

Meeting Date: February 9, 2023

## Highlight 1: 2023-2024 Calendar Approved

### Key Messages:

The 2023-2024 NWSA School Year Calendar was approved by the Board of Education at the February meeting.

The calendar is posted on [NWSA.ca](https://www.nwsd.ca) and available for all school families.

## Highlight 2: Celebrations

### Key Messages:

### Carpenter High School Pink Game

The CHS Girls' basketball team hosted a Pink Game at their home tournament to raise funds for the Meadow Lake Oncology Unit. The Pink Game has travelled around the province, with different girls' teams taking a turn to host and raise funds for local initiatives to fight cancer.

The CHS team had a goal of raising \$17,000, and as of game time on Friday, February 10, they had surpassed \$23,000, with a final tally still to be announced.

### Student Voice Presentation to School Administrators

A priority of the NWSA Board of Education is to hear directly from students about their concerns and ideas for improving their education. To that end, NWSA administration brought together high school students for three student voice forums around the division (North, Central and South). Students were given an opportunity to collect feedback from their peers, and then share their feedback in an open environment.

The feedback was brought together, and many themes were identified. A group of five students volunteered to speak on behalf of the student voice groups, and to share their findings and suggestions with NWSA Principals, Vice Principals, and Senior Administration. The group will also present to the Board of Education at a future meeting.

The students did an excellent job articulating the overall student experience, expressing their frustrations, challenges, and suggestions.

The feedback from the students will be incorporated into future planning for improvements and changes in Northwest School Division.

In previous years, the Board of Education has invested significant funds into upgrading wifi infrastructure and purchasing additional student laptops and computers, based on feedback from the student voice forums.