



## Principal's Corner

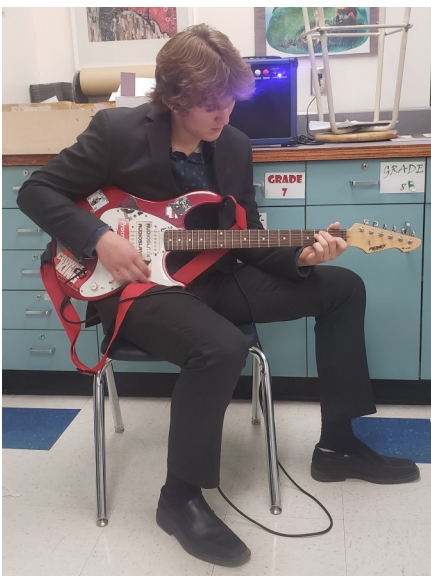
It is hard to believe that we are already headed into the month of December. I first want to congratulate all of our extracurricular teams on a job well done in the month of November. The football team ended their season by defeating Vegreville in the league Tier 2 final. As for volleyball, our senior high girls volleyball team competed at Zones in Cold Lake and the senior high boys attended the provincial tournament in Cold Lake. While the girls were competitive, they did not advance to the provincial tournament. The boys did very well at the provincial tournament, losing

out in the bronze medal game but taking their opponent to a third set. Also, a big thanks to our Yearbook committee as the 20-21 Yearbook has arrived.

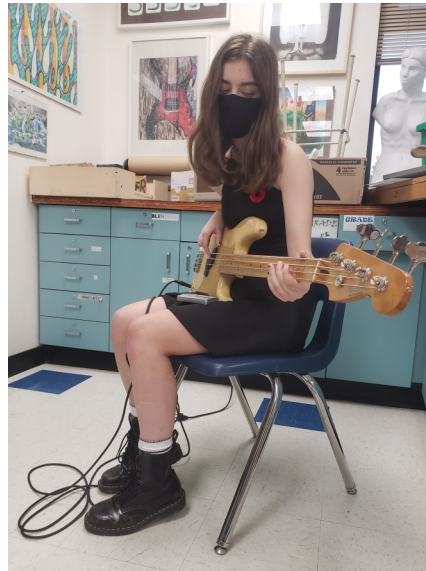
Going back to the football game, the final game was a night game played about 3 days after we had the blizzard. I want to thank Mr. Dary, Mr. Herzog, Mr. Corbiere and Mr. Sargeant and all of the rest of the volunteers for all their hard work in clearing the field and getting light plants set up for the home game against Vegreville.

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## Around the School



Skylar Dary and Hannah McCag herty practice guitar



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**Canada**  
<https://ca.portal.gs/>  
Mental Health and  
Substance Use Support

**Website:**  
[jrrobson.btps.ca](http://jrrobson.btps.ca)  
**School Calendar**  
<http://jrrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php>  
**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>  
**App**  
<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



## Principal's Corner Continued

In this newsletter you will see I have included a letter from the Education Minister that was sent to school authorities. I was asked to share this out of possible interest to parents. On November 25-26 I had the opportunity to meet and work with the new BTPS Board of Trustees during our annual Board-Admin workshop. We were able to attend several virtual learning sessions as a group and I also had the opportunity to discuss various topics with the new Board of Trustees.

On November 18 we had our 2020-21 school awards day. Unfortunately, we still have to control the number of visitors we have into the school, but we were able to post many pictures to our website and Facebook page. A huge thankyou to all of our donors, and if you can, please give them a 'like' on Facebook. Also thank you to Riley and Aiyana for all the work they did in taking pictures and video of the event.

We were also the beneficiaries of a Bags For Breakfast donation from Cornerstone Co-op in the amount of \$604. We really appreciate this donation and will use it for our breakfast program.

The month of December is always an exciting time in the school. We have always tried to get everyone into the festive spirit and this year is no different. Our Pirate Crews are busy planning various Christmas activities for the students. The festive activity kick off will start this week with the decorating of our 16 foot Christmas tree located in the concourse. Our wrap-up will be our annual staff/parent prepared breakfast for all of the students on the last day of school before the break, December 17. I sincerely hope all students, staff and parents take the time to enjoy the Christmas break and safely connect with family and friends. Everyone deserves that. Merry Christmas.



## Counsellor's Corner

Congratulations to all award winners at Awards Ceremony held on November 18 . A very special thank you to Mrs. Wilhelm for all the time she puts into making this event a success. To each and every student who contributes to making our athletic, leadership, academic and citizenship programs a success -- You All Rock!

