

*Silver Creek High School*  
**Diary of the Dragons**

February 1, 2022

Dear Dragon Community,

Happy February to all of you! It is my greatest hope that we get warmer temperatures and a little more snow. We will see if Cupid can deliver both to us here at SCHS!

Our students did an amazing job on their exhibitions. Truly, I learned so much from them sharing about themselves and their learning. I even teared up a few times! They were so beautiful and the students have matured immensely since the beginning of the school year.

As we work toward the second part of the school year, we have even higher expectations for our students and their ability to exhibit their learning. Engagement is key to learning and we are hopeful that our students will master the concepts and share their learning through the works they turn in. If you ever want to see how your child is doing regarding their work completion you can check it through LiFT, or email any teacher at any time. We love having an open-door policy and having our parents involved!

I just want to remind you that we have started to enforce the attendance policy for semester 2. I sent you all an email earlier explaining the procedure. Basically, if a student reaches ten absences in any given class, then the student is in jeopardy of losing their credit for that class. I highly recommend, if your student is staying home sick, they bring a doctor's note as that does not count against their total absences. Please remember that school starts at 9:00 am. If a student arrives at 9:20 am, it is an absence for that class.

I have included a few pictures from the Science class and our Tie Dye Elective. You can also access your student's report card on Family Access via Skyward.

I wish you all great health as we continue on with Winter and know that Spring is right around the corner.

Toni



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1 de febrero de 2022

Querida comunidad de dragones:

¡Feliz febrero para todos! Mi mayor esperanza es que tengamos temperaturas más cálidas y un poco más de nieve. ¡Veremos si Cupido puede traernos ambas cosas acá en SCHS!

Nuestros estudiantes realizaron un trabajo increíble en sus exhibiciones. Verdaderamente, aprendí mucho acerca de ellos cuando hablaron de ellos mismos y sobre su aprendizaje. ¡Incluso se me llenaron los ojos de lágrimas en algunas ocasiones! Fueron tan hermosas las presentaciones, nuestros estudiantes han madurado inmensamente desde el comienzo del año escolar a la fecha.

A medida que avanzamos hacia la segunda parte del año escolar, tenemos expectativas aún más altas para nuestros estudiantes y también en cuanto a su capacidad para exhibir su aprendizaje. Estar involucrados es clave para el aprendizaje y esperamos que nuestros estudiantes dominen los conceptos compartiendo su aprendizaje a través de los trabajos que entreguen. Si en algún momento desea ver cómo le va a su hijo(a) en cuanto a la finalización de su trabajo, puede verificarlo a través de LiFT, o envíe un correo electrónico a cualquier maestro en cualquier momento. ¡Nos encanta el hecho de tener una política de puertas abiertas para todos y que nuestros padres se involucren!

Solo quiero recordarles que hemos comenzado a poner en efecto la política de asistencia para el semestre 2. Les envié un correo electrónico con anterioridad explicando el procedimiento. Básicamente, si un estudiante llega a diez ausencias en alguna de sus clases, entonces el estudiante está en peligro de perder su crédito por esa clase. Hago una recomendación muy especial, si su estudiante se queda en casa porque está enfermo, al presentar una nota del médico, esto no cuenta contra el total de ausencias. Por favor, recuerde que la escuela inicia a las 9:00 a. m. Si un estudiante llega a las 9:20 a. m., cuenta como una ausencia para esa clase.

He incluido algunas fotos de la clase de Ciencias y de nuestra clase electiva de *Tie Dye* (atar y teñir prendas). También, usted puede acceder a la boleta de calificaciones de su estudiante en Family Access a través de Skyward.

Les deseo a todos mucha salud mientras continuamos con el invierno sabiendo que la primavera está ya a la vuelta de la esquina.

