

SOURIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM MR. WILLIAMS

Hi, everyone.

Well, the snow is here. It was not quite as severe a shock as last year when we were hit on Thanksgiving weekend with a whopper of a storm but it did create some slippery road conditions.

We have six student teachers in the building this fall. Please stop by and introduce yourself to them and welcome them to Souris School.

The list is as follows:

Derek Cross – is in the classroom with Ms. Lemoine
Madison Sobchuk – is in the gym with Mr. Penner
Tara Friesen – is in the classroom with Mrs. Sobry
Aevry Hayward – is in the classroom with Mr. Elder
Hope Penner – is in the classroom with Mr. Yon
Kassidy Kalyniak – is in the classroom with Mrs. Ryckman and Mrs. Kreuzsch

I wanted to remind everyone that only students who are regularly on a school bus route may be ride on the school bus. This is a direct result of the regulations and procedures that have been put in place due to CoVid. We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Masks will be a part of our wardrobe for some time to come. Please discuss with your children the need to remain vigilant with proper mask use and be gentle with those who forget. At the school we will continue to build in as many mask breaks as possible but please note that non-mask time includes any time students are seated 2 meters apart as well as when they are outside, including recess. Also, please remind children that when masks are not being worn, it is still important to practice social distancing. Everyone is quite good inside the school during mask breaks about maintaining social distancing, but outside during recess and lunch time has been a different matter.

Since this is the last newsletter before Halloween, I wanted to encourage everyone to have a safe and respectful good time. I assume that some things may look different due to CoVid this year but I sure there will be many homes “open for business”. Please be mindful of other people’s property and other people’s safety. Be mindful of the little children running around the neighbourhoods and remember that Halloween is for fun – harmless fun. Eggings and soapings are not

fun...it is vandalism. Parents, please talk to your children about appropriate and inappropriate behaviour during Halloween. The forecast is for cool temperatures so please dress accordingly.

Have a great weekend.

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.

Fees & Forms

Please send in any forms that were mailed to you at the start of school as soon as possible so that we make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for your families.

We would also appreciate school fees being sent in as soon as possible. If you need to make alternate arrangements please contact us at the office.

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

Middle Years Only



Dear Middle Years Parent,

As an outdoor classroom fundraiser, middle years staff are hosting some “Pizza & Drink” Fridays each month. Pizza will be ordered from Souris Chicken Chef. Order forms have been sent home.

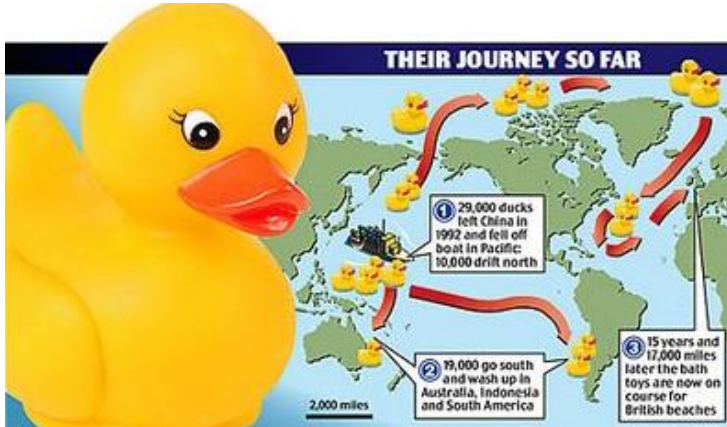
If your **middle years child** is interested in ordering, please fill out the information on each order form and send it in with the **exact money amount** (to avoid excess money handling) to their homeroom teacher by the dates indicated for each pizza Friday.

Thank you in advance for your help in making our outdoor classroom a reality!!

Social Justice Fighters
Middle Years Staff

Friday Fun Fact

In 1992 a container of 29 thousand rubber ducks were lost in the Pacific Ocean and they are still being found today. They have even been found frozen in the Arctic.



Happenings at the Library



Letters will be sent home to parents regarding outstanding books shortly. If your children have any library books at home please remind them to bring them back so that other students have a chance to read them.