As guidance counsellors, we would like to encourage all parents to monitor your child's progress on Power Schools parent portal: <https://powerschool.btps.ca/parents>. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher.

For Grade 12 students, please touch base with Mrs. Hart if you need any assistance in career planning, applying for post-secondary or to discuss other career goals. **For scholarships, this is a personal journey.** Any scholarships we are aware of, are located on the J. R. Robson School Website. Follow this link below. You can also go the J. R. Robson home page and from the menu button, choose Students and then choose the scholarship link: <https://jrrobson.btps.ca/students/scholarships>

**Work Experience/RAP/Green Certificate** - students enrolled in this program need to hand in your hours and necessary evaluations as required. See Mrs. Scully or Mrs. Hart to finalize your hours for each course.

As we prepare for exams in January, here are a few tips to make exams a little more manageable:

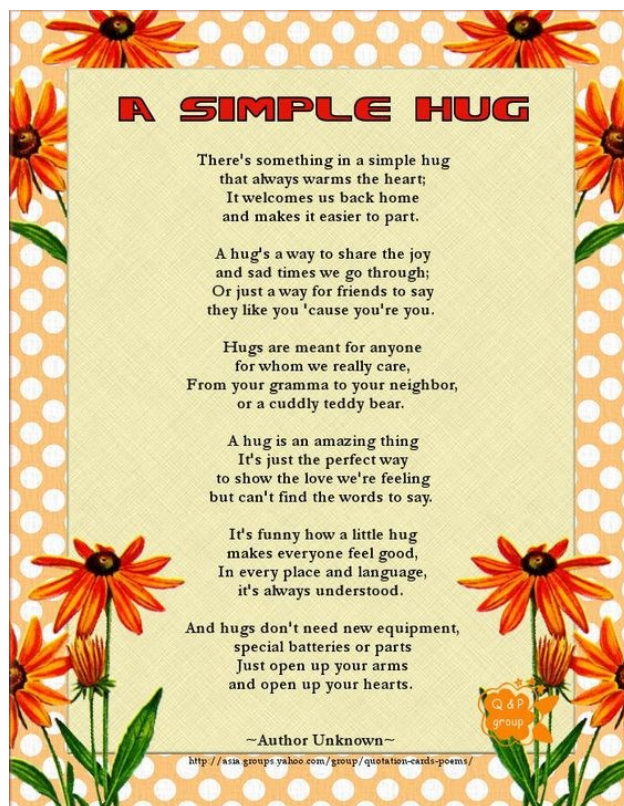
1. **Make a Schedule** - students who know how to use a calendar can create a schedule for themselves, fitting in review time on regular intervals around their busy schedules.
2. **Keep materials organized** - take

time to organize your binder and make foldables or cue cards for study purposes

3. **Create a basket with all needed supplies** - this might include pens, highlighters, different kinds of post it notes, different colored pens, pencils, scissors, glue sticks etc that might be needed while you study.

4. **Have a place to study** - develop a place where you can study the best. Maybe it is in a place where you can look out a window, or a desk in your room. Try to avoid studying on your bed as you may end up having a nap instead of doing your homework and reviewing for the test.

May you enjoy the blessings of the holiday season, spend time with family and friends. Here is a little poem about a Hug, something missing from our gatherings for a little while. Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and all the Best in 2022.



## Senior Boys Volleyball

The JR Robson Sr. boys travelled to Cold Lake for Provincials on November 24-26th. After a strong round robin performance on Thursday and Friday, they found themselves 4-0, and in first place in pool A. After a long wait they resumed play on Saturday in the semi-finals but came up a little short losing a close match in 2.

After a short rest they played a very experienced and strong Calgary team for the bronze. It was an exciting back and forth match but again we came up just short. This time losing a very close match in 3. Congratulations to JR Robson boys for a fourth place finish in 2A boys Provincials.



## Senior Girls Volleyball

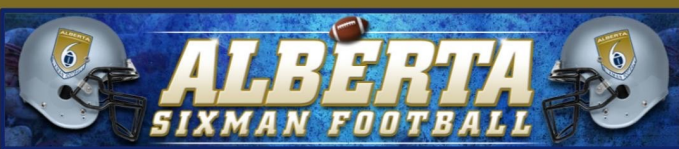
The Senior Girls had an extremely positive season. After not being in competition for a year, the team set out to have fun, play hard, and achieve the goals they had set at the beginning of the season. The team was able to play in 6 tournaments throughout the season and medalled in 4 of those tournaments. We saw huge growth in all of the players which helped our season end on a positive with a loss in a tie breaker at zones in Cold Lake. Six of the players are in grade 12 and are now done their high school volleyball careers. We wish them all the best next year. Seven members were in Grade 11 and will be returning next year to work hard and build on this year's success.





