

"REMEMBER NOT THE FORMER THINGS, NOR CONSIDER THE THINGS OF OLD. BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING; NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? I WILL MAKE A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS AND RIVERS IN THE DESERT."

Isaiah 43:18-19 (ESV)

Happy New Year, West Coasters! \* It's time for a fresh start and exciting adventures. In a recent exercise, our high school students shared what they want to leave behind in 2023 and embrace more in the coming year (see pg 7 for their responses).

In the spirit of Isaiah 43:18-19, which encourages embracing the new, let's consider our aspirations for the year ahead.

#### **Leaving Behind:**

Our students aim to bid farewell to procrastination, bad habits, and poor sleep. Is there a habit or obstacle you want to leave behind? Identifying and shedding these can pave the way for positive change.

#### **Welcoming More Of:**

Increased motivation, a stronger relationship with God, and organization are a few things our high school students mentioned desiring. Do you wish for more fun, more time with friends, or more kindness? Let's focus on setting meaningful goals and embracing new opportunities.

Wishing you a year filled with positive changes and exciting adventures!

Mrs Sutherland

# HAPPENINGS

#### **JANUARY 24**

K-12 Reading Buddies, 8:40 am

#### **JANUARY 25**

HS Term 2 Ends; all assignments are due by noon

#### **JANUARY 29**

Pro-D Day, no live classes K-12, or Ukulele Club.

#### JANUARY 30

HS Semester 2 Live Classes Begin

#### FEBRUARY 2

K-12 Report Cards Published

#### FEBRUARY 5-8

Elementary Conferences (no K-8 live classes)

#### FEBRUARY 7

HS Grade 9-12
Parent/Teacher/Student
Conferences

#### **FEBRUARY 19**

Family Day, no school

### CHECK OUT THE STUDENT HUB



#### **LET'S KICK OFF 2024!**

Welcome to an exciting journey through 2024! As we dive into the new year, get ready to embrace kindness in all its forms, as February marks Kindness Month. Let's kickstart this year with open hearts and a commitment to making our community a brighter, warmer place through acts of compassion and goodwill. Visit the student hub's discussion board and post about the kind deeds you've undertaken during this school year so far!

#### **SEEK & FIND**



Search the WCAS virtual school for Mr. Brock's toque!



# Word of the Year 2024



#### Ask yourself:

- What could I use more of in my life?
- What could I use less of in my life?
- What admirable characteristic would l like to be known for?
- What is my biggest weakness?
- What has this last year mostly been about?
- What do I want this next year to mostly be about?





My "24 for 24" List

Ready for a challenge West Coasters?! Download the linked pdf below or make your own tracker.

List twenty-four things you'd like to do by the end of the year. These items can be easy or ambitious, one-time undertakings or habits that stretch for years.





# STORY WRITING CONTEST

unleash your imagination and storytelling skills!

#### CRAFT A ONE-PARAGRAPH STORY

#### **BASED ON THE PROMPT:**

'Animals from all around the world gather for an Olympics-style competition. What events do they participate in, and who wins the gold medals?'

## Post it in the Student Hub

**BY JANUARY 26, 2024** 

Entries will be judged and winner announced in next month's Quest newsletter!

#### **GET TO KNOW**

# Mrs. Heidi Morehouse

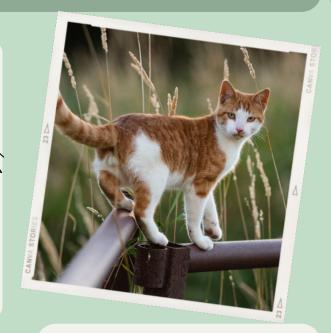


#### **About Me**

I live on a farm in Alberta with my husband,
Don. We have one special cat, Cully that we
rescued. I have graduated from Andrews
Univerity with my Bachelors degree and from
La Sierra with my Masters Degree. I grew up
in Saskatchewan and have lived in New
Brunswick, Nova Scotia, BC and Alberta.

