

SOURIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM MR. WILLIAMS

Hi, everyone.

WELCOME BACK!!! It is raining outside as I write this. The farmers might get a short and well-deserved rest from harvest for a couple of hours.

We have finally returned to school – everyone in K-12 – and things do look a lot different. We have all the high school students back in full time and everyone is back to their proper classrooms. We are so excited to get back to some normalcy in life. The students and staff are doing such a good job of mitigating our risk as everyone is wearing their masks and cleaning/sanitizing their hands often.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge, congratulate and thank our Custodial staff for their fine work this summer and through the first month of the year. Our staff members did an incredible job of getting the interior of the building clean and shiny. But even moreso, they are the true unsung heroes of this school year startup. Countless hours are invested daily working to clean and sanitize our building to best ensure student and staff safety and wellbeing. We are all very appreciative of the effort, pride, and commitment our cleaning staff has displayed. Students and staff, let's work hard to keep the building as pristine as possible.

45 kindergarten students are slowly but surely beginning their academic journey at Souris School as they transition into full day alternating day schedules. They are all keen and ready to go. Welcome to all of you.

A number of new students have moved in to attend school here this year across all grade levels. Welcome to all of you.

Welcome to all of our new, returning staff members and those who have changed positions:

- New - gr. 1-2 – Miss. Tyler Early,
- from gr. 3-4 to gr. 1-2, Mrs. Jessica Janzen
- Welcome back – Mrs. Kelly Huberdeau
- EA's – Mrs. Lacey Lavallee, Mrs. Becky Cowan,

Sports are beginning to return as well with players participating in practice **and GAMES**. This is very exciting. Unfortunately, at this time, fans are not allowed into the school buildings to watch. Thank you to all our coaches who have volunteered to work with our young student-athletes. Many of life's most valuable lessons can be learned on the court or on the field.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of reading correspondence that we send out via email from the school and the Division. I know there has been a lot. We are doing our best to cull through the many updates and changes we receive

from the government to simplify, collate and prioritize it as best we can.

That is all for now. If you have any questions about anything, simply email me at guywilliams@shmb.ca and I will do my best to either answer your question or find an answer to your question.

Enjoy the weekend – you've earned it.

A Message from the Secretaries

ALLERGY REMINDER

Please do not bring or send products containing nuts. We have many students and staff with allergies

to these items. Thank you so much for helping us to keep everyone safe and healthy.



Hygiene Reminder

Washing of hands and face before coming to school helps stop the spread of germs as well as materials that could cause anaphylaxis (allergic) reactions. Please help to monitor and encourage your child's healthy cleanliness routine.

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.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send a reusable water bottle with your children. We have water bottle fill stations available. Fountains are not accessible for the children to drink from.

PowerSchool Portal App

The portal bulletin is being updated daily with announcements such as practices and upcoming events

happening at the school and within the community. If you don't already have access please let us know and we can send you the information so that you create a profile.

Terry Fox Run

Souris School is proud to be participating in this year's Terry Fox School



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

Run on Wednesday, September 29th. Let's get our fundraising going and show everyone how we can "try like Terry"!

Donate to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/SourisSchoolSouris>. Together, we can all make a difference.

#terryfoxschoolruns #tryliketerry @terryfoxfoundation

Sabres

FOOTBALL

Southwest Sabres 2021 Schedule

- Fri. Sept 24 @ home vs Neepawa Tigers
- Fri. Oct 1 in Stonewall (Interlake Thunder)
- Fri. Oct 8 @ home vs Interlake Thunder
- Fri. Oct 15 in Neepawa
- Fri. Oct 22 in Virden
- Fri. Oct 29 @ home vs Virden Golden Bears

** Kick-off time is 4:30 **

Playoffs

- Semi Finals Sat. Nov 6 @ 2pm vs. TBD
- Finals Sat. Nov 13 @ 2pm vs TBD

Every Child Matters

Throughout the month of June, the School and Daycare were collecting children's shoes in honour of the children whose lives were lost to the Indian Residential School System. Through your generous donations, we were able to collect 63 pairs of shoes!

In early July, these shoes were donated to local Indigenous organization Wijiwan, and given to Northern Manitoba forest fire evacuees. The folks at Wijiwan were incredibly grateful, as many families fled with only the shoes they had on their feet. An additional or new pair of shoes was very appreciated for the children and teenagers who arrived. Thank you so much to all who donated!

Additionally, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day - also now known as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Until September 29th, orange ribbons will once again be made available at the front office for anyone to wear in solidarity and remembrance for the thousands of children whose lives were stolen. A monetary donation is not required, but graciously accepted if you are willing to do so. All proceeds will be donated to the Indian Residential School Survivor's Society in Souris School's name.

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Outdoor Classroom

Our entire Middle Years team and student body would like to acknowledge the great work of Kliever

Building Ventures for making our dream of an outdoor learning space a reality this summer. We were thrilled to return to school and see this beautiful new structure in place and ready to use. It is already a new favourite spot to learn. Thank you so much to Kliever Building Ventures for their quick and high quality work. Many thanks also goes out to the community and local businesses for all of their support during our fundraising efforts.



COMING EVENTS

September

- 29 Terry Fox Run
- 30 NO SCHOOL – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

- 11 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
- 22 NO SCHOOL – non instructional day



Southwest Horizon School Division invites tenders for snow clearing at Deloraine, Melita, Hartney, Souris, Waskada, Wawanesa and Pierson School beginning November 15, 2021 through to November 14, 2022. Please see our website for more information at www.shmb.ca under the "Careers" "Current Opportunities" "Tenders" Tab.

Souris Skating Club

Registrations are now being accepted for all programs. If you are interested in registering, please let us know and we can get you a registration form. sourisskatingclub@gmail.com

All programs plan to start the week of October 4th.