# Marauder Football

The Vermilion Marauders football team won the Alberta 6-man Football League tier 2 championship game defeating the Vegreville Cougars 78-37 on Saturday Nov. 18.

Thank you to the parents who helped clear the field of snow, donated the use of their portable light towers, painted lines, brought in portable heaters, bleachers and shelters, and provided hot chocolate and coffee. It was a team effort on and off the field!



Bye - Vermilion Marauders	 Vermilion Marauders 78	 <b>Tier 2 Champions</b> Vermilion Marauders
	Final Highest Ranked Teams Tier 2	
OLMP	 Vegreville 37	
Tier 2 Semi Finals		
Vegreville		

## Congratulations Vermilion Marauders!



## Awards



Awards were presented to students on November 18. Thank you to Mrs. Wilhelm for all her hard work in organizing this event, Mrs. Schroeder for selecting the Awards books, Aiyana Thompson for videoing the ceremonies, Riley Cronin for doing all the photography and Mrs. Scully for hosting. Thank you also to all the local businesses, organizations and individuals who sponsor an award.

Videos and a photo gallery has been uploaded to our website  
[YouTube Videos](#)  
[Photo Gallery](#)

Award Winners List  
(School Subject - Sponsor; Winner)

### **Grade 7**

**English 7** - TD Canada Trust; Cassie Cameron

**Math 7** - School Council; Kane Fadden, Reo Martin

**Physical Education 7** - Fountain Tire; Colt Sweeney, Ava Cadrain & Spencer Smith

**Science 7** - REMAX; Cassie Cameron, Katie Sargeant, Kane Fadden & Will Johnston

**Social 7** - MACK Clothing; Cassie Cameron

**Gr. 7 Honours** (below)



### **Grade 8**

**English 8** - TD Canada Trust; Mya Jaremco & Kinley Davies

**Math 8** - Boston Pizza, Vermilion; Kinley Davies

**Physical Education 8** - UFA Farm Supply

Store; Linden Adams

**Science 8** - Webb's; Mya Jaremco

**Social 8** - McMinis and Company; Mya Jaremco

**Gr. 8 Honours** (below)



### **Grade 9**

**English 9** - Vermilion River Law; Olivia Elder & Kira Jaremco

**Math 9** - REMAX; Destinee McGrath & Sara Chapman

**Physical Education 9** - Vermilion Credit Union; Olivia Elder & Kira Jaremco

**Science 9** - CARSTAR Vermilion; Olivia Elder

**Social 9** - Vermilion Standard; Olivia Elder

**Gr. 9 Honours** (below)



### **Junior High Awards**

**Jr. High Citizenship Award Female** - Rural Roots Florists & Barnyard Creations; Cassie Cameron

**Jr. High Citizenship Award Male** - Scotia Bank; Deveryn Woywitka

### **Grade 10**

**Art 10** - Vermilion Art Club and Delta Art & Drafting; Korey Hemauer, Amaya Myhovich & Joclyn Brady

**CTS Foods 10** - REMAX; Raegan Selte & Kaymin Nelson

**CTS Industrial Education 10** - RONA; Dayton Selte & Emma French

## Awards

**English 10-1** - Long's Value Drug Mart;  
Amaya Myhovich

**English 10-2** - Lori Wilhelm; Syllis Heinrichs

**Math 10C** - Masonic Lodge; Alexandra  
Polishuk

**Math 10-3** - J.R. Robson School Council;  
Corbin Bienvenue

**Physical Education 10** - ATB Financial;  
Austin McDonald

**Science 10** - Vermilion Veterinary Clinic; Al-  
exandra Polishuk

**Science 14** - Vermilion Credit Union; Corbin  
Bienvenue

**Social 10-1** - J.R. Robson Social Studies  
Dept.; Austin McDonald & Abigail Wendland

**Social 10-2** - Vermilion Credit Union;  
Zachery Johnson

**Gr. 10 Honours** (below)

**Science 24** - Vermilion Credit Union; Zade  
Rodh

**Social 20-1** - AG Foods; Madison Tovell &  
Maren Abuzukar

**Social 20-2** - Vermilion Credit Union; Ca-  
cance Carlson

**Gr. 11 Honours** (below)



### Grade 11

**Art 20** - Vermilion Art Club and Delta Art &  
Drafting; Kaylin Lenz, Holly Arychuk & Cait-  
lyn Arychuk

**Biology 20** - TD Canada Trust; Ziqi Shang

**Chemistry 20** - Ferbey's Sand & Gravel; Shi-  
qi Shang & Madison Tovell

**English 20-1** - Cornerstone Co-op; Madison  
Tovell and Maren Abuzukar

**English 20-2** - College Park Motors; Connor  
Gould

**Math 20-2** - Stewart Realty; Landyn Herzog  
& Connor Gould

**Math 20-1** - Vermilion Credit Union; Madi-  
son Tovell

**Math 20-3** - Vermilion Credit Union; Hannah  
Dyjur

**Physical Education 20** - TD Canada Trust;  
Madison Tovell

