

Sherwood Heights Junior High School

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Administration Message

On behalf of the school staff we would like to welcome you to Sherwood Heights Junior High for the 2017/2018 school year. We are very proud of our school and the excellent programs we offer to our students. We have an exceptional staff and are looking forward to a successful year.

September is an exciting time for all of us. We encourage our school community to be involved in their student's education, and wish all of our students' success and a great start to the year.

Principal- Mr. Weylin Gilewich

Assistant Principal- Mr. Amit Mali

Assistant Principal/ Counsellor- Mr. Rod Woitas

Course Changes

We have been reviewing option course request changes with students daily in the library at 12:45pm. Students will request the changes with an administrator in the library and will bring home a form for a parent/guardian to sign. We will try to accommodate all requests, please recognize there may be limited movement available due to timetable placement of courses. **Course changes are being made for both semester 1 and 2 at this time until Thursday, Sept 14. Please note, we will not be making any course changes for semester 2 after September 14.**

Upcoming Events

September 14

- School photo day

September 15

- Terry Fox Run/ Cougar Mile
- 10:15 AM - 12:20 PM
- (All students)

September 21

- Meet the Teacher
- 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

September 26

- School Council Meeting in the library 7:00pm. All parents welcome to attend.

Meet the Teacher Night

Please join us on Thursday, September 21 from 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM for Meet the Teacher Night.

The format is an open house event to tour the school and visit your teachers. We look forward to seeing you then.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

A reminder that all assignments and assessments are recorded in the PowerSchool Gradebook. Each parent and student can access updated assessment information by clicking on the blue links within each course on the quick lookup screen.

Please call the office if you require assistance to login.

Teachers will have their assessment plans updated on our website for September 21st.

Meet our Staff

Mr. Archer	Teacher
Mr. Basisty	Teacher
Mrs. Blonski	Teacher
Mr. Bouwers	Teacher
Mrs. Braun	Canteen
Mrs. Dach	Teacher
Mrs. Duignan	EA
Ms. Fayed	Teacher
Ms. Fleck	Teacher
Mr. Foley	Teacher
Mr. Gieringer	Teacher
Mr. Gottstein	Teacher
Mr. Hall	Teacher
Mrs. Hauca	Teacher
Mr. Hui	Teacher
Mrs. Kirkby	EA
Mr. Koning	Teacher
Ms. Lloyd	Library Tech
Ms. Malec	Teacher
Ms. McLean	Teacher
Mrs. McBain	Lunch Supervisor
Ms. Mekechuk	Teacher
Ms. Nally	Teacher
Mr. Olsen	Teacher
Ms. Oszip	Teacher
Ms. Provencher	Teacher
Mr. Rivard	Teacher
Mrs. Ryan	Attendance Secretary
Ms. Shacker	Teacher
Mrs. Shiloff	Lunch Supervisor/ EA
Ms. Sparrow	Teacher
Mrs. Stone	Secretary
Mr. Uniat	Teacher
Mr. Verrier	Teacher
Mrs. Wert	EA

Absence Reporting

Phones are answered by office staff daily between the hours of 8:00am and 3:45pm. If you are calling outside of these times, our automated answering machine will accept messages for reporting future absences and appointments. The school contact number is 780-467-5930. We encourage you to call in advance to report absences. Thank you.

More Important News

Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice — 40+ Exhibitors. Together in One Place.

Thinking about attending post-secondary school after graduation? Not sure on the career or sector? Plan to attend this year's Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice on October 17.

Hosted by Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS), Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice is an annual post-secondary and career fair that brings together more than 40 colleges, universities, polytechnic and private schools, and sector experts in one place—the largest event of its kind in Alberta.

The event is free and open to all students in grades 9 through 12—from both EIPS and Elk Island Catholic Schools. Both students and family members will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from each attending post-secondary institutions; ask question; talk to experts about various career sectors; learn about future career trends; and much more.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre, 2100 Premier Way, Sherwood Park

Visit www.eips.ca/students/your-future-its-a-matter-of-choice for the complete list of exhibitors.

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2017-18 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by early October. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted—the course change deadline is September 12, 2017.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your students fees you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2017.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees/fees.

Enhancing literacy and numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again planning to administer two assessment tools during the 2017-18 school year—STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI). The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 2 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. Grade 1 students will take the STAR 360 exam in October. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. They simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's

determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.

Stay Connected: Subscribe to our news

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice. As soon as you sign up and confirm, you'll begin receiving Division- and school-related news—newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.

Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at www.eips.ca/download/40981.

Updating Your PowerSchool Information

During the first week of school, families will receive a PowerSchool Correction Form for each student enrolled in Sherwood Heights. The form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding each of its students. When you receive the form, please review it carefully and make sure

all the information is correct. If any changes need to be made, please update the form and add any new details you think are necessary.

If you have any technical questions regarding PowerSchool, please contact the school office at 780-467-5930. Thank you for your assistance.
