October Newsletter 2017

Sherwood Heights Junior High

241 Fir Street, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 2G6 www.sherwoodheights.org T: 780-467-5930

Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences



Conferences will be held in the gymnasium at Sherwood Heights on Monday, November 6th and Wednesday, November 8th from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents / guardians. Conferences will be held in an open format.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact your

students' teachers through email or a phone call to the school.

Grades are currently displayed on the PowerSchool parent portal, and will remain on until the end of the school year. As staff enter summative and formative assessment information throughout the year, your students' grades will be updated accordingly. Assessment plans for each course can be located on the main eTeacher page for all teaching staff through our school website.

We will also be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair on the gymnasium stage during both evenings of the conferences. We encourage you to check it

out!

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

Mrs. Hauca will be available on Wednesday, November 8th only.





Upcoming Events

October 19

Fall Awards Night – Invitations have been sent out.

6:30 PM in the Gymnasium

October 31

Halloween Dance

1:15 PM to 3:00 PM

November 6

P/S/T Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair

5:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Gymnasium

November 7

Grade 9 – Take Your Kid to Work Day (Consent forms are required)

November 8

P/S/T Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair

5:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Gymnasium

Cougar Pride – "Reach for the Heights"

Page 1 of 4

More Important News



Halloween Dance

We will be hosting a school dance during the afternoon on Monday, October 31st. Students will have the opportunity for alternate activities should they choose not to participate in the dance.

Our LOGOS program has also invited RIZN for a presentation.

Halloween Costumes

In planning for Halloween activities, students are reminded of the following:



- All costumes must be school appropriate
- Respectful themed costumes
- No masks or costumes are to be worn that pose a safety hazard while moving around the school or classrooms
- Masks or face coverings must not be worn during classroom instruction time
- No weapon related accessories are to be brought to the school

Literacy and Learning Day

This year's Literacy and Learning Day Conference takes place at the Northlands Expo Centre on October 28th. The event is a funfilled day for both parents and teachers, and includes various keynote speakers and free workshops. Participants are guaranteed to walk away with new strategies, tools and resources to support children as they grow and learn. The conference is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, or to register, visit www.literacyday.ca.

More Upcoming Events

November 9

Remembrance Day Ceremony in the Gymnasium

November 10 to November 17

No School – Fall Break

November 28

Interim Report Cards – available online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal

November 28

School Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Cougar Wear

Cougar apparel is now available for purchase! Please visit our new, online store.

The first order deadline is October 24 at 12:00 AM.

The store will re-open again when orders are completed.

https://homerunsports.itemorder.com

Password: SWH2017



Cougar Pride – "Reach for the Heights"

Page 2 of 4



An immunization consent package from Alberta Health Services will soon be sent home with your child. Please check your child's school bag for this package which contains information about the vaccines that your child is eligible for in the <u>Grade 9</u> school based immunization program, along with a consent form for each vaccine. In order for your child to be immunized, each consent form must be signed and returned to your child's school by the date indicated on the envelope.

For tips on preparing your child for immunizations, please refer to <u>https://www.immunize.ca/pain-management-children</u>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Partica RN 780-342-4689. Thank you!

Top 3 Reasons to Attend

- 1 Talk to more than 40 exhibitors from across Canada.
- 2 Get information you need to help plan for life after high school.
- 3 It's FREE!

Join us on Tuesday, October 17th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The annual event, co-ordinated by EIPS in conjunction with the Educational Liaison Association of Alberta, is one of the largest of its kind in the province— bringing together numerous colleges, universities, technical and private vocational schools, and career displayers.

Along with their parents, students in grades 9 through 12 from EIPS and surrounding school divisions are welcome to attend. Browse vendor booths, ask questions about admission processes, examine future career trends and determine high school requirements for specific programs.

For more information, contact: Joseph Clark 780-417-8173



Page 3 of 4



Municipal Election 2017: Vote October 16

Sherwood Park's Election Day is Monday, Oct. 16, 2017. Polls open as early as 9:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. If you can't vote during those times, there's also the option of advance voting and voting by special ballet. To learn more about the election and candidates running — for mayor, reeve, councillor and public school trustee — visit:

Strathcona County:www.strathcona.ca/electionEIPS School Trustees:www.eips.ca

School Bus Safety Week: October 15 to October 21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15–21. The theme: Rider Rules = Safe to School, which is all about teaching children about proper school bus safety. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans and bus-evacuations drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting <u>www.eips.ca/transportation</u> or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151 or <u>st@eips.ca</u>) directly.

Page 4 of 4