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January 3, 2022

Dragon Diaries:

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a healthy and happy winter break. I am so grateful for the moisture and all that it will bring for this spring and summer. January is a busy time for your students and us. We have lots going on, and as we finish out the semester, the students will be working on their exhibitions and learning new material. The dates for the Exhibitions will be January 12-14th. If you are interested in attending, please contact the main office or your students Advisor.

We had a fantastic Winter Feast, and I am thankful to all those that helped make it a special event for our students. It was indeed a wonderful experience for all of us. Special thanks to Brigitte for her planning and organization of the feast, Chris for being Santa, and Michele for being the elf, and most especially the wonderful group of women who decorated and provided gifts for every student.

Thanks for all you do to support your kids, and let us hope that 2022 will be the year for all our students to finish their school year with great success!

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## *Silver Creek High School*

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December 1, 2021

Dragon Diaries:

December is upon us and it is truly unbelievable how time flies! As we enter into the Holiday Season, may we all hope for Peace on Earth, whatever that means to all of you.

Our Dragons have been creative and busy this past month. Some of the fun things we have done include the following: Gratitude flags, Tye Dye, and Knitting. The Gratitude Flags are in our entryway. The flags were created by our students and staff. Our Tye Dye group colored the flags and all of us wrote or drew a symbol of gratitude. They turned out beautifully and all had a great time and our hearts were filled with joy making them.

During our Maker Space class, we have been introducing the students to knitting and crochet as well as working with yarn. Some of the students made hats and they turned out great. We are grateful for our students, they are the best!

Our Exhibitions are coming up and students have been working towards displaying their learning in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies. As many of you know, the students' Exhibitions are the showcase of their personal growth and learning during the last semester.

Our students celebrated many of our local Veterans for Veterans Day. They wrote lovely letters to many Veterans giving thanks for their service. SCHS also had a panel discussion with several Veterans and was able to ask some very interesting questions.

We are trying to work on absences for our students. We will be enforcing the attendance policy in the second semester. Per the School Board Policy, students can not exceed 9 absences in a semester. If they do, they may be denied their credits. However, if a student is denied their credit, we will give them the opportunity to earn the credit back by showing up for the rest of the term without any absences. Please review the policy located on the district website under the School Board tab. Trying to help students understand that if they are not in class they are not going to pass is difficult. Parents, if you can help with getting your student to school then we should have no problems aligning graduation dates for each and every dragon.

### **Some important upcoming events:**

Mid Term Reports will be sent home on Dec 6

Silver Creek Holiday Feast Dec. 15

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Winter Break starts on Dec.20. School resumes on Jan. 3  
Exhibitions will be held the week of Jan. 10  
Semester 1 ends on Jan. 14



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November 1, 2021

Dragon Diaries:

**Leadership:** On October 27th, our students attended the Idaho Base Camp in Bellevue to work on collaboration, teamwork, and trust. Through a variety of activities, our dragons demonstrated perseverance, grit, kindness, compassion, and celebration. The students reported they felt a connection to their classmates, teachers, and other grade levels. The entire experience allowed some of the students to step up into some leadership roles.

**Halloween:** A big shout out to all the students who came dressed in a costume to celebrate. It is a joy to watch our students be kids!

**Conferences:** Thank you for attending our Google Meets! It is always great to share about your kids and their progress both socially, emotionally, and academically. If you have any questions throughout the school year, please reach out! We always have time for you and value you as partners in your child's education.

**Cell phones:** It is in our handbook that cell phones are not allowed in the classroom! We as a school will be committed to making sure that is the case! Thank you parents for bringing that up at conferences! Please know that if students bring them out during class for a purpose such as taking photos of their work, that is okay! If the students bring them out during a lesson that interrupts their learning, the phone will be taken away for the remainder of the class and possibly longer.

**Attendance:** One of the biggest factors in determining graduation rates is school attendance. We anticipate that all students at Silver Creek High School will graduate with their cohort. There are some instances where your children are not coming to school on a regular basis. These are the kids we are worried about as far as staying on track to graduate on time. The most important thing you can do as a parent is to encourage your child to get to school every day provided they are healthy. We appreciate all you do as parents to make this happen.

