

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families:

It is hard to believe December is here already! We are now preparing report cards to go home on December 16 for Term 1. We want to thank all our staff for continuing to organize and lead most of our regular programming and opportunities for students in school sports and our Arbutus music program, amongst many other activities. While many of the activities have had to be modified due to COVID, we are pleased so many students are still getting involved in these valuable parts of middle school life!

**Rising Infections:** We know many are concerned about the current trend in the province and increasing cases on Vancouver Island. We are being extremely vigilant in enforcing safety protocols at school, and ask that you double-down at home in these efforts to keep the school community safe. This means:

**1. Daily Health Checks every morning at home** - please use the checklist sent home previously to ensure your child is free of illness, and call 811 or consult your medical practitioner if you suspect your child or anyone in your home may have the corona virus, as per the instructions on the SD61 checklist.



**2. Mask wearing** - This is critical; please ensure your child has a few masks with them as they leave for school and that they put one on before they enter the building. Hand washing or sanitizing occurs as students enter in the morning and throughout the day, but **masks are mandatory in our hallways, office and high traffic areas.**

Finally, please work hard to keep your bubble as small as possible. We all have to make sacrifices this Christmas season but it will be worth it, in keeping this virus at bay. Together we can keep our community safe!

Have a great weekend!  
Rob Parker, Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Dec. 7th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 10, 11, 6 and 20 Music Performance Recording—see pg 2 for details
Tuesday, Dec. 8th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 2, 3, 8, 9, 18 and 19 Music Performance Recording—see pg 2 for details
Wednesday, Dec. 9th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 16, 17, 14 and 15 Homework Club will resume in January.
Thursday, Dec. 10th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 4, 5, 12 and 13
Friday, Dec 11th	<i>Math Challengers</i> in pm



DECEMBER 4, 2020

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Dear music parents,

Music students have been busy preparing for this year's version of our winter concerts. We wish we could all come together as a community to support our students and celebrate their accomplishments so far, but this year we'll have to celebrate this learning in a digital format. We'll be recording videos of all music ensembles on December 7 and 8 and will share a link to these concert videos once they are edited and ready to share.



**Students should come to school in their music uniform on the date of their performance(s).** Our uniform is the Arbutus Music t-shirt, black pants, black socks, and black (or dark) shoes. **Some students will be performing on days that they don't usually have band and will need their instrument.**

### Performance days:

**Monday December 7: Summit Jazz, Vocal Jazz, Grade 6 Band\*, Junior Strings, Grade 7 Band, Summit Strings**

**Tuesday December 8: Intermediate Strings, Grade 8 Band**

**\*Grade 6 band:** Please note that we missed Grade 6 band in last week's update. Grade 6 band will be performing their recording on December 7. Students who usually have band on Tuesdays (Group A students and Div 14) will need to remember to bring their instrument on Monday.

Forms went home this week only for students that do not have blanket permission for their image to be used online. If you do not want your child to be a part of this recording, please let Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Hill or Mr. Parker know before December 7.

## Water Bottles, Please!

Need a stocking stuffer idea? How about a water bottle?!? We would love to see every student with a personal water bottle from now on, since water fountains are still not in use, and being hydrated is so important. We do loan cups when needed, but would like to reduce this amount.

## Pick up and Drop Off

This is a gentle reminder to caregivers to **please pick up and drop off students in front of the school whenever possible.**

We want to be good neighbours and reduce congestion on our side streets.

**Thank you!**

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Dec 16	Report Cards go Home
Dec 18	Last day before Winter Break
Jan 4	First day back after Winter Break

**Attendance** - Please remember to inform our Attendance line if your child will be late or absent.

You can email to [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance62@sd61.bc.ca) or phone and leave a message on our call back line at **250-360-0725**.

### **When a student is late:**

**Please have them come to our side service door (#4) and ring the doorbell; someone will come let them in.**

### **Covid Protocol if Your Child is Unwell**

Please use the new and recently revised [Daily Health Check](#) form each morning (can be found on our website under "quick links") to ensure your child is healthy and not exhibiting any respiratory symptoms. If any students or staff are sick **they must not come to school**. This will be essential in keeping our school community safe this winter. Parents must also check with a medical professional or call 811 to ensure their child does not have COVID 19 before they can return to school. Students must also be symptom free before returning to school.