#### **Favourites**

- Colour definitely purple!
- Snack anything chocolate
- Food Thai and Indian
- Sports Team Vancouver Canucks
- Hobbies baking, watercolour painting, reading, paddle boarding, camping



#### Favourite Bible Verses

Joshua 24:15 Deuteronomy 32:2-3

#### Fun Fact

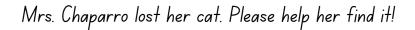
I've been rescued by a helicopter from the top of a mountain on a backpacking trip.

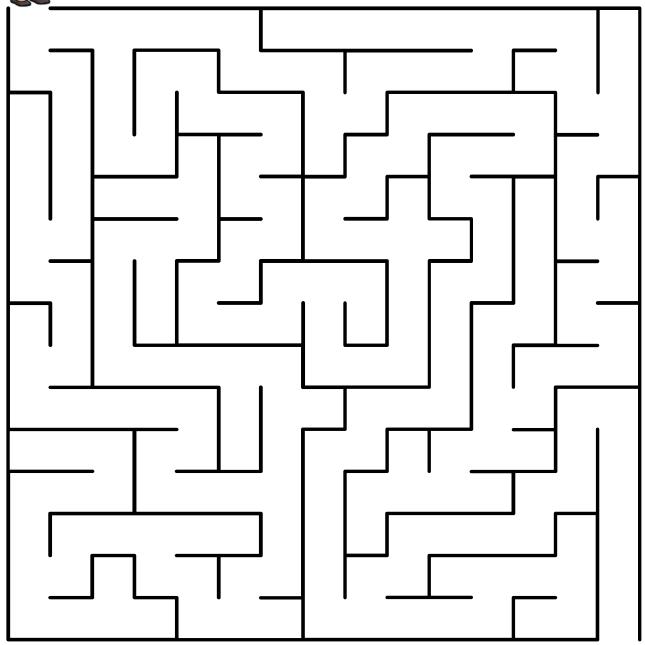
#### What Excites Me About West Coast

"I enjoy the conversations and ideas that we chat about in Grades 7 and 8. They are a fun and creative bunch."



### THE MISSING CAT













# ST Spotlight



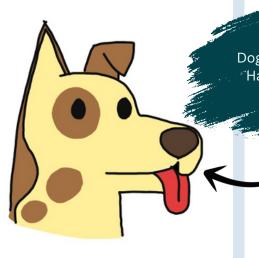
Grade 9-12's list
of things they
want to leave
behind and want
more of

Unhealthy habits	terrible sleep	Procrastination	Bad habits and bad behaviour
Idleness	Constant	losing in	Irrational
	sickness	hockey	anxiety lol
	and colds	fantasy	(overthinking)

organization, productivity, GETTINC STUFF DONE PLEASEEE Follow God's leading in my life Follow Sleep a night Follow God's leading in my life Follow God's leading in my life Follow Sleep Follow God's leading in my life Follow God's leading in my life Follow God's leading in my life Follow Get closer to God, do more Independence More Sleep Independence Ind

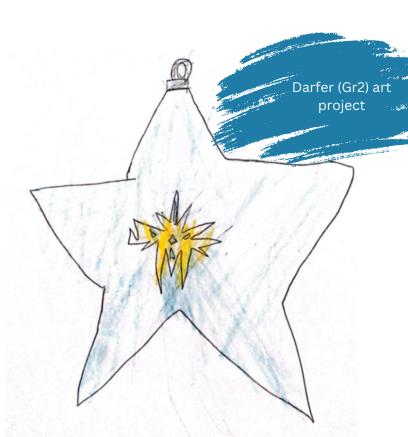
Leave behind in 2023

Have more of in 2024



Dog portrait art by Hannah Watson (Gr7)







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Trevor (Gr1) wrote about Christmas for Language Arts Class





