

## Dates to Remember 2010 Calendar

Jan. 7	Web Workshop for Parents 7pm in the High School Foyer
Jan. 18	PAC Meeting
Jan. 19	Hot Lunch -Pizza
Jan. 22	End of HS Semester 1
Jan. 25-29	H.S. Final Exams
Jan. 29	H.S. Semester Turnaround Day/Science 10 Provincial a.m. Interim Reports (elementary)
Feb. 1	H.S. Sem. 2 Starts
Feb. 2	Proposed Ski Day
Feb. 5	H.S. Semester 1 Reports Distributed
Feb. 15	Re-registration Deadline <i>*Please note important date to reserve your child's spot for next year.</i>
Feb. 22	Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)
Mar. 5	Elem. Report Card Term 2 Distributed
Mar. 8-19	Spring Break (All No School)
Mar. 27	PAC Fundraiser
Apr. 2	Good Friday (All No School)
Apr. 5	Easter Monday (All No School)
Apr. 14	HS Term 3 Ends
Apr. 21	HS Term 3 Report Cards Distributed
Apr. 22-23	Northern Pro D Conference (No school, K-12)
Apr. 26	H.S. Parent Teacher Interviews (HS 1/2 day)
May 20	Grandparents Day
May 24	Victoria Day (All No School)
June 4	H.S. Grad (HS 1/2 Day) Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)
June 11	Elem. Sports Day
June 18	Last Day H.S.
June 21-29	H.S. Final Exams
June 23	Last Day Elem. & Year End BBQ (Elem. 1/2 Day)
June 24-29	Admin Days

### Parent Volunteers

Please note that you cannot drive on field trips, volunteer at Cedars or attend field trips if we do not have your Criminal Record Check form on file. Please pick up a form at the office. There is no charge for this.

**Reminder**  
Cedars is a  
Peanut/Nut  
Free School.



# The Cedars Shake

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**"It's 10:00 pm: Do You Know  
Where Your Kids Are?"**

Mrs. Vicki Kibble  
Senior Principal

Many years ago, the message "Its 10:00 pm: Do You Know Where Your Kids Are?" would frequently be aired on the television. Obviously in those days kids were out cruising in their cars or at a local hang out. Today that message is just as pertinent. You may respond, "I know where my kids are, they're in their room on the computer" or "I can call them on their cell!" Do you really know where they are! With today's techno world of social networking working through Facebook, MySpace, You Tube and Twitter etc., your children are just a click away of "going places" they really should not go. How tuned in are you to your child's cyber world? This is not to say that social networking is all bad. Technology is here to stay and we all need to embrace it in a way which honours God. Schools today are dealing with a new discipline issue called "cyber bullying",

cruel and slanderous words are sent into cyber space for all to see. A grade 3 teacher (not at Cedars) recently shared with me that a recent journal entry from one student revealed that two of their favourite things were Facebook and You Tube! Social networking can honour God and serve us well if we keep three

"Finally brothers,  
whatever is true,  
whatever is noble,  
whatever is right,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is admirable-if  
anything is excellent or  
praiseworthy-think  
about such things."

**Philippians 4:8**

biblical practices: Listening, being a good neighbour and befriending. "Do We Know Where Our Kids Are?" To become better equipped to understand and help our children deal with this web-based world, Cedars is hosting a workshop for parents tonight at 7:00 pm In the High School foyer:

"Understanding and Addressing Our Students Deepening Connection with the Web." Bill de Jager curriculum co-ordinator from SCSBC will be here to present this important workshop. Hope to see you there!

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**Workshop for Parents  
Understanding and Addressing  
Our Students Deepening  
Connection  
With the Web**

Cedars is hosting an informational session for parents who would like to learn more about issues surrounding our children and their increasing use of the Web. Bill de Jager, Director of Learning at the Society of Christian Schools of BC will be here **Thursday, January 7th at 7pm in the High School Foyer** to lead us in this workshop.

**Re-registration for the  
2010-2011 School Year**

**Deadline: February 15, 2010**

Its that time again! **All families need to re-register** for the next school year. A detailed letter and information update form needs to be picked up at the office. Please update your information and return the form with your tuition deposit by February 15, 2010.

**Foodsafe Level 1**

Mrs. Gaunt will be teaching this course at Immaculate Conception School on Sat., Jan. 23 from 8:45 am-5:30 pm. Cost is \$25.00. Please contact her ([julieg@cedars.bc.ca](mailto:julieg@cedars.bc.ca) or phone 250-563-3655) to register.

**Math Help!**

Each **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY** morning from 8:00 - 8:25 am, Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Fisher will be available to help Grade 3-6 students with their Math. Drop in for some extra help when you need it!

**Times Tables Math Club!**

Each **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** morning from 8:00 - 8:25 am, Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Fisher will be available to help Grade 3-6 students with their times tables through many activities. Let's get faster and more accurate at the times tables!

**Save On Gift Cards Fundraiser:** Save On Foods gift cards are available at the office. 6% of the cost of the gift cards you purchase, goes to your child's student account (high schoolers only), or into the general school fund.

**Kindergarten Registration  
2010/11 School Year**

If you have a child entering kindergarten next year, please pick up registration forms at the office. Thank-you!

**From the Elementary Athletic  
Director...**

Since we're in the initial stages of Grade 6/7 basketball right now, it's appropriate to give you an idea of the efforts being made to give elementary students experience with basketball:

- Some elementary classes do basketball units in P.E.

- We encourage kids to attend basketball camps and to join Prince George Minor Basketball. These opportunities are advertised in the school as they come up.

- Mr. Beeksma leads a drop-in basketball session for students in Grades 3-7 every Tuesday morning before school. More and more kids are attending this, and as they play more, their skill level and enjoyment of the game improve.

- Formal basketball at Cedars begins at Grade 6. The boys team will be coached by Mr. Nelson (assisted by Mr. Crosina) and the girls' teams by Mr. Beeksma (assistant Curtis Leithead) and Mr. Ludditt (assistant Sage Goudsward).

*Mr. Jack Beeksma, Elementary  
Athletic Director*

P.S. We will be attending an introductory meeting for elementary basketball on Monday Jan. 18, and some more inter-school games will be arranged at that time... in addition to those games already scheduled.

**PAC**

Next PAC meeting - Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in staff room.

**Planners**

We have extra 09/10 high school and elementary planners. If any parents are interested, please pick one up at the office.

**PAC Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 27th at 7:00pm**

We are looking for home based business entrepreneurs. Here is a way to get new clients and help out the school. We are wanting to create a shopping opportunity for the community. If you would like to participate and sell your product (ie Tupperware, jewellery, PartyLite etc.), please contact Heidi Strybos ([Strybos@shaw.ca](mailto:Strybos@shaw.ca)). Booths will be set up in the school gymnasium. We are asking participants to donate 20% of their commission raised that afternoon to PAC fundraising. First come, first serve - we would only like one representative from each company. Please contact Heidi by the end of January.

**Let It Snow!**

With the onset of winter, the school is in need of people to shovel snow. Please contact the office or Mr. Price to volunteer. Thank you!

