

Sherwood Heights Junior High School

www.sherwoodheights.org

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Conferences will be held in the gymnasium at Sherwood Heights on Monday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 14 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. 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. Blonski Available Wednesday only

Mrs. Hauca Available Monday only

Mrs. Sparrow Available Wednesday only

Mr. Hui Available both evenings, 5-7 on Monday only

Mr. Gieringer Unavailable both evenings

Upcoming Events

March 12 and 14
5:00-7:30
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

March 6-22
SWH School Store Open Link is on our webpage or click [here](#)

March 14
Pi Day

March 15
Online Pre-Enrolment process closes

March 20
School Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. in the library

March 23
School closure day

March 26 – 30
Spring Break

April 2
Easter Monday (no school)

Pre-enrolment and Registration Information 2018/19

The pre-enrolment and verification process is used to determine the school that you are attending in 2018/19. For all of our returning SWH students, the parent/guardian needs to login to the PowerSchool parent portal and complete the returning student's process.

Please recognize the student access to the portal does not have the link; the link to the pre-enrolment process is only accessible through the parent username and password. We will be sending out specific registration materials to students in April. Please view the registration timelines attached to the end of this newsletter.

Please login to the PowerSchool parent portal to complete the online pre-enrolment process to confirm returning registration. Process available between March 1-15

Grade 9 Farewell

Our ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 14th from 5:00-6:45 at Sherwood Park Alliance Church. A parent committee request communication will be sent out via Synrevoice for any parents interested in organizing the event after the ceremony at the school.

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 5

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2018 Parent Survey—open from March 5-23.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Three-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

At the end of the Parent Survey, French immersion families have the opportunity to answer an additional series of questions to provide their feedback on the French immersion programming offered within EIPS.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey closes March 23, 2018

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Complete the Pre-Enrolment Process: March 1-15

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information and manages requests to attend a non-designated school.

On March 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-

designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.

All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form prior to March 15, 2018.

Applying to attend a non-designated school?

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have [closed boundaries](#) because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

NOTE: Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit www.eips.ca.

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*.

SHERWOOD HEIGHTS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

March 2018

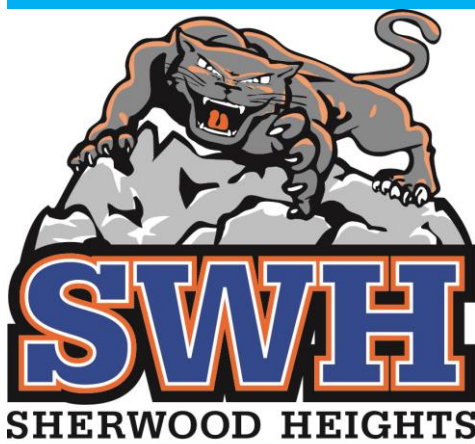
Principal's Message

We are excited to start registering all students for the 2018/2019 school year. Sherwood Heights offers a variety of programs and options with many opportunities for students. Please see the option course offerings below for the upcoming year.

Please refer to our www.sherwoodheights.org website for key dates and information.

Weylin Gilewich

Principal



COUGAR PRIDE!

REGISTRATION FOR 2018/2019

Please note that EIPS has changed the registration system for returning students to a new pre-enrolment process. All current Elk Island families were contacted and directed to go through the online pre-enrolment process from **March 1st to 15th**. This process indicates your school choice for next year and also verifies all student information prior to the start of the new school year. If you have difficulties with the online pre-enrolment process please contact the school office.

1. Parents log on to the PowerSchool Parent Portal between **March 1st and 15th** to complete the Returning Student process which confirms your attendance at Sherwood Heights for 2018-2019. This also indicates that you wish to receive the registration forms to choose options and programs.
2. The school administration will be visiting all current grade 7 and 8 classes **April 5th**. Registration forms will be handed out during the class visits. Copies of these respective forms will be available on our school website at www.sherwoodheights.org.
3. Classroom visits will discuss the option courses, registration procedures, and important dates.
4. The signed registration form with option selections are to be returned to the school office by **April 13th**.
5. Students will complete their online course and program requests with Mr. Woitas and Mr. Mali in the computer lab on **April 16, 17 and 18th**. These selections will be taken from the signed registration forms handed in by the student.
6. Questions regarding option courses and registration can be directed to rod.woitas@eips.ca or amit.mali@eips.ca.

SHERWOOD HEIGHTS OPTION COURSES

Below is a list of the option courses that will be offered for students going into grade 8 and 9 for the 2018-2019 school year.

Art	Fashion
Band	Foods
Construction	French as a Second
Advanced Construction (9)	Language
Culinary Tourism	Leadership
Digital Media and Design	Learning Strategies
Drama	Performing Arts
Electro Music Production (9)	Recreational Fitness
Environmental Outdoor Education	Robotics