

# Sherwood Heights Junior High School

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### Semester 2 Begins January 31, 2017

Semester one will be ending on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Our first day of semester 2 will begin on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Students will be receiving a semester two timetable during their first period class on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Students will be attending their homeroom classes during period 1 on this day. With the semester change, only the option courses will be different from February to June. All other year-long courses will be continuing. The PowerSchool portal for students and parents will reflect the changes to the schedule on the morning of January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Students have received a copy of their semester 2 option courses in September, and are aware that all requests to change option courses were completed at the start of the school year. Semester one option courses will have final marks available on PowerSchool for Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our next formal reporting period is scheduled for March 13, 2017 at 4:00pm. Progress reports will be available on the PowerSchool portal.

### School Council Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the library

We welcome any parents to attend our next meeting. Some topics of discussion will be:

1. Snapchat
2. No Hat Policy
3. Nutrition AP follow up
4. Digital Citizenship- toolkit for parents and resources

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## Upcoming Events

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - School Council 7:00pm

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Semester 2 begins

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - Early Dismissal

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wake-a-thon

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - Teachers Convention

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - No School - Professional Learning Day

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Family Day

### Boundary Exemption Request Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

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](http://www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process).

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

**NOTE:** Students already accepted into a non-designated school don't need to reapply.

## Accountability Pillar

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2017, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

## Have Your Say: Take the EIPS Parent Survey

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is inviting all of our parents and guardians to complete a survey about your experiences with Sherwood Heights Junior High School and the Division.

Annually, EIPS conducts a Parent Survey, which acts as a supplement to Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar survey for families with children in grades 4, 7 and 10. The EIPS Parent Survey is a chance for all EIPS families to share their thoughts on the overall performance of the Division and their school, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015–2018 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve our students and the wider community.

We encourage all of our families to complete the survey, which only takes a few minutes. Also, if you wish to share the experience of more than one of your children, you can respond to the survey more than once. The survey is open until Jan. 30, 2017.

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

## Changes to Sharing Information via Email

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) appreciates the opportunity to stay connected with parents and one of the ways it does so is through email. However, federal law—Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)—requires that the Division must be given direct consent to continue to email its families, because occasionally, emails may contain what could be "commercial content."

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On February 15<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a message from the Division that will give you the option to either subscribe or unsubscribe from school- and Division-generated emails. The same message is being sent to every email address you have provided to the Division. To remain on EIPS' distribution list, you will have to make a choice as to whether or not you wish to continue receiving email for each of those addresses.

If you unsubscribe, or do not respond, you will no longer receive school- and Division-generated emails such as school newsletters, information about upcoming school and Division events, parent and community engagement opportunities and others. That's because these messages may contain advertising or promotional content from time to time—for example, school fundraisers; lunch programs; field trips; the sale of yearbooks; purchasing of student photos, books, graduation, school productions or dance tickets; athletic events with an entry fee; options for purchasing third-party supplies or products or similar events and offers—and will therefore no longer be sent out.

*NOTE:* Even if you unsubscribe, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also still receive those messages.

We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring the Division's distribution lists are compliant with the CASL requirements and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.

### **Let's Talk About: School Boundaries**

Planning is now underway to establish the attendance boundaries for the new K-6 school in the Davidson Creek area. The new boundaries will affect both elementary schools and junior high schools in the northeast quadrant of Sherwood Park.

To ensure the new attendance boundaries meet the needs of the community, EIPS is holding two public information sessions. At the sessions, community members will have the opportunity to view the proposed attendance areas, ask questions and share comments.

### **Public Information Sessions:**

**Date:** February 8 & February 16

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Lakeland Ridge

\*free child care provided.

Unable to attend the public information sessions? The proposed boundaries and a comment form are also available, as of February 8, at [www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark](http://www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark).

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