Preserving the Past...Preparing for the Future



December 2023 & January 2024

# KSC Newsletter

#### **Growth Mindset Leaders**

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cember and January's Growth Mindset theme is *"I embrace feedback."* 

t is important for everyone to accept feedback and to give others feedback too. Feedback should be valued as a tool for growth. Students who have a growth mindset look at critical feedback as an opportunity to mprove themselves. Teachers use feedback to ensure that every student feels confident in their abilities and works towards even greater success in the classroom and outside the classroom. Below are the prowth mindset leaders for this month.

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### Principal's Message

#### Student Re-Registration at Khalsa School Calgary for 2024/2025

This is the time of year when we request the help of our parent community to let us know about your intention to re-register their child(ren) at Khalsa School Calgary in the new school year which will begin in August of 2024.

Next year, we will still maintain our high quality of education and adhere to the Alberta curriculum for all core subjects. The regular program is enriched with Punjabi language classes, Gurmat, Keertan, Tabla, and Harmonium.

At Khalsa School Calgary, we take great pride in our tradition of excellence and past accomplishments. We are fortunate to have the commitment and support of a diverse and talented staff and teaching faculty along with a highly engaged community including our Board, parents, community members and the Dashmesh Culture Centre.

While always striving to promote and foster the tenets of the Sikh faith throughout our school, we will continue to focus on teaching the students the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning.

The Prosser Foundation is once again supporting Khalsa School families who are seeking financial assistance. Please refer to the Khalsa School website for the Prosser Foundation application and submit all the required supporting documentation.

We are requesting your cooperation to return the re-registration form to Mrs. Kulvinder Kaur or Mrs. Ranjit Kaila in the office by Wednesday, February 14th, at the latest. Please include all post-dated cheques in the envelope provided with the reregistration letter. The sooner you return your re-registration form with all payment, then your child's place for next year is secured.

Your continued loyalty to Khalsa School Calgary is greatly appreciated. In partnership with you, we are dedicated to providing an outstanding educational experience for your child.

#### The Sacrifice and Remembrance of the Chaar Sahibzaade

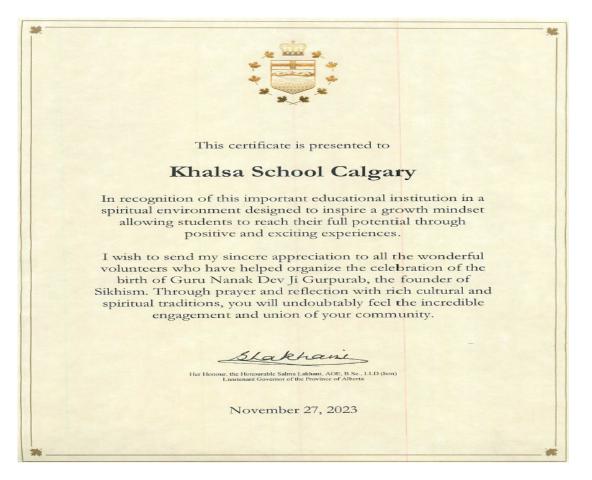
While shaheedi (martyrdom) is a theme that runs throughout most of Sikh history, highlighted by the memory of these sacrifices that enable us to uphold our faith and discipline even today, some of the most uplifting sakhi's come from the Chaar Sahibzaade (four young, beloved ones), the four sons of the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The Chaar Sahibzaade, who stand for genuine bravery, resilience, and humility, are often brought to mind. At the tender ages of five, eight, fourteen, and eighteen, the Chaar Sahibzaade committed their lives to the protection of the Khalsa panth.

Khalsa School has scheduled guest speakers to visit the school on December 12th and 13th to teach the students about the history of the Chaar Sahibzaade and to participate in numerous activities with the students as a way of commemorating the Chaar Sahibzaade and their sacrifices.

We will also be hosting a whole school Chaar Sahibzaade assembly on December 18th. A Zoom link will be shared with parents closer to the date to attend remotely.

## Certificate of Recognition

KSC is pleased to announce the presentation of this greatly appreciated Certificate of Recognition bestowed by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta.



#### Invitation to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Khalsa School Calgary

We invite you to take part in our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Khalsa School Calgary, scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 10th, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the large gym. Kindly park in the parent parking lot and enter through the doors nearest to the large gym. Doors will be accessible starting at 2:30PM.

This gathering presents a valuable opportunity for us to come together as a community and discuss important matters regarding our school. Your presence and participation are highly encouraged as we delve into topics ranging from school policies, budgeting to upcoming initiatives and academic progress.

Your input and insights are integral to the continued success and growth of our school. We value your involvement and look forward to your attendance at this meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Khalsa School Calgary.

### **Division 1 Christmas Concert**

Our annual Division 1 Christmas concert is scheduled for Wednesday December 20th, running from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the large gym. This is our last day of school before the Winter Break and it is also a half-day of school for all students.

Kindergarten through grade 3 students will entertain the audience with a holiday-themed song. You are welcome to take your child home following the concert.

Thank you and KSC is looking forward to seeing you and your family there!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

#### Thursday December 14th @ 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm Friday December 15th @ 8:10 am to 12:00 pm

Conferences will be held in-person at Khalsa School Calgary. There will be **no** classes either of these days. **All Kindergarten to Grade 6** parent-teacher conferences will be by **appointment** 

only. All Grades 7-9, Punjabi, Keertan, and PE conferences will operate on a walk-in basis. Given the number of students some teachers teach, walkin appointments will be managed on a first-come, first-served basis. Your patience while waiting to be seen is appreciated.

Teachers for Kindergarten to Grade 7 will be available in their respective homerooms, while Grade 8-9 teachers, along with Punjabi, Keertan, and PE teachers, will be in the large gym.

