

SOURIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM MR. WILLIAMS

Well...we had a nice brisk shower yesterday morning...for 10 minutes. It was perfect timing as I was out on bus duty and got nice and wet. Let's hope that we get some more much needed moisture.

I would like to thank everyone for your support, flexibility and cooperation during this difficult 15 months. As stated in the letter from our Superintendent, Mrs. Cory, earlier in the week, "Keeping schools open and safe for students, staff and families has been at the forefront of Manitoba Education's and Southwest Horizon's COVID-19 response planning. Our collective priority has been to have students in classrooms with face-to-face instruction to the greatest extent possible, and so far, we have all worked together with successful results in our local schools."

The recent public health order relating to schools in Manitoba is directed squarely at this goal. Schools were given the authority to require children to go home when they are sick and stay home for 10 days – or until they can present proof of a negative Covid test and have been symptom-free for 24 hours.

"If students and/or staff are symptomatic, SHSD will require that they stay home for **10 days, seek testing**, and then **follow Public Health recommendations**. **If the student/staff member gets tested for COVID-19 and the test results are negative, the symptomatic person will be required to continue home isolation until they are symptom-free for 24 hours**. Upon proof of a negative test result and the end of symptoms, the student/staff member may return to class. Household members without symptoms should also self-isolate until the sick individual's test result is received."

The reason for the decision to do this is so that we can limit the amount of illness in the school amongst students and staff. **This is not all about Covid-19 at this point. It involves any illness.**

Here are a couple practical scenarios:

- if a teacher cannot come into school due to a common cold and we are unable to access a substitute teacher to be in that classroom we will be unable to keep that classroom open and students will have to stay home until we can get a substitute in that classroom.
- If the scenario listed above happens in too many classrooms we will have to close down cohorts and, perhaps, the entire school.
- If a student/teacher comes into the school when they are sick with a cold and they spread that

cold to others, larger groups of children, staff and families may have to stay home and isolate and get tested. People will not be able to go to work and the number of cases of people out with an illness will continue to multiply.

We only have 7 weeks left. Please stay home when you are ill, wear your masks, wash and sanitize your hands, respect social distancing and get vaccinated as soon as possible. We want to stay open until the end of June.

Also, I would remind and encourage you to consistently check your emails for updates. Sometimes they end up in the Junk folder so check there as well.

Have a great weekend.



Outdoor Classroom

Thank you for your support by ordering seeds with us from "Make it Sow". All orders have been handed out and we are happy to announce that over \$900 was raised! Stay tuned for more outdoor classroom progress reports.

Sincerely,

Mr. Elder
Mrs. Sobry
Mr. Filewich

THANK YOU

Souris School would like to sincerely thank the **St. Paul's United Church Sunday School** for their generous money donation to our outdoor classroom. Their donation was made from the proceeds from their "Books for All Ages" Used Book Sales.



Our middle years students are doing a Mom's Pantry fundraiser this month. We have order forms at the office or you can order online by going to www.momspantry.ca and following these steps:

- click on **SHOP NOW**
- **add items** to your cart
- **checkout**
- Select **Fundraiser Order**
- Enter order number **332841**
Group Passcode **19817**
Group Name – **Souris School**

Orders are due Tuesday, May 25th.

Water Bottles



Please make sure that your child has a water bottle with them at school. The students do not currently have access to the water fountains except for the bottle filling stations. It is getting warm out and they are thirsty. We have also been noticing an influx of students asking for cups after workout Wednesdays!

Thank you for helping us keep your kids hydrated and styrofoam cups out of the landfills.

COMING EVENTS

May

- 21 Hot Dog Friday – **Grade 5-8**
- 24 **NO SCHOOL** – Victoria Day
- 28 Hot Dog Friday – **K-Grade 4**

June

- 4 Hot Dog Friday – **Grade 5-8**

Friday Fun Fact

An elephant weighs less than a blue whale's tongue.



SOURIS HARVEST FOOD BANK

The Souris Harvest Food Bank is here for you, when you need it. Sometimes families need a little help to get caught up, and that's ok. We are here to help those in need of food assistance.

Location: East doors of St. Paul's United Church (2nd St. between 4th & 5th Ave.)

When: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

Time: Drop-in between 5pm to 7pm, no appointment necessary.

Public Health Orders in affect: masks are required, and physical distancing.

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.

School Bus Drivers Needed

Deloraine, Hartney, Melita, Pierson, Souris, Waskada, Wawanesa

Southwest Horizon School Division is now accepting applications for school bus drivers to provide safe and efficient transportation for students across our division. Training is provided and paid for to upgrade your license to Class 2 and for your school bus endorsement. Training Session scheduled for June/July.

Spare or casual school bus drivers are an important part of our Transportation team. They are needed to fill in on routes & extra-curricular trips. Ride-along's with permanent drivers are arranged, so that spare drivers are familiar with the route.

For further information in regards to becoming a spare bus driver, and to fill out a letter of application, please visit our website:

www.shmb.ca Careers / Current Opportunities / School Bus Drivers

Or contact:

Lori Couling - Transportation Supervisor
Box 820, Souris, MB R0K 2C0

Telephone 204-483-6251

Fax 204-483-2030

Email loricouling@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

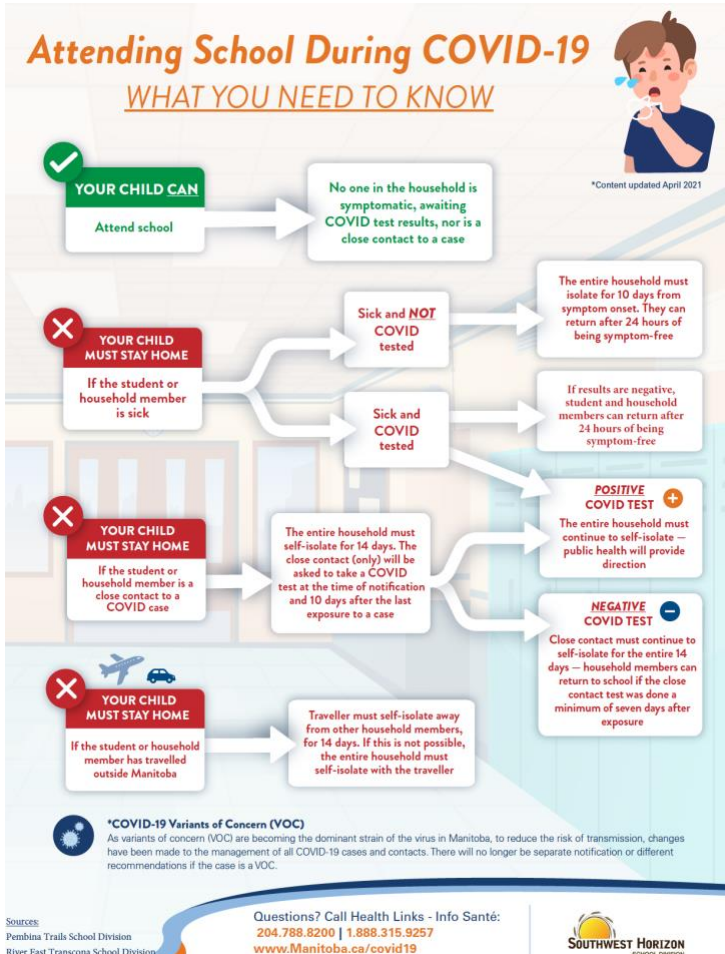
Do you have a new onset or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?

- 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



-  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