



# OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*"Learning, Growing.....Together"*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Tuesday, April 11

- SCC Meeting—6 pm

### Thursday, April 13

- Eggstravaganza—10 am

### April 14-21

- Easter Break—NO SCHOOL

### Tuesday, April 25

- First Round Jr. Badminton Playoffs

### Thursday, April 27

- Jr. Badminton Conferences
- Gr. 6 Floor Hockey Tournament

### Friday, April 28

- Jump Rope for Heart

### Saturday, April 29

- Jr. Badminton Districts

### Tuesday, May 9

- SCC Annual General Meeting and Elections

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to see that spring is here. Our puddles are almost dry and students enjoy being outside a great deal.

At our last High 5 assembly for the year we celebrated the success of our basketball teams. We also read a lovely book called Rosie the Engineer, which highlighted that learning from one's mistakes and perseverance help one learn and to grow. If you want to read the book online here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md6puZmEw4Y>. Our Grade 5 and 6 basketball players were great examples of perseverant learners as they diligently showed up for morning practices.

I have been listening intently to the reflections of our Grade 8 students about their social justice unit. Students felt it was very beneficial to discuss their readings in groups and use other students' perspective to deepen their thinking about the book. Some choose books about child soldiers, other chose books about the effect of the Taliban rule on girls in Afghanistan. The students' thinking deepened even more when they heard speakers at WE Day who had lived through these terrible experiences. What an opportunity for our students!

Our Grade 4/5 class has been reading the novel, The One and Only Ivan to explore whether zoos are a good place for animals to live. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to deepen their passion for animals and to express their passion in a persuasive letter.

If you have any compliments, questions about the progress reports you received in mid-March or concerns, please talk to your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself.

Yours in learning,  
Ms. Kampen



Check out our [School Website](http://www.spiritsd.ca/osler) for updates, reminders and announcements.

Sign up to receive daily emails with our daily school announcements!

Keep up to date on our team practices and games.

Subscribe to our google calendar to transfer dates to your hand held devices.

<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/oslerschool/>



## Osler School High 5's

- ✎ Be Respectful
- ✎ Be Responsible
- ✎ Be Safe
- ✎ Be Grateful
- ✎ Be Open to Learn and Grow



## Please pre-register for Kindergarten

Kindergarten is a special time that children look forward to. All children who are five years of age as of Dec. 31, 2017 may be admitted to kindergarten this fall. If you have an eligible child, please contact Osler School at 306-239-2077 to pre-register.

This information is necessary for planning programs, budgeting and staffing for the upcoming year. Please share this information with your neighbours if they have eligible children, and call at your earliest convenience.

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



## Osler School Community Council

### *A primary link between the home, community and school*

Osler School Community Council (SCC) supports student learning success and well-being and encourages parent and community involvement in the school. Prairie Spirit School Division believes that involvement with SCCs is a rewarding and meaningful activity for parent and community members.

If you would like to make a difference at our school, please consider running in the upcoming SCC election. Parents and members of the community are eligible to run for the local SCC.

Our School Community Council has six positions open for members for two-year terms beginning fall, 2017. Our SCC election will be held at the **SCC Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please contact the school office for more information and/or for nomination forms. Nominations forms are only necessary if you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th.

***Successful schools don't just happen.***

## MILK CONTEST

Starting Monday, April 24th, every milk purchased will give you a chance to enter your name in a draw for a variety of prizes!! Milk is sold for \$1.00 or you can purchase a punch card for \$18.00, good for 20 milk or juice boxes.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Family Health Information

[Help Your Children Be Cavity Free](#)

[Is Chlamydia A Concern for You?](#)

[Healthy Relationships, Sexual Health and You](#)

[Your Child and Cycling](#)

Find more family health info at:  
[www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca](http://www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca)  
(Search: school newsletter inserts)

**HEALTHY STUDENTS = BETTER LEARNERS**



Population and Public Health

## SUMMER CAMPS

It's the time of year that summer camps start sharing info with us. Below are camps that have sent information to our school. Please go to their websites for further details or to register:



**Redberry Bible Camp**

[www.campredberry.ca](http://www.campredberry.ca)

**Summer Sunshine Day Camps**

**Summer Lego Club**

Learning Disabilities Association of SK  
Phone 306-652-4902 or 306-652-4114

## Grade 1-5 Swim Lessons

We are very pleased to once again offer swimming lessons for our grade 1-5 students.

We will be following the same basic format as last year, Monday and Wednesday mornings, starting on May 1st and concluding on May 29th.

We want to remind you that this program can only work with your support. We **must** have parent volunteers to supervise the change rooms. We need some **dads** to step up, as we only have 3 males on staff.



