



# JANUARY

Welcome Back to a New Year Students & Staff, I hope your holiday was cheerful and relaxing. I also hope you all kept warm, it was a cold one during the holidays. This month students should be focusing on completing modules and getting them handed into teachers as the first semester is coming to an end. If you are struggling with a subject or modules please let your teachers know. This is also a good time to check if you have made the requirements on your grad plan for Semester one and what studies you will be taking in Semester two. **Grade 12 Diploma Preparations will begin as soon as we return** (See details below). It is extremely important that those who are scheduled to write exams are in attendance.

### Diploma Prep Dates:

Jan. 8—11:00am

Jan. 9—11:00am

Jan. 10—11:00am

Jan. 11—11:00am

### Diploma Exam Dates:

January 11—English Part A @ 9am

January 23—English Part B @ 9am

January 12—Social Studies Part A @ 9am

January 24—Social Studies Part B @ 9am

January 25—Math Diploma

January 26—Biology

January 29—Chemistry

January 30—Physics/Science

Best of Luck to all our students during exams!

### December Highlights

Wow! What a fun three weeks December was. SOS holiday traditions began with the school opening our doors to COSS and CFS nursery & kindergarten students as we hosted our 9th Annual Pre-school Christmas Shop on December 6th & 7th. It is always great to see the joy on the children's faces when they shop for their mommy's & daddy's.

On December 14 we hosted our Christmas Feast for our students. Its always fun to have our students families join us at the school for Christmas Cheer.

### Thank you

- Kari-Anne Jerry for volunteering your time during the Christmas Shop.
- Community of High River for kind donations of kids clothing and toys.
- First Nations Cuisine & Catering for providing the delicious meal.
- Travel Lodge for donating 29 beds to SOS Students and families from the community.





# Siksika Class

Oki,

The Christmas Shop for Kiddies was a complete success with the help of our student elves and staff. A big thank you to Kari Jerry for volunteering her time. I attended an Inter-agency On December 6, 2017 and the sponsor of this meeting was the Sheldon Kennedy Foundation. Many ideas were shared to help out our young people of Siksika and we hope that all these ideas will carry out for the positive outcome for our young people.

The Christmas Feast went very well with many guests in attendance. Catering is thanks to Alrey Medicine Traveller and it was excellent.

Colleen Sitting Eagle – Siksika Instructor/Liaison

## December Awards

### Student of the Month

Joel Yellow Old Woman

### Highest Mark

Taylor Red Gun

### Siksika

Wynter Many Shots

### Most Improved

Taylor Red Gun

Jenna Yellow Old Woman

### Attendance

Ardelle Young

Taylor Little Light

KC Calf Robe

### Academics

Emily

Running Rabbit

### Most Modules

Maressa Bear Chief

Tanis Ayoungman

# Young Parent Program

Students and staff from the Young Parent Program would like to wish all our Siksika family a Happy New Year filled with health and happiness.

The month of December flew by and Grade 12 students were incredibly busy trying to finish their modules before the end of the year so they would be ready to begin their Diploma prep when we all returned in January. We are very proud of the students who have accomplished this and they are now working daily with their teachers to prepare for the Provincial exams which begin on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Deanna LaFlamme, Stacey Running Rabbit and Pearl Healy for their dedication in preparing students for success in the diplomas and to all staff for their care for our students.

Our YPP students were so happy to have their babies take part in the Christmas shopping that happens each year at SOS. Thank-you to the upstairs staff and students for inviting us to participate in this generous spirit of Christmas giving. We also loved sharing our Christmas feast with our community supporters.

The very best Christmas present came when Tori Two Youngman gave birth to her beautiful baby daughter, Abigail, on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Tori; we can't wait to see your baby and welcome her to the YPP.

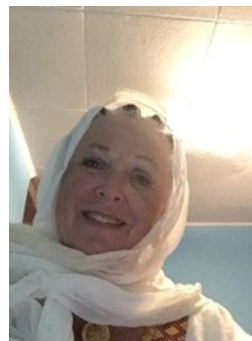
Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in the month of December:

Attendance Award: KC Calf Robe

Most-Improved Award: Jenna Yellow Old Woman

Academic Award: Emily Running Rabbit

Everyone was ready for a break and grateful to spend time with family and friends. Denise Peterson had a special Christmas spent in Ethiopia where she met her son's birth family for the first time. She had a wonderful time getting to know Sultan's mom Ateye.



**Welcome Back Everyone**

# JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6
<b>~Winter Break~</b>						
7	8 Back to School Diploma Prep	9	10	11 English Part A	12 Admin. Day Social Part A	13
<b>~~Diploma Prep Week~~</b>						
14	15	16	17	18	19 Flex Friday	20
21	22	23 English Part B	24 Social Part B	25 Math	26 PD Day	27
28	29 Deadline for Incentives & Newsletter Chem.	30 Science & Physics	31			