



# January 2024 Newsletter



## Principal's Message ...

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you had a restful and relaxing holiday with friends and family. January tends to be one of the coldest months, so please remind students to bundle up! Thanks to the generosity of past and present students, staff and community members, we have lots of extra mitts, hats and coats. There are also shoes and boots in a variety of sizes that can be lent out for the day, or longer if necessary. This month at school we will be continuing our Dare to Care program where the focus will be on Cyberbullying.

Have a wonderful start to 2024!

*Kelly Merrifield*

## Upcoming Dates

Jan 8 .....Return from Winter Break  
Jan 10 .....SCC Meeting @ Proton 6:30  
Jan. 31 .....Boys Volleyball team travels to East Ridge in Owen Sound  
Feb 2 .....PD day - no school for student  
Feb 19 .....Family Day  
Feb 26 .....Term 1 Report Cards go home!

**THANK YOU HIGHPOINT ...** Heartfelt thanks to students, parents and staff for the amazing generosity over the past month. We collected over 1600 items for the local food bank. Staff participated in the Christmas Cheer campaign giving back to local children in need. The Scholastic Book Fair netted us over \$3000 that will enable us to purchase quality books for classrooms and the library!



A big thank you to Tim Horton's and our community! The smile cookie campaign raised \$5867 for our Highpoint School Nutrition Program!

## Important Bus and Drop off Reminders

It is very hectic here in the mornings. Here are some important tips to make drop-off and pick-up go smoothly.



- Highpoint has a one-way parking lot. Do not do a U-turn as this puts our students and bus drivers at risk.
- Watch your speed as you go through the parking lot. There are staff members in orange vests helping direct traffic to help ensure safe loading and unloading.
- There are many high school students waiting to load in addition to the Highpoint students crossing the parking lot.

**School starts promptly at 8:50.**

**Students arriving late cause disruption in learning for all. Please be considerate and arrive before 8:50.**

Dismissal is one of the busiest times of the day. If a student is not going to ride their assigned bus, let us know with a note or a phone call by 2:30.

**Thank you for your assistance!**



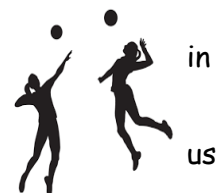
## Sports

Our Volleyball teams did very well this year!

The boys' tournament earned our students a first place and a championship banner to hang in the gym

The girls' team represented us well in their tournament- their hard work with morning practices was evident in all their close matches.

Up next ... basketball!



## On-line Highpoint Clothing Orders

If you are interested in purchasing Highpoint clothing, you can go online at anytime and make an order. Represent the Wolfpack by wearing a hoodie or a t-shirt!

## HIGHPOINT APPAREL ORDERING

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to [Dunwood.ca](http://Dunwood.ca)
2. Click on online stores
3. Click on Highpoint Community School

