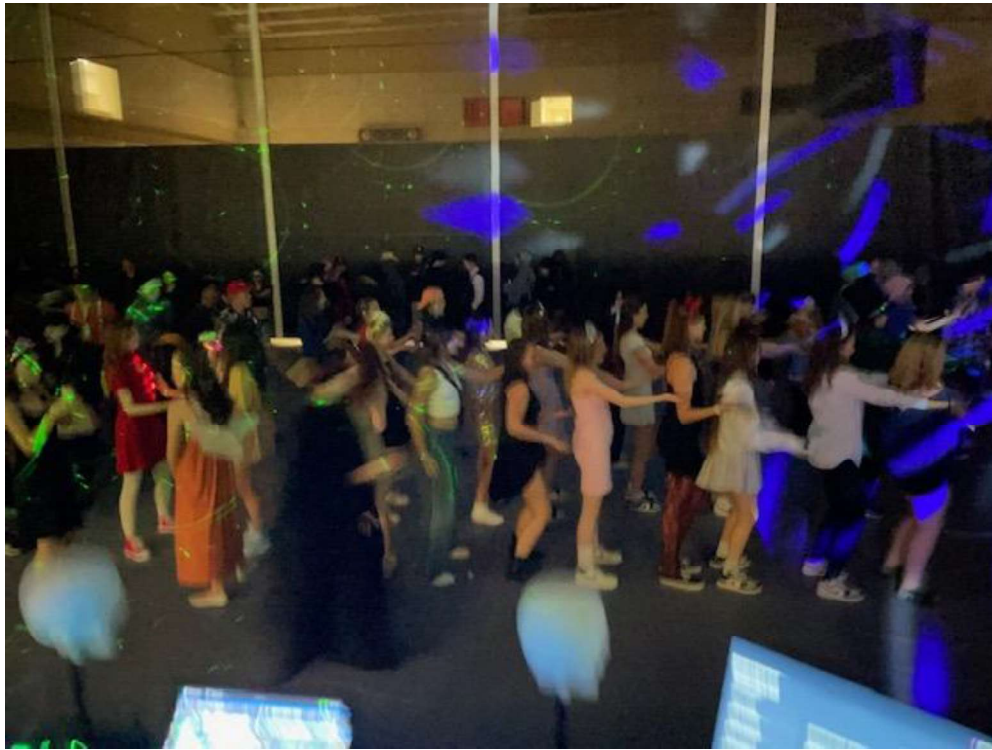
Warriors in Action!



Grade 8 Girls Yukon Champions! Warrior Pride!

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The Macarena still packs a dancefloor...I hadn't seen such a great dance in decades. Thanks Mr. Kerby and the FHC Student Council for their hard work putting on the Halloween Dance!



The Social Justice Club volunteered at Whitehorse Connects this Fall and provided food and smiles to folks in need.

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FH Collins' Junior Volleyball Triumph: Double Glory as 9-10 Warriors Secure Two Yukon Championship Banners!

FH Collins' 9-10 Warriors left an indelible mark on the Yukon Championship, dazzling fans with a stellar performance that earned them not one but two Championship Banners. Guided by the strategic brilliance of Coach Jeremy Staveley and Assistant Coach Liam Milford, the Jr Boys faced fierce competition, most notably the formidable St Francis team. Despite a setback in the form of an ankle injury sidelining key player Andrzej Benson, the team's resilience, fueled by the precision passing of Jaxson Long and Ezra Quaile, and the savvy play of Maze Clemente, led to a jaw-dropping upset. In a thrilling final showdown, Benson's triumphant return propelled the Warriors to victory over Mercier, sealing the Championship Banner!

The FH Collins Jr Girls, under the astute leadership of McCarron and Hinchey, executed a winning formula that culminated in the conquest of the Championship Banner. With invaluable advice from Tonya, the team navigated through challenging matchups, including a riveting rematch against St Francis 1 in the final Captains Leah Hinchey and Sabbine Kelsey showcased exceptional skills, playing pivotal roles in a commanding 25-13, 25-13 victory. The team's unwavering energy and contributions, both on and off the court, underscored their collective determination and seamless teamwork.

FH Collins' dominance reverberated beyond the Jr divisions, with the Warriors now claiming banners in three out of four divisions, and the Sr teams eagerly awaiting their turn on the court. The level of volleyball play in the Yukon continues to improve, which is a testament to the unwavering dedication of the players, educated coaches, and the steadfast support from officials (like Peter Grundmannis, and Gary Sealy), volunteer club coaches (who extend the training year-round), parents, and the roaring fans. Heartfelt congratulations to all involved for orchestrating a resounding success at the Yukon Championships, creating memories that will be cherished for years to come.



Grade 9/10 Volleyball men's and women's champions! Warrior Pride!

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Mr. Feht's Sport School class instructs students from Mercier (and Mr. Desrochers as well) how to squat and Olympic lift.



Go Go Mario...

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Grade 10 Science students conduct experiments



And still lots of good old-fashioned reading, writing and arithmetic happening at FHC!

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Friendly Reminders

Contacting FHC

Administration and counsellors can be reached by email: firstname.lastname@yukon.ca

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Stephanie.main@yukon.ca

VP Grade 11&12

Shaun.Mclaughlin@yukon.ca

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To contact any teacher: firstname.lastname@yesnet.yk.ca

For example: scott.kerby@yesnet.yk.ca or Marie-Claude.Normand@yesnet.yk.ca

When in *doubt* or for attendance: fhc@yukon.ca or phone 667 8665

Automated Notifications Automated notifications will be sent out to caregivers if a student has an unexcused absence. For period 1 the notifications is sent out at approximately 10 a.m. while for periods 2, 3 and 4 the notification is sent out at approximately 3:30. If you receive an automated notification and your student should be recorded as excused please immediately call 667 8665 or email fhc@yukon.ca

PLC Wednesdays The gym and library remain open and supervised for students, and students may also study quietly or do homework in some classrooms. In addition, KDFN is offering cultural drop-in time for any and all interested students. This month? Hand-games! Some students also participate in extra-curricular community activities during this time.

Why do my students finish early on PLC Wednesdays? (often called early dismissal by students). Every other Wednesday, classes finish at 1:00 and our lunch period occurs until 1:45. From 1:45 – 3:10 our teachers gather in small teams of Professional Learning Communities, where they study and investigate ways to improve student learning for the actual students we have now. High-yield instructional strategies, types of common assessments, and areas of common concern are studied by our staff, with the goal of improving student learning. This is very different from the PD on PD days. The Yukon Education Act mandates 950 hours of instruction each year and we have organized our school day so that we meet this criteria.

PERSEVERANCE

INTEGRITY

COMPASSIONS

SELF-AWARENESS

WARRIOR PRIDE, ALWAYS!

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!!SAVE YOUR BOTTLES!!

The FH Collins graduating class of 2024 is organizing a bottle drive to help fund our prom and graduation!



Save the trip to the recycling centre and donate your bottles and cans.

We will pick up the bottles up from your house on January 4th, 2024.

More information to follow on as the date approaches