**Physics 20** - Advantage Insurance and In-  
vestment Advisors Inc.; Madison Tovell

### Senior High Awards

**Grade 10-11 Citizenship** - Male - Webb's  
Machinery; Landyn Herzog

**Sr. High X Country Running Award** - Cheryl  
Felt; Caitlyn Arychuk

### **W.J. McGinnis Scholarship**

Open to industrial arts students from grades  
7 – 12 both male and female, for outstanding  
performance. Awarded to Zade Rodh & Re-  
gann Munro

**Spirit of J.R. Robson Award** - Monique Hart

This Award is given to the student, staff or  
community member,

who best displays  
the qualities of a  
Marauder: a person  
who has a fighting  
spirit of the high  
seas, maintains the  
integrity of the ship  
that is J.R. Robson,  
displays positive  
school spirit, pushes  
themselves to the  
limits of their poten-  
tial and is an am-  
bassador of goodwill  
for the school.

Awarded to: Darlene  
Gourley



## Awards

### Grade 12

**Art 30 Award** - Vermilion Art Club and Delta Art & Drafting; Danielle Ostropolski & Yulia Wendland

**Art 31** - Vermilion Art Club and Delta Art & Drafting; Rivega Oh & Victoria Newberry

**CTS Industrial Education 20/30** - Webb's of Vermilion; Dylan Eremko

**Becky Scott English 30-1** - County of Vermilion River; Rebecca Irvine & Allecia McDonald

**Becky Scott English 30-2** - County of Vermilion River; Zayne Johnson

**Biology 30** - Vermilion Eye Center; Jared Gourley

**Chemistry 30** - CIBC; Ziqi Shang, Madison Tovell & Jared Gourley

**Math 30-1** - Preston Community Association; Jared Gourley

**Math 30-2** - Western Financial Group; Allecia McDonald

**Math 30-3** - J. R. Robson School; William Kozak

**Math 31** - Northern Lights Realty; Jared Gourley

**Physical Education 30** - J.R.Robson; Clay Bryden

**Physics 30** - Shopper's Drug Mart; Jared Gourley

**Social 30-1** - Vermilion Legion; Allecia McDonald

**Social 30-2** - Cartwright Family; Jared Gourley

**Science 30** - J. R. Robson School; Hailey Roach

### Senior High Awards (Grade 12 Winners)

**Most Improved Student** - J.R. Robson Pirate Crews; Avery Armfelt

**Community Closet Society of Vermilion Scholarship** Each year the staff will select two grade 12 students, who best meet the following criteria: shows unselfish concern for the welfare of others, provides positive leadership within the school, shows respect for, and is respected by the staff and students, willingly assists in doing some of the many jobs around the school, which must be done but are not compulsory., demonstrates good deportment around the school, accepts the responsibility for self-

discipline in behavior and work habits, enthusiastically support school activities as a spectator, worker, or participant, shows initiative in proposing activities and charges that would have a positive effect on the school. Awarded to: Clay Bryden & Paige Zweifel

### **William and Alice Scarfe Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is established in memory of William and Alice Scarfe, early settlers in the Vermilion district. Alice was formerly a teacher at Island Hill School. The award is to be presented annually to a graduating student who best fits the following criteria: enrolled in post-secondary education in the field of science, medicine or nursing intending to do cancer research or enrolled in post-secondary education in the field of science, medicine, nursing or related medical field. Awarded to: Meghan Ryan

### **Vermilion Agricultural Society Scholarship**

For Grade 12 students entering the agricultural field in post secondary, to be selected by a committee of school and AG society members. Criteria includes average or above average marks, citizenship, participation in agriculture & participation in community (4-H Volunteer, Exhibiting, Showing, Judging) Awarded to: Kora Smith

### **Rotary Club of Vermilion Award**

Winners may be selected based on the following criteria: participation in Rotary Youth and/or other Exchange Programs, participation in activities that provide service to others, programs that strengthen school and/or community, actively promote goodwill toward others. Awarded to: Allecia McDonald

