



OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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September 30, 2014

"Learning, Growing.....Together"

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 30

SCC meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 1 & 2

Call the school to book your
Student Progress Conferences.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Div. 2 soccer tournament; girls at
Osler and boys at VCA.

Friday, Oct. 3

Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 to 8:30.

Tuesday, Oct. 7 & Thursday, Oct. 9

Student Progress Conferences for
Gr. 1 to 9, 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10

Teacher prep time. No school for
students.

Monday, Oct. 13

Thanksgiving Day. No school.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

SCC meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

"Take Our Kids to Work", Gr. 9

Friday, Nov. 7

Time in lieu of Student Progress
Conferences. No school.

Monday, Nov. 10

Teacher prep time. No school.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Remembrance Day. No school.

Student Progress Conferences

Tuesday & Thursday, Oct. 7 & 9

Grade 1-6 conferences will be in the classrooms. Please book your appointment with the school on **Wednesday, Oct. 1 and Thursday, Oct. 2**. Grade 7-9 conferences will be held in the gym and will proceed on a first come first serve basis. Grade 7-9 families are encouraged to meet with the homeroom teacher and then are welcome to introduce themselves to the other subject teachers.

Dear Parents,

September is going by quickly. Our soccer and volleyball teams are practicing hard. Some of our older boys have the opportunity to join the football team at Warman High and are enjoying the challenge immensely. Our cross country team was very successful when they competed at meets in Langham and Delisle. The beautiful weather in September was also a great backdrop to our Terry Fox Run. The event kicked off with an assembly featuring guest speaker Wayne Dueck. His own experience with cancer and his tireless work with charities in Saskatoon put a face on the work of the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your support. Our school collected over \$300 for this worthwhile cause.

This year we are implementing new progress reports in Grade 6-9. Information about the new progress reports will be available the evenings of the Student Progress Conferences. The School Community Council is also organizing a parent information evening in early December to answer further questions about the progress reports.

The RCMP will set up a table at our **Pancake Breakfast** which will enable you to complete an **application for a criminal record check**. There is also a form from our school division office which you are required to complete. The criminal record checks will be returned to the school and kept on file for the duration of time you have children at our school. Thus if you have children in the early grades, please consider this invitation to complete a criminal record check as it will save you the effort of going to the RCMP station in a couple of years when you are interested in chaperoning a field trip or driving to a volleyball game.

I look forward to seeing you at the Pancake Breakfast on Friday and again next week at the Student Progress Conferences. If you have any compliments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself.

Audrey Kampen

Family Pancake Breakfast:

Friday, October 3rd, 7:30- 8:30 a.m.

Great Food! Great Company!

Apply for a criminal record check so you can volunteer at Osler School!

Purchase a copy of the 2013-2014 Yearbook!

Order a copy of the 2014-2015 Yearbook!

This event is co-sponsored by the Osler School SCC who will be accepting donations to help with our classroom libraries to help support our literacy goals.



Grade 1-9 Progress Reports for 2014-2015

This year our progress reports in Grade 1-9 will be using a 4 point grading system. Academic achievement will be graded as you see in the chart below. Classroom teachers will be communicating with students and with parents regarding what this looks like in their individual classrooms.

<u>Number Grade</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Descriptors for Students</u>
4	Mastery	Demonstrates a deep knowledge and understanding	Wow!
3	Meeting	Demonstrates a complete knowledge and understanding	Got it!
2	Approaching	Demonstrates a basic knowledge and understanding	Nearly there!
1	Beginning	Demonstrates a partial knowledge and understanding	Oh no! Oops!

Apple Fund Raiser Information

The apples are scheduled to arrive on **Monday, October 6th**. Sellers are asked to call their customers with pickup information and remind customers of their names to ensure easy distribution. Pickup times are as follows:

- Monday, October 6th – Noon until 5:30p.m.
- Tuesday, October 7th – 2:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 8th – 3:00 until 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 9th – 2:30 until 8:00 p.m.