Booking for appointments will open on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 5:00 pm, and will close on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:00 pm. Please log in to <a href="https://ksc.schoolappointments.com">https://ksc.schoolappointments.com</a>

using the username and password you created at the beginning of the school year.

Please contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

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### Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Kindly make sure to buy your Christmas Basket raffle entries and support this joyful and engaging fundraiser! Check below for details regarding the themes organized by grade level.

Tickets for the raffle are priced at \$2.00 each and will be available for purchase from December 11th to December 15th. During this period, the baskets will be showcased in the Learning Commons for students to explore. There's no restriction on the quantity of tickets you can acquire, so the more you buy, the higher your prospects of winning one of the delightful Holiday Baskets.

> Rainbow Basket Cupcake Basket Hot Chocolate Basket Baking Basket Art Basket Birthday Basket Movie Basket Red & Green Basket Game Night Basket Spa Basket

### Healthy Hunger— Fun Lunch

We are so happy to see that KSC students enjoyed our first Healthy Hunger fun lunch!

Our next Fun Lunch will be Papa John's Pizza on December 13, 2023.

#### \*Please order before December 8th, as no late orders will be accepted\*

Reminder: Our Healthy Hunger vendors are committed to providing vegetarian options and safe preparation and delivery of food items. All lunches will be individually packaged with limited handling and will be delivered to the students' classrooms.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren), You can do so at <u>www.healthyhunger.ca.</u> Please add your child to their new teacher/grade, and select Conrich as your location, **not** Calgary.

This event is a school fundraiser, and we kindly request that parents refrain from dropping off lunch on this particular day. With Subway lunch last month, we had several parents drop off Subway lunch instead of placing orders, we want to emphasize that this caused a lot of class disruption. Kindly ensure your child brings a lunch in the morning or please place an order to contribute to the fundraiser. Thank you!





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### Art Fair Fundraiser

Prepare to be enchanted by an array of visual wonders, where creativity knows no bounds!

Mark your calendar for **March 7 & 8, 2024**, as KSC will be hosting a school wide Art Fair for all families and friends to come and enjoy. This fundraiser promises a day filled with diverse artistic endeavors, showcasing the talent and imagination of our kindergarten to grade 9 students.

The KSC Art Fair is a fundraising event that will take place during parent-teacher conferences. Students will be working on their art projects during class time. If your child would like to create their own art, in addition to their masterpiece created in class, they are welcome to do so over the Winter Break. Students who choose to do this can submit their art work when school resumes in January.

Witness the transformation of our school grounds into a vibrant gallery of colors, shapes, and innovative designs. Throughout the event, explore various exhibits featuring: fairy jars, bracelets, paintings, and many more artistic beauty!

Below are some examples of what can be expected during this fundraiser. The KSC students and staff are looking forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you and your family.









Science Fair

KSC will be holding its annual Science Fair from Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> for division 2 and 3 students. Participation in the Science Fair is **mandatory**. **Any science projects suspected of plagiarism will be disqualified.** The selected students from grade 4 to 9 will be showcasing their experimental, research, and innovation projects.

The students' projects will pass through Stage 1 and Stage 2 before they are nominated for the Calgary Youth Science Fair.

**<u>Stage One</u>** - The students will be presenting their science fair project digitally to their respective science teacher in the week of **Jan 29 to Feb 1**. The top five projects will be selected by their teacher to go for further judging. Students who are not present for their science fair presentation will be disqualified from getting an award. If such unfavorable circumstances arise that the student is not able to present during the week of Jan 29th to Feb Ist they will need to make arrangements with their science teacher to present at another time.

**<u>Stage Two</u>** - Top five projects from each class will get judged digitally during the Science Fair scheduled on **Feb 6th and Feb 7th**. We will have a team of teachers and volunteers with science backgrounds to judge these projects.

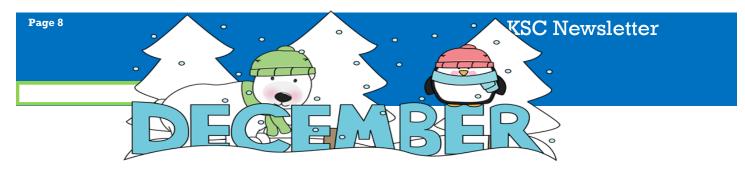
**Stage Three** - The top projects from Grade 5 to 9 will be entered in the **Calgary Youth Science Fair scheduled** on **April 11, 12 and 13th** at the **University of Calgary**. Students will make trifolds upon reaching this stage. As we have a limited quota, only five projects can be nominated from grade 5 and 6, and six projects from grade 7 and up. The students will receive guidance from their science teachers in the months of February and March after their selection for the city-wide science fair, and the dates to offer help will be communicated to parents in the second week of February, 2024.

There will be information from division 2 and 3 science teachers to come. Thank you for support in nurturing your child's love for science. Please contact your child's science teacher if you have any questions.

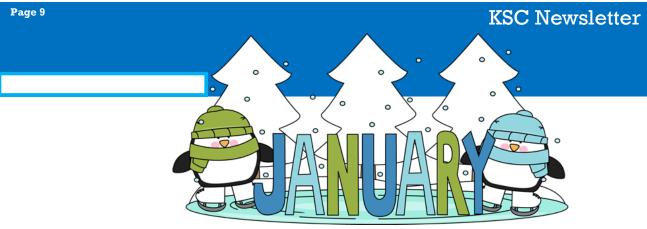
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	7A and 7B
Feb 7	Grade 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A,
	6B, and 6C



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28	29	30	<b>31</b> Term 1 Reports Go Home			