## **December Newsletter**

# Sherwood Heights Junior High School

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#### Message from Administration

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us as we head into the winter break. To recognize the holiday season, various activities and events have been planned by our grade 9 leadership students from December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>. Students should check the daily announcements for a schedule of these activities. Students will be able to dress up for theme days such as Pajama day on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Crazy Christmas Hat Day on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and Christmas Sweater Day on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Some of the activities will be for fundraising with all of the funds donated to the Strathcona Food Bank. We will have a collection area in the office to accept any food bank donations, and will collect items until noon on December 21<sup>st</sup>, thanks in advance for your support.

Instructional time will continue as usual during class time and all special events organized for the holiday season will occur before school or during the noon hour. Your students will be aware of any assessments and exams that will be completed. Please let us know in advance if your student will be away or travelling early for the winter break. Hoping you have a great holiday season, and safe travels.

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#### **Volleyball Teams are EIPS Champions**

Congratulations to both our Senior Girls and Junior Boys Volleyball teams for winning their respective championship matches. League champions!

Congratulations on a great season to both our Senior Boys and Junior Girls Volleyball teams. Both teams were awarded the silver medal after competing in the league championship games.

Thank you to all of our coaches, both staff and volunteers, for your dedicated work with our students this volleyball season.

Dec 25 – Jan 5 Winter Break



## Sherwood Heights Christmas Band Concert

Our grade 7, 8, and 9 band students will be performing their first concert of the year in celebration of Christmas. Please join us with some traditional, and non-traditional Christmas music at 7:00pm in the Salisbury Composite Gymnasium on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Students are requested to be at Salisbury for 6:30pm, with their instruments and sheet music. Students are to wear a black button down collared shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes.

Looking forward to a great performance!

#### Semester One courses completed in January

All semester one option courses will be completed in January and semester two courses begin on January 31<sup>st</sup>. A reminder that all option changes have been completed for the school year.

### Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

It's the holiday season once again and the winter break is just around the corner. Before we take time off to enjoy with our loved ones, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families, on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday, and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

Thank you and best wishes,

Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair

#### 2018-19 Attendance Boundaries: Update

As you're aware, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is opening a new K-6 school in Sherwood Park, named Davidson Creek Elementary, in fall 2018. In preparation for the new school, the Board of Trustees recently approved the new school's attendance boundaries and, consequently, the new elementary and junior high attendance boundaries for the northeast quadrant of Sherwood Park. A letter is being sent home that will describe exactly how the changes will impact your children. General information is also available by visiting the EIPS website.

Please note that students residing in the Davidson Creek Elementary attendance area will be designated to this new school and boundary exemptions will not apply. The exception is for "grandfathered" students entering Grade 6. Students in Grade 6 for the 2018-19 school year may continue at their current elementary school. The new attendance boundaries do not apply to students taking French Immersion, German Bilingual, Alternative Christian, Logos and system programs.

#### **Enjoy the Winter Break**

Sherwood Heights will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 22, 2017 and will reopen on Jan. 8, 2018. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact the Central Administration office at Elk Island Public Schools.

#### **EIPS Central Administration Office Winter Break Hours**

Closed December 25-29

Open January 2-5 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Early Dismissal Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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