## May Newsletter

# Sherwood Heights Junior High School

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# Grade 9 English Language Arts and French Language Arts Part A Provincial Achievement Tests

Our grade 9 students will be writing their Part A provincial achievement tests in May. The English Language Arts PAT examination is scheduled for the morning of **Tuesday**, **May 9th**. The English exam is for all of our grade 9 students, including French Immersion. Only our French Immersion students will be writing the FLA Part A examination on **Thursday**, **May 11th** in the morning. Please see the final exam schedule on page 2 for all exam information.

#### Grade 9 Farewell

We have two activities planned for our grade 9 Farewell. All of the grade 9 students will be attending the Farewell ceremony at Sherwood Park Alliance Church from 5:00-7:00pm. Parents, family, and friends are welcome to join us for this event.

Our parent volunteers are hosting a BBQ and Dance for the grade 9 students at Sherwood Heights following the Farewell activity at SPAC. Families are welcome back to Sherwood Heights to join our grade 9 students for pictures. Our BBQ and Dance is for our grade 9 students. The dance will start at approximately 7:00pm and continue until 10:00pm. More information about Farewell and the dance will be coming home soon. Our parent group is welcoming any volunteers for the dance and/or barbeque. Please email rod.woitas@eips.ca if you

**Upcoming Events** 

May 2 EIPS Badminton Tourney

May 3 Early Dismissal Day

May 9 English LA 9 Part A PAT

May 10 Gr 9 Farewell Parent Meeting

**May 11** French Language Arts Part A PAT (French Immersion only)

May 17 Track and Field Meet All students meet at Sherwood Heights for busing

May 18-22 School Closure Days

May 25 Grade 9 Farewell

5:00-7:00 Ceremony at SPAC

7:00-10:00 BBQ and Dance at Sherwood Heights

May 30 School Council Meeting

#### **Registration Information**

We are currently registering students for courses for the 2017/2018 school year. We will be including a letter with the report card mailed out in July that will include information about the upcoming school year. If you have not signed a registration page for your student that confirms the courses selected, please complete and send to the office. If you require another copy of the registration requests to sign, please contact the office for one to be sent home.

Students moving to grade 10 have registered with their respective high schools. Please contact us at Sherwood Heights if you have any questions about their registration.

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are interested and Mr. Woitas will share your contact information with our parent volunteer coordinator.

Our next parent volunteer meeting will be held in the library at 6:30pm, on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Any grade 9 parent/guardian is welcome to attend.

#### **Track Meet**

Our annual track meet will be held on Wednesday, May 17th. We will be busing all 520 students to and from the track, and our regular school start and dismissal times will apply. We will be taking attendance at Sherwood Heights when the morning bell goes to start period 1 at 8:40am. This follows the same procedure as last year, and we appreciate your support in advance. In the case of a rainout, students will be reporting to school as a regular day.

We will be busing students to and from the event at Strathcona Athletic Park, and we will return to the school for our regular dismissal time of 3:00pm. Students are not permitted to meet us at the event, they must be on buses from the school. Please do not drop students off at SAP; students must be in their period 1 classes for attendance to start the day. All students must also return on the buses to the school, and will not be permitted to go home from the track. For any students with appointments, please park in the back of the SAP parking lot off of Clover Bar Road, and check in at the concession with Mrs. Sims for student release.

Lunch time: The track event will be considered a closed campus event, this means that students will not be able to leave the track area during the day. They can bring a lunch, or buy from the concession at the field. Students that live close by will not be able to go home for lunch.

A field trip form will be sent home on **Thursday**, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** with details of the day, and transportation arrangements. All forms are to be completed and please hand in to the office by **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will send a synrevoice communication to parents on the morning of the track meet in the event of a rainout.

Our students look forward to this yearly event, and we hope the sun is shining for an enjoyable day. The track meet is part of our curricular outcomes for physical education, and all students are required to participate. Students should be reminded to bring lunch, water, sunscreen, hats, and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Our school office will have a staff member answering the phone and any situations requiring immediate attention should be directed to the school at 780-467-5930. Our school office staff will contact the on-site coordinator immediately if needed.

#### **School Council**

Our final school council meeting for this school year will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Any parents are welcome to attend.

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#### June Final Exam Schedule

### All days have a regular school start time of 8:40am

#### All exams start at 9:00am

Further communication will be sent later in May that will include information about review sessions and the daily bell schedule changes due to exams. The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

| Date                  | Grade 9 PATs                    | Grade 8 Finals          | Grade 7 Finals          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tuesday, May 9        | English Language<br>Arts Part A |                         |                         |
| Thursday, May 11      | French Language<br>Arts Part A  |                         |                         |
| Friday, June 23       | French Language<br>Arts Part B  | French Language<br>Arts | French Language<br>Arts |
| Monday, June 26       | Social Studies                  | Language Arts           | Science                 |
| Tuesday, June 27      | English Language<br>Arts Part B | Mathematics             | Social Studies          |
| Wednesday, June<br>28 | Mathematics                     | Science                 | Language Arts           |
| Thursday, June 29     | Science                         | Social Studies          | Mathematics             |

#### Help us name the new school in Sherwood Park!

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants your input as it prepares to name its newest elementary school in Sherwood Park—a K-6 school in the Davidson Creek area slated to open in fall 2018.

Last month, EIPS collected name suggestions from the community for the new school. Using those suggestions, the Division now has a shortlist of possible names. Before a final decision is made, EIPS is inviting the community to participate in a brief online survey.

#### **TAKE THE SURVEY**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QRXHBBV

Survey opens: May 8 Survey deadline: May 26

Once the survey closes, EIPS' naming committee will review the feedback from the survey and recommend a final name to the Board of Trustees. The Board is expected to approve the name in June.

#### Student Transportation: 2017-18 registration is now open

Planning to use EIPS Student Transportation in the 2017-18 school year? If so, make sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Families currently using student transportation services will receive tentative route schedules and invoices later this month. All transportation fees are due by June 30, 2017.

If you have any questions about registration, invoicing or accessing transportation for the 2017-18 school year, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

NOTE: Student Transportation will remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

#### **School Fees**

Please remember to regularly login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities including field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees, and more. This is also where you can purchase a yearbook for the 2016/2017 school year. To access your fee information, simply login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account (https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html) and click the tab entitled, "Student Fees."

Once logged in, you will be able to view and pay fees online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online (if available from your financial institution). Payments can also be made at the school by cheque or cash. For more information about school fees and payment deadlines visit <a href="https://www.eips.ca/schools/school-fees/acorn">www.eips.ca/schools/school-fees/acorn</a>. Alternatively, you can contact Shantel Noppers – Business Manager at 780-467-5930.

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