



Hello Everyone! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Brittany, and I am the dorm parent at PMHA! I hope that the first half of the year has been as easy as possible for you all. It is a big adjustment! The first few months here have seemed to fly by, the players have been very busy overall between school, practice, games, and just every day activities.



In September we did a number of things here at PMHA starting with getting everyone settled into the dorms and into a routine. We played an icebreaker on the first day, it was a BINGO game where each square had a fun fact and you had to find someone who fit the fact e.g. "find someone who was born outside of Canada". We also did a photo scavenger hunt race where the kids were divided into their cleaning groups and had to race to complete the list. The first team finished would be the last group to do chores and the last team to finish started their week of chores that day. We went to the bridge a couple of times for swimming and bridge jumping before it got too cold. Hopefully we will be able to go back this spring!



October brought colder weather and regular season games. I feel as though both teams improve every time I see them play. The boys team started travelling outside of Manitoba for games and tournaments. October went by in the blink of an eye it feels, but we did manage to get in a couple of activities. A big game of hide and seek was played the one night and it saw 10 people tying for the win. Halloween ended the month with the boys team barely getting back in time for it. Several of the kids carved pumpkins and several went trick or treating. We had a door decorating contest in the dorms that saw Kennedy Rothenbusch of the girls team and Cam Perrier of the boys team coming out on top. And a special mention to Sofie Thompson for winning best costume of the night.





November went by fast as well. The girls had their first big road trip of the year! They went to Calgary and I was lucky enough to join them. We also started a 3 vs. 3 tournament, which carried through December and will be finished when we all get back to Pilot Mound from winter break. In

December we decorated the rec room with some beautiful string lights (courtesy of River Johnston) and not one, but two Christmas trees. We had our team Christmas party which included all three teams, all the coaching staff, the cooking staff, and our billet/local families. Each player was given a Buffaloes drawstring bag which inside had popcorn, two hot chocolate mixes, suckers, a candy cane, and a tree ornament! Each team got to compete in a coach decorating contest, where they decorated their coaches up like Christmas trees. The girls team got the victory with Coach Brad making an exceptionally beautiful tree. I hope that the rest of the year will be as fun and exciting as the first half, and I hope that all of your children have been enjoying their time here and making some amazing memories. We here at PMHA hope you have had a very happy holiday(s), and can't wait to have you back!