We are also looking for some parent volunteers who would be able to take a shift in helping to distribute the apples on Oct. 7th and 9th (Interview evenings). Please contact Ms Bodnar if you are able to help out. Thanks to all the hardworking sellers and all our customers!

- Junior Monarchs Student Council

Magazines!!!

The Division 3 SLC is still selling magazines for their fall fundraiser. If you are currently receiving a magazine, please consider renewing it through the school. If you are interested in purchasing and/or renewing, please call the school (239-2077) or email Mrs. Lane at michelle.lane@spritsd.ca

The Division 3 SLC is pleased to be providing school clothing for purchase this year. An order form with options and prices will be available next week. We hope to have sample sizes available next week at Student Progress Conferences.

Boys Volleyball is underway with about 17 grade 7 to 9 boys participating. We just played a tournament in Langham on the weekend and the boys brought home the gold. Well done! The season will continue until the end of October.



Last week we sent home a NEW school magnetic calendar with the youngest child in your family. We needed to change two dates, so we have printed a new calendar with **YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED BOXES**. Please put the **YELLOW** calendar on your fridge and cut up the other calendar. Thanks.

Thank you to all the parents who donated food, prizes and time to make the Scrapbooking Weekend such a successful event.

Nut Allergies

Please remember that Osler School is on **Peanut/Nut Alert**. Help us to keep all of our children safe by checking labels when packing lunches or bringing food to school.

Cross Country

The Osler grade 4-9 cross country team had a fabulous season this year and represented us very well at two meets this fall. It was our most successful season ever!

At the Langham meet on September 15th, top ten finishers included;

Atom Girls - Sophie K., Morgan B., Madyx T. and Jaymie B.

Atom Boys - Dane P.

Pee Wee Girls - Adriah B. and Sierra J.

Pee Wee Boys - John T.

Bantam Girls - Autumn C.

Midget Girls - Kendra R.

Midget Boys - Nick F.



At the District Meet in Delisle on September 24th, our strong top ten placings continued.

Atom Girls - Sophie K., Morgan B., Madyx T., Sophia P., Cheyenne B.

Our Osler team collected the most points in this category for top finishers and we captured the team trophy for Atom girls!

Pee Wee Girls - Adriah B. and Kadence J.

Bantam Girls - Autumn C.

Bantam Boys - Marlon M.

Congratulations to all the runners on the team. Even though it is a short season, you all worked hard to prepare for our meets. Besides these great results, we are incredibly proud of how our athletes supported each other in what is traditionally considered a solitary sport. The cheering heard at the finish line for our athletes was always something that impressed us as coaches.

A special thank you to our assistant coaches - Vanessa Bysterveld & Mackenzie Rowan. These girls did a phenomenal job of helping with our younger runners during practices and meets. We were so fortunate to have you!

Mrs. Milnthorp, Mrs. Hartery, Mr. Key

Thank you again to all who contributed to the Division 3 Redberry trip bottle drive—community members, parents and students. We raised \$1,592.30!! That's great and will go a long way in reducing the trip costs for our students. Special thanks to Larry and Sandi Arnason and Melodie Peters for using their trucks/trailers to take the bottles in to Sarcan. Look for one more bottle drive in the spring!

Canadian Tire \$\$\$\$\$

Mrs. Lane will continue to collect Canadian Tire dollars this year. Thanks for your past donations; these donations help towards gym equipment costs. Students can turn in their \$\$ to Mrs. Lane or Mrs. Buhler in the office. Thanks so much for your support!!

Phone Book Recycling

As in previous years, we are working in partnership with the Sask Tel Pioneers to recycle phone books. Besides helping the environment, this is also a fundraiser for us, as we are paid 10¢ per book. So please start collecting now from friends and relatives—why not recycle the books at your work place? You may drop off books in the front entrance at the school OR give Diana in the office a phone call (239-2077) and tell her how many books you have recycled.

Campbell's Labels for Education

Osler School continues to collect Campbell Soup labels. Please help us by saving your labels and sending them to school. Please note that soup labels must include the UPC and front label. The more labels we collect, the more points we earn. These points will be redeemed for merchandise for our school—books, sports equipment.