### **Cecil Quickstad Memorial Scholarship**

Cecil Quickstad Memorial Award is awarded to a grade twelve student who has obtained at least 15 work experience/RAP credits during his/her high school years. The student also displays good work ethic, citizenship and community spirit. Awarded to: Avery Atkinson

**A.T.A Award** - Presented to the two Grade 12 students with the highest academic average Awarded to: Jared Gourley & Allecia McDonald

**Governor General Award** - Given to the student with the highest academic average in Grade 12. Awarded to: Jared Gourley





*December 11th, 2021*

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# VERMILION WINTERFEST

**PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR LOCAL HIGH  
SCHOOL JR ROBSON**

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Events include:  
Snowman Making Contest  
Family Winter Pictures  
Cookies & Candy Canes  
Hot Chocolate  
Snow Painting



Door prize sponsored by VIBE and the Wellness Coalition



Located at the Vermilion Provincial Park @1:00pm-3:00 pm

The event is held by Believe Leadership Club

It is free to come and donations are encouraged



**The Parent-Child Connection**

Connection is our ability to understand what matters to another, respond to their needs, and express our own.

A strong parent-child connection can help lead to better outcomes for children. It takes hard work and persistence, but builds the foundation for every interaction you have.

Connecting with your child motivates positive behavior and helps regulate “big” emotions.

**How To Creatively Build Connections in your Family**

Grow your relationship and get to know each other better!

Have more conversations and use new ideas to start them.

Visit the Search Institute for free downloadable cards:

<https://keepconnected.searchinstitute.org/free-downloads/>

**Connect During the Holidays**

Curl up together as a family and watch a favorite holiday movie.

Make holiday crafts together.

Talk about family traditions.

Plan and cook a meal together as a family.

**Every Day Ways to Connect with your kids**

Even the simple stuff counts!

Go for a walk one-on-one with your child.

Join in their play and let them lead.

Have your child read you a story.

Tell each other jokes.

**MORE RESOURCES**

<https://parentingnow.ca/articles/connection-matters/>

[Keep Connected \(searchinstitute.org\)](https://keepconnected.searchinstitute.org/)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line  
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line  
1-877-303-2642





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EDUCATION

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*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Red Deer-North*

November 17, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

We know that vaccines are a safe and effective means of protecting Albertans from COVID-19—and saving lives. That is why on October 5th, I signed a joint public letter with the Minister of Health strongly encouraging all school authorities to develop policies that require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for teachers, staff, and any adult who enters a school.

We also took steps to increase accessibility to COVID-19 vaccines by making them available in schools this fall for eligible students in Grades 7 to 12. The COVID-19 School Immunization Program, led by Alberta Health and AHS, ended in October and approximately 5,000 students and staff were vaccinated through this program.

I am aware that COVID-19 vaccines might soon be approved for children aged 5-11. While I have always strongly encouraged everyone who is eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, I must reiterate that every child in Alberta is entitled to have access to an education program as per the Section 3(1) of the *Education Act*. (This provision also existed in Section 8 of the previous *School Act*.) To be clear, there is no legislation in Alberta that requires K-12 students to have specific vaccinations to attend in person schools, nor is Alberta Education considering mandating vaccines of any kind for students in the K-12 education system.

As Minister of Education, I take very seriously the responsibility of providing access to education for all students in our province. School authorities cannot deny their students access to education due to their immunization status.

Individual family choices need to be respected and students should not be stigmatized for their vaccination status. Once vaccinations for children aged 5-11 are available further information will be provided by Alberta Health as to how parents can access them, should they choose to do so.

Thank you to everyone for their continued efforts to keep students safe and learning throughout the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange  
Minister of Education

## Senior High Exam Schedule – January 2022

Tues, Jan 11	9:00 AM	<b>English 30-1/30 – 2 Part A</b>
Wed, Jan 12	9:00 AM	<b>Social 30-2 Part A</b>
Wed, Jan 19, 2022 is the last day of Semester I classes for Gr. 12		
Thurs, Jan 20	9:00 AM	<b>Math 30-1/30-2</b>
Fri, Jan 21	9:00 AM	<b>English 30-1/30 – 2 Part B</b>
Fri, Jan 21, 2022 is the last day of Semester I classes for Gr. 10&11		
Mon, Jan 24	9:00 AM	<b>Social 30-2 Part B</b>
		Biology 20
Tues, Jan 25	9:00 AM	<b>Biology 30</b>
		English 10-1/10-2
		Social Studies 10-1
		Physics 20
Wed, Jan 26	9:00 AM	Chemistry 20
		Social 20-2
Thurs, Jan 27	9:00 AM	<b>Physics 30</b>
		Math 10C
		Science 10
		Science 14/24
		Social 20-1