COMING EVENTS October

23 **NO SCHOOL** – non instructional day

November

6 **NO SCHOOL** – non instructional day
 9 Picture Retakes
 11 **NO SCHOOL** – Remembrance Day
 13 Report Cards
 27 **NO SCHOOL** – non instructional day

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre is hiring student projectionists! We are hoping to open on November 6th weekend. You must be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings on a rotation basis, approximately 3 hours per weekend. Preference will be given to those that are 16 years and older. Please send or drop off your resumes to the Municipal office, 100 - 2nd Street South, Box 518 Souris MB R0K 2C0, by October 23rd.

Souris Youth Group

Souris Youth Group has been able to secure a new meeting space and is now up and running for the school year!

We will be meeting for the foreseeable future in the **204-741-0210** Lounge at the Souris and Glenwood Memorial complex. Attendees must use the Curling Club entrance and come up the stairs there. We meet every Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00pm. COVID protocols will be in place, such as mask use, sanitization, and social distancing. Registration forms must be completed for contact tracing purposes.

What is Souris Youth Group? We are a faith-based group interested in having fun and fellowship while learning more about the Bible and our relationship with God and with others. We do this through Bible study, games, singing and spending time together.

Who can go? Any students in Grades 7 - 12. It doesn't matter if you have attended church all your life or have never been at all. If you have no faith or a huge faith. We welcome everybody and would love for some new people to join us!

What does it cost? Nothing! That is the best part. It is 100% free. All the costs are covered!

How can I join? Contact Belinda West at the school or pop into the school office for a registration form. Or just turn up on a Wednesday night and give it a try.

Contact Info: 204-741-0210 or bwest@mts.net

Thrift Shop

Located in the basement of the United Church

Hours of Operation:

Thursday – 1:30-4:30

Saturday – 10:00 – 12:00



We will be accepting completed shoe boxes at the school. If you need a box we have some here at the school.

There is also the option to Pack-a-Shoobox online. www.packabox.ca



2020 Grant Applications

It is time to apply to the Souris Glenwood Community Foundation for our annual grants. Application forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Souris - Glenwood Municipal office. Every year the foundation supports local groups and projects in the form of grants. If your local organization has a project that is in need of funding please feel free to apply.

Application Deadline:

October 30, 2020



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



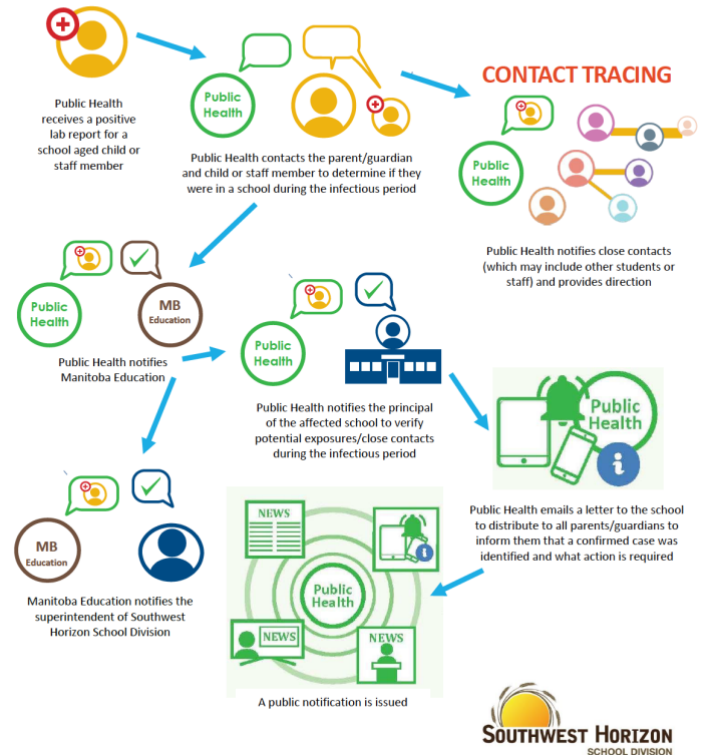
Don't share masks or personal items

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COVID-19 NOTIFICATION PROCESS

(Some of these steps will occur simultaneously)



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