

## Dates to Remember 2009-2010 Calendar

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| Nov. 16        | Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)   |
| Nov. 17        | Hot Lunch -Hot Dogs  |
| Nov. 19        | Samaritan's Purse Activity<br>AGM  |
| Nov. 24        | Hot Lunch -KFC   |
| Nov. 26        | Elem. Character Day  |
| Nov. 27        | Elem. Report Cards Term 1 Distributed  |
| Nov. 30        | Elem. Parent Interviews (No School Elem.)  |
| Dec. 4         | HS Reports Term 1 Distributed  |
| Dec. 7         | H.S. Parent Teacher Interviews (H.S. 1/2 day)  |
| Dec. 8         | Hot Lunch -Pizza   |
| Dec. 10        | Grad Photos (3pm-8pm)  |
| Dec. 10        | Pre-school & Primary Christmas Concert (7:00pm) @ Westwood Church                        |
| Dec. 11        | Primary (11:00am) & Intermediate Christmas Concert (11:00am & 7:00)<br>@ Westwood Church |
| Dec. 18-Jan. 3 | Christmas Vacation   |
| Jan. 22        | End of HS Semester 1   |
| Jan. 25-29     | H.S. Final Exams   |
| Jan. 28        | H.S. Semester Turnaround Day (HS No School)  |
| Feb. 1         | H.S. Sem. 2 Starts   |
| Feb. 5         | HS Semester 1 Reports Distributed  |
| Feb. 22        | Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)   |
| Mar. 5         | Elem. Report Card Term 2 Distributed   |
| Mar. 8-19      | Spring Break (All No School)   |
| Apr. 2         | Good Friday (All No School)  |
| Apr. 5         | Easter Monday (All No School)  |
| Apr. 14        | HS Term 3 Ends   |
| Apr. 15-16     | Spring Northern Pro-D (All No School)  |
| Apr. 23        | HS Term 3 Report Cards Distributed   |
| 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)<br>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   |

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## Remembrance Day at Cedars: A Lesson on Sacrificial Service

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The hearts of our students reflected God's love this week as the high school and elementary remembered and honoured those who served in the World Wars and now in the Middle East. We listened to stories, poems, and watched videos about veterans who risked their lives in service for their country and their fellow man. Many selfless individuals lost their lives in gruesome battle and the students paid tribute to these unsung heroes. It was heartwarming to observe the respect and empathy of our students at the chapels as they participated as either leaders or as audience members.

Let us continue to work diligently to train our students for works of service. This year, our theme verse

is Romans 12:2. It urges us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God and not to conform any longer to the pattern of this world. Our challenge is to teach and model what it means to use our gifts in service to our Lord. Can we develop kingdom builders who can play a major role in bringing peace into this world? We need to teach students about God's world so they can respond to that knowledge through acts of service. Living a life of service means that all we do is for God. A love for God is shown through our love for others. Wherever God calls our students to serve may their love for others be a true reflection of God's love within their hearts.



### Cedars AGM

**Thursday, November 19th**  
**Registration at 7:00 pm**  
**Meeting Begins at 7:30 pm**

Please remember to make sure your society membership is current (paid up). Nominations for one Board vacancy will be accepted at the school office until 3:00 pm on Monday, November 2nd. Nomination forms are available at the school office. Questions? Email Judy Serup at [jsSerup@shaw.ca](mailto:jsSerup@shaw.ca).

### After School Pick-Up:

#### Please Pick Up Your Students Promptly!

Please pick up your children promptly after school. There are many young children waiting around the school long after supervision is over. Thank you for your co-operation!

### Fall Food Drive

Over 1745 items were collected for the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. The Grade 3 class won for collecting the most food items. Thank you everyone for your donations!



### Christmas Concerts at Westwood

**Thursday, December 10th at 7:00pm & Friday morning, December 11th at 11:00am** (WW seniors)- Pre-school and primary students will present their program.

**Friday, December 11th at 11:00am** (WW Seniors) and **7:00pm**- Grades 4-6 students will present their program.

More details regarding practises and other information will follow in the next week.

### 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!

### News From the Library

On Thursday, Nov 26, from 9 - noon, the K to 6 classes will be hosting a Character Day. Children will choose one character from a favourite book. Before that day they will each prepare a book promotion talk, a brief character autobiography, a "guess who I am" list of clues as well as an art illustration to go with their book. On Character Day children will dress up as their character and move to various stations to share with other children the character they are representing. At one station they will have their picture taken to help celebrate and remember this day.



Hopefully children will hear about a book that they would love to read. Parents are welcome to come and listen, even to participate, if they wish. We are looking forward to a great day celebrating the gift of literature and community. Characters need to be chosen from books, not from movies. (Books that have been made into movies are okay but not vice versa!)

### 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!

### Tuition Survey

The Finance Committee is evaluating our tuition model and would like your feedback. We have compiled a survey which is to be completed on-line. A link to the survey can be found on our website under News -> Development and Finance (<http://www.cedars.bc.ca/news/development.html>). We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey and provide us with your perspective.

### Samaritan's Purse: Christmas Box Activity

A letter has been sent home already. On **Thursday, November 19th** we will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The K-12 students will be paired together from 8:40-9:30am. Students are asked to bring items for the boxes according to the letter of their last name. A donation of \$7.00 in the form of a cheque is optional or you may wish to donate online. Please make cheques payable to Samaritan's Purse.



Clothing (last names beginning with A-E)  
Personal Care/Hygiene Items (last names beginning with F-J) **\*Please do not send toothpaste or any other liquids.**  
Candy (last names beginning with K-O) **\*No chocolate or perishable items.**  
School Supplies (last names beginning with P-T)  
Toys (last names beginning with U-Z)

### Cedars Europe Trip

Our next meeting, where we will Focus on France, is Tuesday, November 24th at 7:30 in the portable. The end of November is the absolute last chance to sign up for the trip. Remember, the trip is open to students from Gr. 9-12. There are information packages posted with the wall posters in the school. Contact Mme. Coull with any questions.

### 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.

### Cedars Suggestion Box

We have a Suggestion Box in the office. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like us to consider, please drop off your ideas in the Suggestion Box located on the counter in the main office. Thank you to those people who have made suggestions.

### Speed Limit Reduced Around Loop and Parking Lot

We will soon be posting signs that will display a maximum vehicle speed of 20km/h, reduced from the current 30km/h we now expect around our loop and parking lots. We are finding that safety is being compromised with vehicle speeds of 30km/h (or higher). Thank you for your ongoing consideration and patience in regards to our student transfer system.

### Elementary Report Card Writing Day

There will be no school for elementary students on Monday, November 16th.

### Let It Snow!

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



### Parking Lot

#### Please Slow Down

1. The speed limit on Preston Rd. is 30km/h. Please obey this limit.
2. Allow space for customers at Howie's Marine to cross the backed up line of traffic. Don't block anybody in the parking lot at Howie's Marine.
3. If Howie's employees are moving boats or other machinery, try to be courteous and allow them space to do their work.
4. Please move up as far as possible to drop your child off along Preston Rd.
5. Do not drop students off in front of the main entrance in the back parking lot. Instead, please drop students along Preston Rd. or park and walk your child through the back parking lot to the school.
6. Please try to avoid turning left onto N. Nechako Rd. from Preston Rd. during peak drop off times in the morning, as this causes worse traffic congestion.

