
Clearwater Secondary

Newsletter

December 10th 2021

Updated Interior Health Order

Hello Parents,

Interior Health has recently updated the guidelines for gatherings at school which means we are now allowed to have assemblies and increase the number of spectators for upcoming home games.

Assemblies are an important part of school life that we have missed since March 2019. Assemblies help us to build school culture, recognize hard work and celebrate success. In the new year we will start holding assemblies for the entire school. I anticipate that we will run an assembly at the start of semester two to celebrate student achievement in semester one and an indoor track meet prior to that. If you are not familiar with our indoor track meets, they are fun competitions organized by our student council and are typically a student favourite.

The previous rules for only allowed one spectator per player. This was challenging for many families who really wanted to see their kids play. I am happy to let you know that we are now allowed to run our gym at 50% capacity which means we are allowed 300 spectators, more than enough to accommodate family and friends who would like to come watch. Spectators will still need to wear a mask and to sign in.

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Core Competency Week

Core Competency week was born out of a desire to be able to run big audacious multidisciplinary projects. If you ask our senior students what their favourite school experience is they will likely tell you it was Core Competency Week. We have been unable to run Core Competency Week the since 2018 as COVID made this impossible.

In the past students have . . .

- Built musical instruments, banjos or cigar box guitars
- Produced a play, that was student directed
- Research, designed, built and installed the disc golf course behind the school
- Volunteered at a number of non profit agencies
- Gained hand on experience with local emergency services
- Honed their creative writing and published their work
- Learned about how to make textiles
- Visited regional butchers and learned how to process meat

This year we are already working on the projects for May which may include writing original music, exploring culture through bread making, and a paddling trip. In semester two we will share approximately ten projects with students and they will have a chance to sign up for a project of their choice, with senior students getting first pick.

From May 6th to 13th there will be no regular classes and students will spend all day with their project leader. Typically projects involve work at school and regional field trips. Friday May 13th is our day of celebration where students will showcase the learning they have been engaged with.

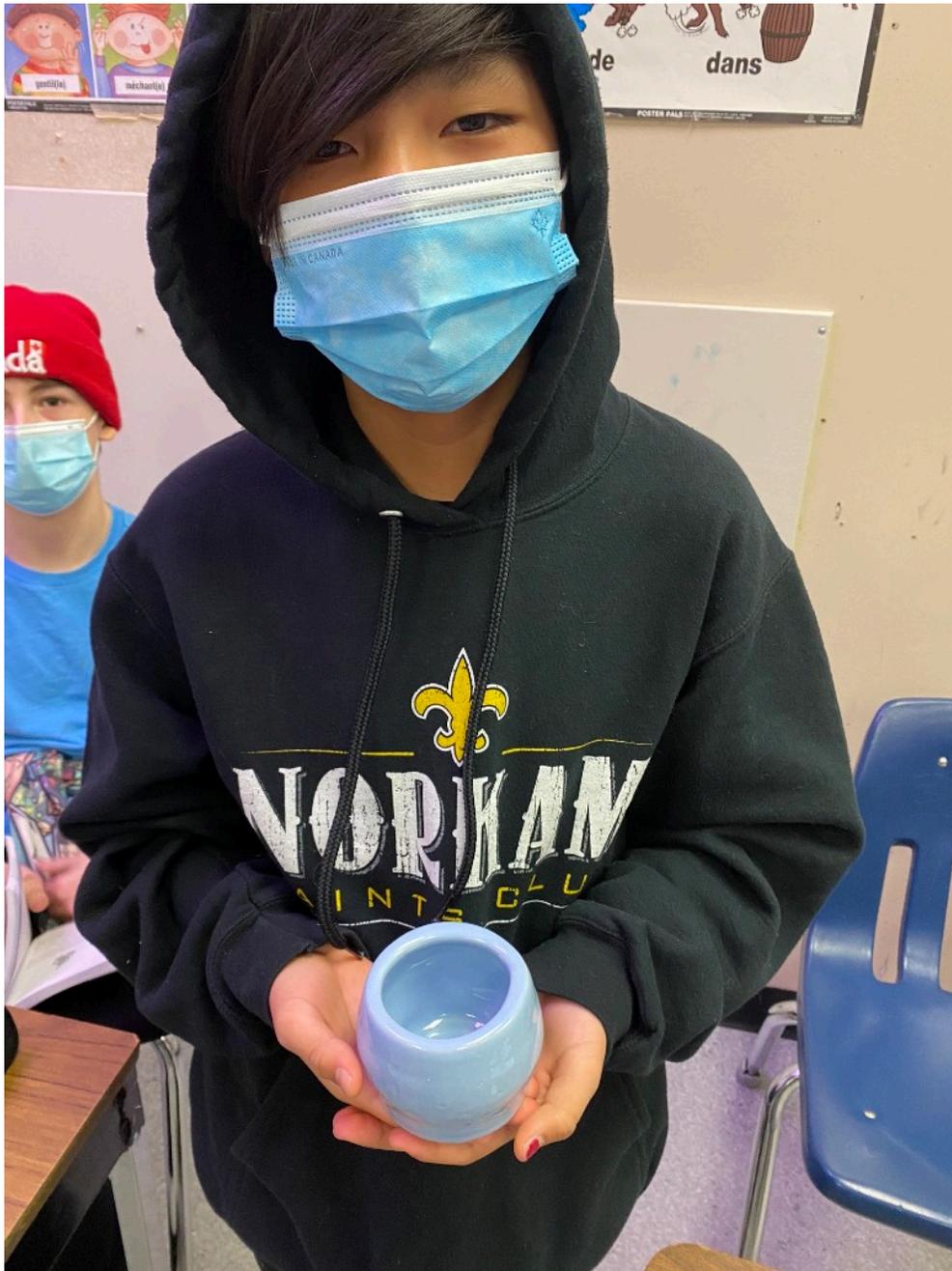
Students may also choose to arrange an internship for the week. In the past students have been able to arrange some amazing internships that gave them an in-depth hands on sense of possible future careers.

Junior Art Class

A huge thank you to Liana Beaudry who has been generously volunteering her time to work with our junior art classes and share her passion and expertise. Liana is a local potter and under her guidance students have been enjoying working clay on the wheels and firing their pieces in the kiln.



Junior Art Class



Snow Flake Chemistry

Mrs. Lavinge and her students have been studying the crystal structure of snowflakes and went out this week to catch them. They captured snowflakes and then used a special process to mold them inside superglue which preserves the complex structures.



Snow Flake Chemistry



Upcoming Dates

Monday December 13th

- Interim reports home for students at risk of failing

Friday December 17th

- The last day before winter break

Tuesday January 4th

- School reopens

Monday January 31st

- Last day of semester one

Tuesday Feb 1st

- Turn around day, no school

Wednesday February 2nd

- First day of semester two

March 19th to April 3rd

- Spring break

May 6th to 13th

- Core Competency Week