School Fees

Thank you to all who have already paid their school fees for the 2014-2015 school year. School fees are due by the end of September. If you are unable to pay the total amount, please contact Diana Buhler in the office to make alternate arrangements.

PARENTS: Don't miss out on these programs – Register soon:

TAMING THE WORRY DRAGONS (For parents and children ages 8 to 12) This group is designed to support children ages 8 to 12 years of age as they explore their feelings of fear, anxiety, and worry in a supportive environment.

Parents are required to attend the concurrent parenting component.

| Wednesday | 6:30 pm 7:30 pm | **October 15 – Dec 3** (8 weeks) Fee: \$140

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES

JOHN LAKE PARENT CENTRE

2606 BROADWAY AVENUE

A variety of parenting topics will be discussed
phone 306 244 7773 for topics.

No Fee | 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month | 9:30am—11:30am | Starting Sept. 17 | Drop In
No childcare available

Pre-registration is required for all of these programs.

For more information call:

Catholic Family Services

200-506 25th St. East

Saskatoon, SK S7K 4A7

Phone: (306) 244-7773

Fax: (306) 244-8537

www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca

Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Parish - ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

300 - 8th Avenue South in Martensville

Two Seatings: **4:30 p.m.** or **6:15 p.m.**

ONLY 210 tickets available per seating.

Family **\$40** (2 adults & children living in the home)

Adult **\$12**

Senior/Student **\$10**

Preschool – free

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Julie Paquette at m.paquette@sasktel.net or 306-382-5285.

Dalmeny Skating Club is hosting a **Synchronized Skating Try it out Workshop** on Sunday Oct.5 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm, at the Dalmeny Arena. It is completely free! Our coaches will organize synchro skaters into groupings that will try out some moves on the ice! Bring your runners for some off ice work as well as a water bottle and your skates! For more information please contact: dalmenyskatingclub@hotmail.ca or call (306)254-4533 and ask for Terri.

Home & School

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SHORT NOTES

Ask for help early

If your child is having trouble with a subject, you don't have to wait until parent-teacher conferences to bring up your concerns. Call or email the teacher for ideas. He may recommend an after-school reading group or new study strategies to try at home, for example.

Snail mail

Your mailbox is full of learning opportunities! Let your youngster check the mail and sort it into piles (bills, catalogs, invitations). For a math challenge, have her gather coupons and add up how much you'd save if you used them all. Or she could read a power company brochure to learn how your family can use less electricity.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most common places for kids to find drugs is in a household medicine cabinet. Keep prescription and over-the-counter medications locked up, and talk to your child about what to do if a friend offers him medicine. Explain that it's dangerous to take a drug that his doctor didn't prescribe and that he doesn't need.

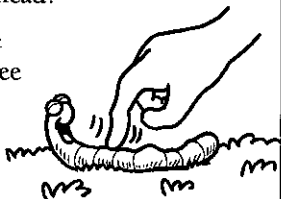
Worth quoting

"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams."
Roald Dahl

JUST FOR FUN

Q: How do you tell which end of the worm is the head?

A: Tickle the middle and see which end laughs.



A plan for homework

Experts agree: Children tend to rise to their parents' expectations. And the expectations you set for your youngster about homework can motivate her to work hard. Consider this advice.

Create a "home office"

Setting aside a special workspace in your house shows your child that homework is a priority. Help her pick a place that's away from distractions, such as her bedroom or a corner of the family room, and stock it with school supplies. Then when she's working, let her hear you tell younger siblings, "Your sister is doing homework, so play quietly."

Make time

Will your youngster do homework right after school or later in the evening? Some kids work better if they have a snack and take a break after being in school all day. Others do best if they start right away—while they're still in "school mode." You might have your child try both to see



which works best. Once she decides, she should pencil in "homework" on a calendar or planner so she expects to do it at a certain time each day.

