

SOURIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM MR. WILLIAMS

It is amazing that we had rainfall on January 13th. Make sure to be careful when you are out walking as there are some really slippery spots out there. It looks like we might be seeing a change in the weather over the next couple of weeks. We have been very fortunate so far this winter but it looks as though temperatures are going to drop to below average temperatures.

Normally I would be discussing basketball season and hockey season but instead, as per the last year, I will discuss all things Covid.

As you most likely have already heard, gr. 7-12 students will be expected to return to school on Monday, January 18th. We certainly are very excited to see everyone face-to-face again.

High School students will be returning to the blended learning model that we began the school year with. However, as we are still using the high school classrooms for gr. 3-6 students, we will be moving five (5) of the high school teachers to the Arena Complex. (Mr. Skelton, Mr. Feschuk, Mrs. Popple, Mr. Kindle and Mr. Yon)

We will follow the two cohort schedule to complete the school term:

Pink: Monday, Jan. 18, Wednesday, Jan 20, Friday, Jan 22, Monday, Jan 25, Wednesday, Jan 27

Green: Tuesday, Jan 19, Thursday, Jan 21, Tuesday, Jan 26, Thursday, Jan 28, Friday, Jan 29

A new schedule will be sent out for the two cohorts in preparation for Term 2.

The School Division has completed an upgrade of the wifi capabilities at the Arena Complex to allow these teachers to be able to teach remotely from there. Phys-ed, Woods classes, Technology Courses, Music and Art will all continue at the school. Bussing will be provided to and from the Complex throughout the day for students who require it. If you normally ride the bus, you may continue to do so and we will transport you down to the Complex. If you normally walk to school, you may choose to either continue to walk to the school to catch the bus or walk directly to the Complex...whichever is closest for you. Students who drive to school can drive directly to the Complex, unless they have a class at the school during 1st period.

It is very important to continue to wear our masks, respect social distancing and wash/sanitize our hands consistently. We have been very impressed with everyone's buy-in to these three basic strategies. We

can't let our guard down now. Please continue to make wise decisions both at school and away from school.

If you have any questions, simply call the Main Office at the School and we will do our best to answer you.

Have a great week.

CHESS TOURNAMENT CHAMPION

Grade 7 student, Ivy Perkin, is our tournament champion. Way to go Ivy!!



Friday Fun Fact

A group of penguins in the water is called a raft but on land they're called a waddle!



A Message from the Secretaries

Attendance

If your student is going to be absent please call the office at any time, 24/7, and leave a message. 204-483-2161, dial 0.

We also have our email address that you can contact us by, officesouris@shmb.ca. You can also send any attendance to us this way.

Admittance

If you are dropping off or picking up your child any time after 8:55AM or before 3:15PM please use the main office doors. All doors are locked for security reasons.

Lost & Found

Please check out our website, <http://sci.shmb.ca/>, for all current lost and found that we have collected so far this year.

Please remember that you can call us anytime if you have questions, 204.483.2161, dial 0.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPCOMING PIZZA & HOT DOG DAYS

COMING EVENTS

January

18 First Day back for Grade 7 & 8



Keep kids home from school if they're sick



Screen for symptoms daily



Practice wearing a mask properly



Stay 6 Ft apart



Teach proper hand washing/sanitizing



Don't share masks or personal items

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AGM – February 10, 2021

The Trustees of Southwest Horizon School Division invite you to attend our virtual Annual General Meeting to ask for stakeholder input and suggestions as we present our preliminary 2021/22 Operating Budget. All feedback received at this meeting will be considered by the Board of Trustees prior to approving the final Budget in March 2021.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions this meeting will be held via the Zoom video conferencing platform. You are able to attend either online or via telephone. Details on how to access the meeting are available on the home page of our website at www.shmb.ca

We hope that you can join us.

Please **RSVP** your attendance to Michelle Blades, Executive Secretary at 204-483-6249 or michelleblades@shmb.ca



If students have one symptom from column A or two from column B, they should immediately get tested for COVID-19.

If a student at school displays one column A symptom or two column B symptoms, or a combination of one column A and one column B symptom, the school will immediately contact parents to pick up their child.

Column A

Do you have a new onset or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?

- Fever >38°C or think you have a fever or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat/hoarse voice
- Shortness of breath/breathing difficulties
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

Column B

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Headache
- Skin rash of unknown cause
- Nausea or loss of appetite