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**Fall Back:** Nov. 7, 2021

**Veteran's Day:** Nov. 11, 2021

**Thanksgiving Break:** Nov. 22-26, 2021

Have a great November!!



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October 1, 2021

Dragon Diaries:

Silver Creek High School

October already! Our Dragons are amazing. Every day I am excited to come to work and see the students and staff. I probably do not need to tell you this but, Silver Creek High School is a very special place. It is a special place because we are able to get to know the whole child and provide the support and education that is so vital for each of them.

There are recent moments to share that bring happiness to our hearts at Silver Creek High School. As you know, we try to focus a great deal on Hands-On learning. So far this year, we have visited the Rinker Ranch, we have had the Sun Valley Museum of the Arts to collaborative projects with our students, and several of our students have engaged in our fly-fishing electives (even catching a few small trout )

The Environmental Science class at Silver Creek School is exploring the environment and creating projects based on what they learn. Each student in the class created a sculpture using found objects. Mr. Koch collected some found objects ahead of time, and students either spent a portion of class time (or also on their own time) collecting items of their own choosing to add to their sculpture. **Lesson Focus:** The focus of this lesson is on repurposing objects to create a form that communicates a message about the environment.

Each Parent/Guardian should have received progress reports for your students. If you have any questions, always feel free to call the school. We have Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 28th and 29th. They will be set up virtually. Please make sure and check your emails or the website for the link to sign up. There will be no school for students on Oct. 29.

During our last 30 minutes of the day, we have started a group called, " What I Need" for any student that needs help or encouragement. The students will be working on skills in which they need reinforced, introduced, and or expanded in the areas of reading and math!

Upcoming events:

- Bell Photography will be here on Oct. 1 for picture retakes. If there is anyone who has not had their picture taken, please do so on this day. You can order any picture packages on the SCHS website.
- There is no school on October 8th as the staff will be participating in Professional Development.. Teachers will be engaged in their own learning and professional development for best practices.

- Oct. 27 will be an all-school field trip to Idaho Base Camp. The purpose of this fun trip is to further nurture our community at SCHS with a ½ day of team building. Each one of you should have received an email with a permission slip attached. Please fill this out and email it back to us or drop it off at the office no later than Oct. 18.
- Halloween Costume Contest, Oct 28. Please wear school appropriate costumes.
- No school for students on Oct. 29 due to P/T conferences.



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## September 7, 2021

### Silver Creek High School

It has been an honor to be starting as the principal at SCHS. The first few weeks have been filled with so many smiles. Getting to know the students has been a highlight. The Dragons definitely have personality and we love having them here at school.

Our electives this semester are varied. Students had the opportunity to choose from Maker Space: art, designing, building, paper making, and various other projects. The studio is open for students to record, video, and play musical instruments. Other offerings include fly fishing, nature walks, and mindfulness. Students have the opportunity to engage in academic assistance during these times if they are needing support.

School BBQ: Thank you all for attending the School BBQ. It was so great to see the students and all of you who participated. Good food and good company are always such a treat.

SCHS started the school year with the theme “We are all human here!” Students and staff made soft foil sculptures that represent one piece of information about themselves. Silver Creek is an intimate alternative school that thrives on building relationships amongst the staff and students. We nurture community here at Silver Creek. Students took the time to share one important detail that inspires and defines them. This is essential to helping the staff and other students know what and how we can support and engage with each other. We have been so excited to start the year, and we are grateful to let every student know we care about them and they matter to us!



Upcoming events:

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Sun Valley Museum of Art is coming to work with our Science Department, Chris Koch, and the 11th-grade Environmental Science class. We are thrilled to have this integrated study happening for our students. Such a pleasure to be working with our community.  
October 1, is picture retake day.