



## ORANGE TRIBUNE #5

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Christmas is a coming the goose is getting fat – actually our banner count is getting fat!! Add another 7 to the wall – thanks to our fall athletes (and 8 if you count a banner that does not exist).

**Volleyball** – As great the Poet Laureate Eddie Van Halen wrote – “you might as well Jump! Jump! Go ahead Jump!”

Our **Orange Skyhoppers** embodied this statement as they went through the playoffs.

The Jr Men bowed out in semi-finals vs a formidable Centennial crew. The boys fought hard, and took the game to extra points in the 5<sup>th</sup> set, but alas fell victim to the coyotes. The boys want to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Fosti for all her hard work this season.

The Jr Girls **Lady Orange** went into the Nest at Carroll plagued with injuries. The ladies fought hard, but in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set, they lost another player, which ultimately cost them the game. The ladies would like to give a shout out to Mrs. Owen for all she has done for them this year.

The Sr Boys put on a show vs St Martin de Porres in the ¼ finals. Perfect defensive play from Owen, helped the boys pull out the win 18-16 in the 5<sup>th</sup> set. The boys met Western in the semi's, and like a physics question – they were stumped. The boys went through a last chance to provincial's game vs Centennial. The Yotes did not have a comeback for the **Orange** outsiders – Quinn and Carson. The boys took the game in 5 – and moved onto Provincials in Red Deer. At the show, the boys got their money's worth, and took every game to 5. Alas 5 is not their lucky number. The boys want to extend a huge than you to Mrs. Donegan and Mrs. Fernandez.

Like the start of season 3 of Vikings where Ragnor attacks Paris– the **Lady Orange** took the troops into city finals against the formidable Redhawks. Like the Vikings, they met defeat in their first attempts (all 9 of them), rallied reformulated their plan and took Paris (and in our case the Redhawks) by storm taking the city banner with them (three peat – whoot, whoot).

Off to the metropolis of Red Deer to face the best Alberta had to offer. The gals lost their semi to the Host team, and went on to face....DUH DA DUUUHHHH – Western in the Bronze medal match. The bookies in Vegas had the Redhawks 200-1 to win, but the **Mighty Orange** came through once again to take the medal out of the waiting grasp of the Western girls. If you are going to win 2 matches make them count – Lloyd always says.

**Swim/Dive** – The **ORANGE TSUNAMIS** came in full force to take on the city in the swim/dive city championships. The Divers were the first to hit the water. The judges cards were smoking as they were flipping the high scores Abe's way. Ahl or nothing Aaron, Kailyn C and Emma E came out with gold to help propel the 40+ divers the banner for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year – can you say dominate!!

The **Orange Dolphins** were in the pool next, and they did not disappoint. The Water Sprites made a splash in the pool, and in the hearts of all the spectators with their determination and will to win. The

competition was tight this year with only 100 points separating 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> – with Abe coming up on the side of 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Fehres and Ms. Rowlandson – deserve a huge Kudo for all the early am's, and spectacular season.

**Wrestling- The Sherman Tanks** first went into battle with their rookies. The team is fine form, and ready for quick introductions in a ring. They are prime for their first quad. Coach Bodnar has been playing a tonne of Mobile Strike, and conferring with Arnold Schwarzenegger on how to best to defeat their enemies.

**BASKETBALL** – And so it begins..... the start of the **ORANGE FRANCHISE** – The Big Men started the season in Edmonton where they met with 3 of the top 10 teams in Alberta. Nathan C. demonstrated just how much the win means as he took one for the team (check out his Instagram). The boys came home with a 6 place finish. They went right into higher hoops the following week with dropping tough games to McNally, Dame and Crescent. The **Orange Men** are extra focused to take on St. Mary's in their home opener. Coach Hays has been hinting at cutting his hair if the boys pull out the win. We need the gym filled to help the boys put the pressure on Hayes.

The **Jr Orangemen** started their season with a consolation win at the Western RIT. Like a Ferrari – Coach D has put all the parts in place so the machine works at its ultimate best – so it is with the Jr boys. Coach Davison is excited to see how the team fairs in their home opener vs St. Mary's on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

The Bball girls have also started the season running. The Sr Ballers were in the Higher Hoops tournament last week. The girls dropped a close game to Francis, then met Chestermere and Grandin. Bailey M is offering private shooting lessons – as she took the Ghosts to school.

The **Jr Ballers** opened their season with the St. Francis RIT. The Lady Hoopsters had a fantastic tourney swathing through the opposition, taking home the silver medal.

The Ladies start their league season this Tuesday vs Centennial. Ms. Farquhar is ready to lay the smack down on the Yotes, and needs the help of the student body as the 6<sup>th</sup> man.

**FANS** – The **Orange Squeeze** won the first imaginary banner for their efforts at the volleyball city championships. The announcers on Shaw TV awarded the ABE Fans the banner for their outstanding efforts during the Volleyball City Championship.

The crew is looking for new members to come out Tues Dec 12 and Thurs Dec 14 for the Basketball home openers. We are hosting 2 of Abe's brown ball nemesis, so we are looking for a crowd to help our teams find the "W".

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