



We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are gathered on Treaty One land, les terres sur lesquelles nous sommes rassemblés aujourd'hui font partie du territoire traditionnel des personnes Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, et Déné, et de la patrie de la nation métisse de la Rivière Rouge.

We stand with the Indigenous community and commit to building an ongoing process of reconciliation, collaboration, and resurgence. Nous restons déterminés à travailler en partenariat avec les Premières Nations, Inuit et Métisses dans un esprit de vérité, réconciliation et collaboration.

Thursday Announcements – December 11

Day 4

Our community land acknowledgement today is from Ms. Flynn's grade 10 advocacy class: This land is our home and provides us with countless gifts -- water, shade, plants, animals, trees, medicine, and good memories of our favourite places. It is abundant and gives without asking anything in return.

We acknowledge and honour the fact that Indigenous People were the guardians of this land long before Settlers arrived. During colonization we took what was not ours; this damaged our relationship with Indigenous people and with the land.

For generations we have taken more than Earth can give. Soil, air, and oceans are degraded by plastic, garbage, and pollution. We apologize for the harm, seen and unseen, to our Indigenous relatives and to our Earth. Our choices and actions have damaged many beautiful places where we should have walked softly and been gentle.

It is our wish that our land acknowledgements help us honour our Indigenous relatives and our beautiful Earth. We are grateful for the land, the waters, and all living beings. Without them we have nothing. We hope all people will show respect for the Earth by cleaning up garbage, reducing pollution, and consuming less to ensure our planet becomes a better place.

We commit to protecting our Earth and showing gratitude for her gifts which are so freely offered. We promise to respect our Indigenous kin and to live peacefully. We will try to replant the great

forests and heal the land's spirit. We commit to rewilding our Earth, to protecting the sacred waters, and to bringing new life to places she has been hurt. We will strive to create a future where we are deeply connected to the land and all its peoples.

All students attending the field trip to Asper School of Business with Post Secondary Club please meet in the Commons right after announcements. The bus will be leaving immediately.

Next Tuesday, December 16th there will be a meeting in 212 West for students taking Introduction à la psychologie in second semester. All students enrolled must attend.

Tomorrow at lunch Post Secondary Club will be meeting in room 212 West for a pizza lunch and learning about university, trades and college. Bring a friend!

The **South Asian Diaspora Student Group** will be serving **Punjabi Pasta** to all GC students on **Friday, December 12!** Come on down and enjoy some delicious pasta with **Punjabi beats!**

Don't forget to bring in your non-perishable food donations for Student Council's Harvest Manitoba food drive that runs the entire week! Gopher Games points will be awarded so don't sleep on this opportunity to get ahead! Sign ups for the holiday DODGE THE HALLS dodgeball challenge starts TODAY at the food drive tables! 5 guys and 5 girls are needed for each grade to play next Wednesday at lunch! Teams will be facing off to win Gopher Games points. A bonus 10 points will be awarded to the best holiday dressed team! Come out to the gym and cheer on your grade! Also, next week is the LAST WEEK of classes which means it is FESTIVE WEEK! There will be a StuCo Holiday bake sale on MONDAY! Come on out to get some yummy treats! Cash and tap will be accepted! 😊. Check out our Instagram for the dress up days that start Wednesday and other fun events that are coming your way to kick off the holidays.

Next week, we will be celebrating the solstice feast on Tuesday, Dec 16th at 5 p.m. in the Commons – come join us for stew, bannock, entertainment, and more! Bring your families to enjoy the fun.

Tonight is the Garden City Choir Concert. Everyone is welcome to join us in SOPAC at 7 pm this evening to hear all of our wonderful choirs. As Buddy the Elf says, "The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

Grade 9 and 10 choir students are reminded of their special rehearsals today. Grade 9s in period A and Grade 10s in period C and together during lunch at 12:15 pm.