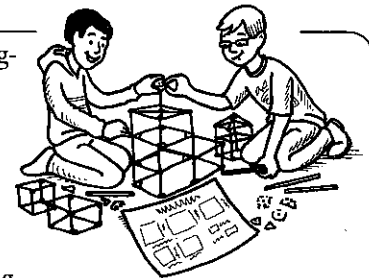
Encourage independence

When your child does homework, stay nearby and do your own thing (read a book, prepare dinner). That way, you're available if she needs you, but you're showing that you expect her to do her homework herself. *Tip:* If she asks for help, find out what she has already tried, and offer suggestions for figuring it out on her own. ("Maybe you could look at yesterday's assignment.")♥

Let's collaborate

Working well with others is a skill your youngster needs for school and his future career. Try these ideas at home:

- Team up to make family decisions like where to go on a day trip. Share your ideas, and try to agree on the answer. Ask, "Does everyone agree?" and if not, explain your reasoning. ("I know you like the national park, but it's far. Going to the state park means more time there and less time in the car.")
- Encourage your youngster to collaborate with friends when they visit. Would they like to build a city with toy buildings and cars? They might work together to draw a blueprint. To organize a neighborhood kickball tournament, they could divvy up teams and make a bracket.♥



Empathy: The bullying antidote

What causes children to bully others? There's no one answer, but empathy—the ability to understand and share another person's feelings—can help prevent bullying. Guide your child to develop empathy with these suggestions.

Use your imagination. Kids love to pretend. Encourage your youngster to imagine he is a new student in school, for instance. Ask him to



invite a student he doesn't know well to play with him at recess or to read a book together in the library. This can make your child less likely to bully others—and more apt to step in if someone else bullies his classmates.♥

say what that person may be feeling (“I don't know anyone, so I'm a little nervous”) and how he'd like to be treated (“I hope someone will talk to me”).

Connect with others. It's easier to feel empathetic toward someone you're familiar with. Suggest that your youngster get to know his classmates. He could

ACTIVITY CORNER



Making connections

There are no wrong answers in these games—as long as you can defend your choices! Play together, and your child will practice thinking deeply and strategically.



1. Creative categories. Choose a category (foods, places), and take turns naming something that fits. The catch? Each answer has to relate to the one before it. For instance, *carrot* is related to *cream cheese* (carrot cake has cream cheese frosting), and *cream cheese* is related to *bagel* (bagels taste good with cream cheese). Keep going until someone is stumped.

2. Degrees of separation. Name two famous people who don't seem connected (Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Seuss). The next player has to link them—in six moves or less. *Example:* Franklin links to George Washington (both were founding fathers). Washington links to Abraham Lincoln (both were presidents). Lincoln links to Dr. Seuss (he and the Cat in the Hat both wore tall hats).♥

Q & A Be a parent volunteer

Q: I've always wanted to volunteer in my daughter's school, but I work during the day. Is there a way I can still help out?

A: Absolutely. Any kind of help you provide will make a difference. Contact the teacher—she may be able to send home projects for you to work on in the evenings. For instance, she might give you materials to make geography games or ask you to create a list of kid-friendly poetry websites.

Also, consider volunteering with an after-school activity like chess club or Odyssey of the Mind, or at an evening event, such as a science fair or school carnival. Call the school office or visit the website to find out about activities and opportunities.

Finally, if you're able to take a few hours off, look at the school calendar, and plan ahead. Maybe you could take a shift at a book fair or chaperone a field trip.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Find teachable moments

At back-to-school night, my son's teacher talked about how she uses “teachable moments” so kids learn something from unexpected events.

For example, during a recent thunderstorm, the class counted the seconds between the lightning and thunder. Then they divided the number of seconds by 5 to figure out how many miles away the storm was.



I decided to be on the lookout for teachable moments, too. Last week, I called home while I was on a business trip. That led to a conversation about time zones around the world and when the sun would set where I was and at home. And yesterday, my son spotted a hot air balloon in the sky. We wondered whether it would drift in the same direction as the wind—and it did.

We are both learning new things, and now we look for teachable moments when we're out together!♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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