

Sherwood Heights Junior High School

www.sherwoodheights.org

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Conferences will be held in the gym at Sherwood Heights on Tuesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 16th from 5:00-7:30pm. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians. The conferences will be an open format. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact the teachers. You can contact our teachers through email or a phone call to the school.

Grades are currently displayed on the PowerSchool parent portal. The grades will change as staff enter summative and formative assessment information. Assessment plans for each course can be located on the main eteacher page for all teaching staff through our school website.

Please note the following staff and their availability for the conferences:

Mrs. Hauca will be available on Tuesday, March 14th only

Mme. Staub will be available on Thursday, March 16th only

School Fees

Please remember to regularly login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities including field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees, and more. This is also where you can purchase a yearbook for the 2016/2017 school year. To access your fee information, simply login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account

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Upcoming Events

March High School Open Houses

Ardrossan Senior High School

March 7 - 6:30-8:30pm

Salisbury Composite High School

March 8 - 6:30-8:30pm

Bev Facey High School

March 9 - 6:30-8:30pm

March 13

Progress report available online
4:00pm

3.14

March 14

Pi Day

March 14 and 16

P/T/S Interviews 5:00-7:30pm

March 21

School Council meeting in library
7:00pm

March 23

Spring dance during periods 5 and 6,
organized by our student leadership
committee.

March 24-31

Spring Break (all schools are closed)

Registration Information

We are looking forward to registering all current grade 7/8 students for the 2017/2018 school year. Our current grade 7 and 8 students will be bringing home registration forms during the week of April 3rd, and they are due back to the office by Thursday, April 13th.

Our current grade 9 students will be registering for high school in mid-April, more information to follow as timelines are provided by the high schools.

(<https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html>) and click the tab entitled, "Student Fees."

Once logged in, you will be able to view and pay fees online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online (if available from your financial institution). Payments can also be made at the school by cheque or cash. For more information about school fees and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/school-fees/acorn. Alternatively, you can contact Shantel Noppers – Business Manager at 780-467-5930.

Email Subscription

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) appreciates the opportunity to stay connected with parents and one of the ways in which we do so is through email. Due to Canada's new Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL), effective 7 a.m. on February 15, we are not allowed to send you any type of email that may contain commercial content unless you have given us consent.

You must either subscribe or unsubscribe with **every email address that you've provided** to the school (home email(s); business emails of parents/guardians; emergency email contacts). This same message will be sent to all emails we currently have in our system.

In order to continue receiving routine emails from both the Division and the school(s) your child or children attend, you must click on the link below and select 'Subscribe.' If you no longer wish to receive routine emails, please select 'Unsubscribe.'

[EIPS Subscription Options](#)

Once you have subscribed/unsubscribed from the first email, you will be given the option to enter other emails you've provided to the school and select the subscribe/unsubscribe option for each of those as well.

IMPORTANT: If you unsubscribe, you will not receive email with content or attachments including school newsletters, information about upcoming school and/or Division events, parent/community engagement opportunities, and occasional updates from Alberta Education. These messages may contain advertising or promotional content from time to time (e.g., school fundraisers; lunch programs; field trips; the sale of yearbooks; purchasing of student photos, books, graduation or dance tickets; athletic events with an entry fee; or similar events and offers), and are not allowed under the new legislation.

Please note that even if you unsubscribe, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and notice that school fees are posted online. Those parents/guardians who signed up for emails regarding high school attendance will also still receive those messages.

We are asking that you indicate your preference no later than **March 1, 2017**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this very important matter.

Boundary Exemption Request Process - Now Open

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year is now open. EIPS students—in kindergarten to Grade 12—wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can now apply to do so. All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The application deadline is April 7, 2017. Boundary exemption requests received after April 7, 2017 will be declined. There is no late or secondary process.

The [Boundary Exemption Request Form](#) and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process.

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

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New Safety Lights Put a Spotlight on Rural School Bus Safety

Students who live in rural areas throughout Strathcona County recently received a pedestrian safety light, thanks to the Strathcona County School Traffic Safety Partnership and Shell Canada. The lights are easy to attach to a backpack and are meant to help rural bus operator see children during dusk and dawn hours. Make sure to encourage your child to light up and be visible when getting on and off the school bus and crossing street intersections.

We all have a part to play in road safety. Here are a few simple rules to help keep everyone safe:

- **Look out for one another.** Slow down and watch for pedestrians when driving or cycling, particularly in areas where there are no sidewalks or streetlights.
- **Help Drivers see you.** When walking on the road, always walk against the traffic. Wear brightly coloured or reflective clothing when walking in low light or poor weather conditions.

Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, want to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit www.lifesaving.org.

Did you know?

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water actually become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*.

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