



*Nothing is more exciting than meeting new people, hearing their stories, and being inspired.* ~Author Unknown

I have had the opportunity to meet many new students, staff and families in my time so far at ÉSOMS. I appreciate that everyone has been so welcoming in this community. I am looking forward to working with everyone to continue to make ÉSOMS an engaging, vibrant and inspiring learning community for our students.

*Crystal Hanson*

### **CALL BACK SYSTEM**

If your child will not be at school or will be late, please be sure to contact our office at 204-586-0327 or email [marie.jowitt@7oaks.org](mailto:marie.jowitt@7oaks.org) or [bonnie.pollreis@7oaks.org](mailto:bonnie.pollreis@7oaks.org). The office is open for phone calls between 7:45 am and 3:30 pm. If your child is absent and we have not been notified, you will be contacted to ensure your child is safe.

### **PHONE CALLS & MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS**

Calling students out of class to take phone calls **is very** disruptive to the entire classroom.

Unless it is an emergency, it would be appreciated if you could make after-school arrangements with your child before they come to school.

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# INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Seven Oaks School Division  
**Indigenous Language Bilingual School**  
Ojibwe, Cree, Michif

Seven Oaks School Division is looking to establish K-3 Indigenous language bilingual classes for September 2016. If you would consider enrolling your son or daughter in a Cree or Ojibwe bilingual program please complete the survey at [www.7oaks.org](http://www.7oaks.org) with your information. Your interest will help us determine the interest and help with planning.

Our goal is to establish the bilingual classes in Seven Oaks School Division with a start date for September 2016.

Please contact Rebecca Chartrand at [rebecca.chartrand@7oaks.org](mailto:rebecca.chartrand@7oaks.org) or at 204-697-5965 for more info.

## HAWK TALK FAMILY INFO EVENINGS

In an effort to better meet the needs of our families we would like to move away from our monthly PAC meetings and instead, hold two information evenings each term. These evenings will focus on areas of interest given to us by you; our families (call us and share your ideas). Therefore we will not have a PAC meeting on Feb. 2 but will have our first **Hawk Talk** at 6:30 on March 1. The topic will be Online Safety; we look forward to seeing you there.

## COLD WEATHER & LUNCH INFORMATION

Lunchtime at ÉSOMS is from 11:15 until 12:15. Students have the choice of eating lunch in their homerooms or eating lunch out of the building. Students who leave for lunch are welcome back inside the school at 12:05. Students who choose to eat their lunch in their homerooms remain there until 11:35. While there are many opportunities to participate in clubs, for some students to use passes for the West Kildonan Library, play intramurals in the gym or spend time in our library, *everyone else goes outside until 12:05*. The outdoor time is an important part of their school day. It is a time to get some exercise, socialize, breathe some fresh air and get energized for an afternoon of learning.

As the weather gets cooler, we will continue going outside at lunchtime. It will be indoor recess at times of rain and when the temperature goes below -26.



## SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION POLICY

The new policy will use the temperature reading at The Forks instead of the Airport.

**School bussing will be cancelled if the wind-chill reading is -45 or colder at 6:00 a.m. at The Forks according to Environment Canada.**

**Notice of school bus cancellations will be provided to media outlets and posted on school division websites as soon as the 6:00 a.m. reading is posted by Environment Canada.**

Metro Winnipeg School Divisions are: Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, River East Transcona, St. James Assiniboia, Seven Oaks and Winnipeg. Catholic schools and the Gray Academy also follow the same policy.

# IN THE GYM....

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Throughout the month of December students completed a kangaball unit, floorball unit and a number of fitness theme classes.

As gym classes will continue to take place outdoors, please help remind your child to bring gym clothes that are suitable for the cold weather!

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS



The Special Olympics Manitoba “*In the School*” Basketball skills and games competition took place on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Edmund Partridge Community School. Our athletes did a great job participating at the event! Thank you to all of our student volunteers and to all of our coaches!

Snowshoeing is our next Special Olympic Manitoba “*In the School*” event. It will take place sometime in February!

## EXTRACURRICULAR

**Basketball:** Our basketball season is well underway! Be sure to check the phys ed hallway calendar and the events calendar on the school web site for your practice times. The Gr. 6’s will play their games on Mondays; Gr. 8 school teams on Tuesdays; Divisional teams on Wednesdays and Gr. 7’s will play on Thursdays. The season will extend into the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February for each “school team” whereas the divisional teams will play into the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March. Players are required to have their own grey Hawks sports shirt. This can be purchased in the phys ed office for \$12. Good luck, have fun, play hard and have a good season.

## A SPECIAL NOTE

On behalf of Mr. Malaschuk, Mrs. Cassils, Stu and Erik from the Physical Education Department and all of the staff and students at École Seven Oaks Middle School, we would all like to thank Mr. Farmer for an amazing 14 years at our school! We absolutely appreciate all of your enthusiasm, creativity, commitment and dedication to making the hockey, the physical education and the extracurricular programs a huge success at ÉSOMS! Thank you and we will miss you!

**PE Department**



# MUSIC NOTES...

Things are back in full swing for the music department as we prepare for two upcoming concerts!

You are all invited to our **Grade 6 Winter Concert** at ESOMS on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This concert will feature all the Grade 6 students who are involved in choir, band and fiddle! Students who are performing are expected to arrive early: band students at 6:30, choir students at 6:45, students in fiddling only should be in the audience by 6:50. Students are to be wearing all black with a splash of colour.



We ask that you plan to **stay an extra ten minutes** after the concert to help us return all of the stands, percussion instruments, fiddles, and guitars to the band and fiddle rooms. If everyone takes one item the work will be done quickly. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## FIDDLING

The Incredibows, along with other SOSD fiddlers and teachers, have been invited to perform at the Seven Oaks Community Band Concert on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Maples Collegiate Commons, at 7:00 p.m.** The Seven Oaks Community Band is comprised of Grade 7-12 Band students and alumni of SOSD.

The fiddlers will play music from 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. as people are arriving to the concert, and then will play a 5-minute medley as the first number of the concert. Performers will need to **arrive by 6:10 p.m.**


Also performing at the concert - Northwinds Community Band - conducted by Jim Warner.



2ND ANNUAL LEARN LACROSSE  
AT DUNCAN ARENA  
FEBRUARY 6 - MARCH 26  
SATURDAYS 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
INDOOR, NON CONTACT, STICKS PROVIDED  
REGISTRATION IS FREE BUT SPACE IS LIMITED  
FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER NOW  
EMAIL: [nwfalcons1ax@gmail.com](mailto:nwfalcons1ax@gmail.com)

# JANUARY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Day 1  School Reopens	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9
10	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4	16
17	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23
24 31	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6  Gr 6 Band, Choir, Fiddle Concert	28 Day 1	29 Day 2  	30