IB World School

**Amarillo Campus** 

**December 2023** 

Reflecting On A Year Gone By...

It's truly remarkable to witness the swift passage of the year as we step into December! With the onset of cold weather comes the joyous holiday season. December promises to be an exhilarating month, filled with extensive preparations and planning to deliver the eagerly anticipated Christmas Concert. We are grateful for the various ways many of you have expressed your support throughout the year!



















Reminder: TCPS Toy and Food Drive

'Tis the season of giving at TCPS! We are delighted to share that our school is actively participating in the annual Toy and Food Drive leading up to December 15th. This provides an opportunity for both students and parents to contribute by donating toys or non-perishable food items. Convenient drop off spots are designated at the front and side entrances of the school.

Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated as we come together to make a positive impact in our community this holiday season!





## **Elementary Anti-Bullying Week**

Town Centre Private Schools actively participated in Anti-Bullying Week, November 20th to November 24th, aligning with the national theme for the year, "Make A Noise About Bullying." Throughout this dedicated week, our students were engaged in a variety of activities designed to enhance their understanding of bullying prevention and empowering them with different avenues to seek help. It was an eventful and enlightening week, and we are proud of the commitment shown by our students in fostering a safe and respectful environment. Here are some snapshots from our recent Anti-Bullying Week.





















# Sparkle the Elf



We are thrilled to share the exciting news that Town Centre Private Schools is once again hosting a special guest within our school community! Hailing all the way from the enchanting North Pole, this esteemed visitor has a crucial mission to fulfill. Commencing on Monday, December 11th, we extend a warm invitation to all students to be on the lookout for Sparkle the Elf, who will be gracing TCPS with her presence!

Sparkle will be diligently observing our students until the Christmas break, serving as Santa Claus' trusted emissary. Rumor has it that Sparkle enjoys a bit of mischief during the students' nighttime hours, so anticipate some delightful surprises! Whether glimpsed in the school hallways or even within the classrooms, the unpredictability of Sparkle's antics adds an element of wonder. Rest assured, all teachers will receive exclusive top secret footage of Sparkle to share with students each day!

We also invite parents and guardians to witness Sparkle's after hours escapades by checking our social media page. For a firsthand look, visit @town\_centre\_preschool on Instagram.

#### Winter Weather

With the onset of winter weather, we kindly request that all parents ensure their children come to school equipped with snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves. It's crucial to have your child's name clearly written or labelled on these items. In the event of extremely cold weather, students will not engage in outdoor gym or recess activities. Instead, they will participate in indoor gym activities. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students warm and prepared for the winter season!



### **Christmas Concerts**



We are delighted to announce our upcoming Christmas concerts, to be held from December 11th to 18th. The culmination of weeks of dedicated preparation and enthusiastic rehearsals, our students and teachers are diligently working to bring you a spectacular show that will undoubtedly be a "Jingle Bell Swing" for everyone. Please mark your calendars for these evenings, as our talented performers take the stage at 4:00 pm each day. We look forward to sharing the magic of the season with you and creating lasting memories together. Be sure to see the schedule below for your child's performance day. More Information to follow soon.



# Monday, December 11, 2023

Prep 207

Toddler 103

Casa 201

Gr. 1-211

#### Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Casa 205

Toddler 104

Casa NT 108

Gr. 1-214

#### Friday, December 15, 2023

Casa 210

Toddler 106

Prep. 209

#### Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Casa 215

Toddler 111

Casa NT 109

Sr. Prep. 202

#### Thursday, December 14, 2023

Casa NT 107

Toddler 105

Sr. Prep. 206

### Monday, December 18, 2023

Prep. 208

Toddler 110

Gr. 1-212



#### **After School Courses**

We wish to reiterate that our After School Courses have been temporarily halted, commencing on November 24th, and are scheduled to resume on Monday, January 8, 2024. This temporary pause has been implemented to accommodate the preparations for our upcoming concerts.

# Important Update: Party Day for Preparatory, Senior Preparatory and Grade One classes

We want to inform you of a schedule adjustment for our Preparatory, Senior Preparatory, and Grade One classes. The party day has been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 20th, to accommodate our classroom head teachers attending a IB workshop on the initially planned party day of December 21st. Please see below for details:

- Party Day: Wednesday, December 20th
- Food and Snack Contribution: A list will be posted outside the classrooms. Please sign up if you wish. We strongly recommend store or restaurant bought foods.
- Attire: Grade One students are invited to wear civvies or party clothes instead of their regular uniforms.
- Last Day of Classes: Thursday, December 21st

Please note that the last day of classes for Preparatory, Sr. Preparatory and Grade One remains on Thursday, December 21st.

# Party Day and Last Day of Classes for Toddler, Casa NT and Casa

**Friday, December 22nd** will be the last day of classes for our Toddler, Casa NT and Casa classes. This will also be a party day for them. Food and snack contribution list will be posted outside the classrooms. Please sign up if you wish. Parents are asked to include an ingredient list for all food items brought to school.

In compliance with the Child Care Early Years Act, parents of our Toddler, Casa NT and Casa students are welcome to contribute only food prepared from licensed restaurants or grocery stores. An ingredient list must accompany any contribution. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of the Vice-Principals.



#### **HOLIDAY WISHES**



On behalf of all the TCPS staff, we would like to wish you a joyous holiday season with your families and loved ones. Please be advised that both Clayton and Amarillo Campuses will be closed throughout the holiday period.

We thank everyone for their efforts in making this a wonderful school year to date, and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday, January 8th, 2024.