## Division II Girls Basketball



Our Division II Girls Basketball team had an amazing season! We began practicing early in January and, I do mean early! The girls faithfully reported to 7:30 a.m. practices twice a week with smiles on their faces, eager to learn and play. We were able to play some home and away games which took us to VCA, Hague, and Rosthern High School. We also managed to squeeze in two Mini Tournaments where we played against Stobart (Duck Lake) and Rosthern Elementary. Our season wrapped up with the Division Tournament which we had the privilege of hosting on March 21st. The girls played extremely hard to earn their way to the Division Championship Final against a very strong team from Hepburn a week later. Our team was pretty excited to claim the Division II Girls Basketball Plaque in front of our home school. This Championship win was the first for our team. As coaches, we are extremely proud of our team and the commitment and determination they showed throughout the season. They all earned the privilege of wearing our team colours and represented our school with pride. It was definitely a pleasure to coach this extraordinarily keen group of girls who had so much heart and desire. Well done, mighty Monarchs!

### **Hats off to team members:**

**Grade 6:** Morgan B., Jaida C., Mya H., Demia J., Rachel L., Elliott N., Jenna N., Sofia P., Kendra R., Isabelle S.

**Grade 5:** Kyra B., Autumn H., Cadence H., Payton H., Emily K., Arie L., Jenny R., Cassie U.

Special thanks to Autumn C. in Grade 9 who volunteered her time to help coach and ref. Thanks to Eric G. and Brendan M. in Grade 9 and Emma K. from WHS for also acting as referees for our games.

A very special thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends and fellow students who supported and cheered on our team during the season and to the parents who braved the cold to get the girls to those early morning practices. Thank you all! See you next season!

Coaches: P. Bodnar and J. Banman

## Badminton

The badminton season is into full gear. We hosted Langham, and travelled to Martensville and Langham.



We host the first round of playoffs on April 25th, starting at 2:00pm. Those who advance will travel to Asquith on the 27th, and if they advance again, finals will be in Martensville on April 29th.

## Grade 5/6 Boys Basketball

What fun and what learning! We had a great season! The boys enthusiastically attended early morning practices and it was evident how much they learnt throughout the season. We won the playoff tournament hosted by Valley Christian Academy. One game ended in an exciting overtime win. Our championship game against Rosthern was a fast paced thriller and Rosthern ended up with the championship plaque. Thanks boys for your great attitudes and for being wonderful representatives of the Osler Monarchs! I would also like to thank Coach Ron Riddoch who volunteered many hours with the team.



**Team members:** Keegan, Dane, Bailey, Noah, Ezra, Luke Shayden, Seth, John, Joe, Caius, Raiden, Josiah, Sheldon Chase S., Chase R. Xander, Dallas, Liam and Mackenzie.

Coach Kampen

# Home & School

## Working Together for School Success

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#### SHORT NOTES

##### Keep up attendance



Good attendance matters all year. Show your youngster that going to school every day is job number one. If you plan to visit relatives or take a vacation this summer, check the school calendar to make sure your trip won't overlap with the end of this school year or the beginning of the next one.

##### Siblings as roommates

Have more than one child? Consider letting them share a room—even if they don't need to. Sharing space can help siblings bond and teach them about cooperation and respect. Plus, youngsters may be comforted and find it easier to fall asleep with someone else in the room.

##### Build observation skills

Boost your child's powers of observation during your next walk. Together, gaze at a scene (say, a playground) closely for 1 minute to observe as many details as possible. Then, turn around and take turns asking each other specific questions, like "How many swings are there?" or "What color is the slide?"

##### Worth quoting

"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." *Confucius*

#### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** What do clouds wear in their hair?

**A:** Rainbows.



## Bring learning home

Help your child feel proud of the skills she's learning by giving her opportunities to use them outside of school. You'll boost her confidence—and she'll see that reading, math, and science are useful in everyday life. Pose questions like these for her to answer.

##### How can we organize our cabinets?

Your youngster may enjoy giving your kitchen cabinets a makeover. Suggest that she draw a "blueprint" for organizing dishes, pots and pans, canned goods, and other items. Review it together, and try some of her ideas—perhaps arranging spices in alphabetical order or stacking plates by size.

##### What will we do this weekend?

Let your child plan a fun outing for your family. She could start by checking the weather forecast. Then, encourage her to read newspaper listings and community websites to find activities, such as an arts and crafts fair, a free concert, or a minor-league baseball game. She'll need



to read for details like times, locations, and prices before she presents her idea.

##### Where should we keep the bread?

Ask your youngster to conduct a science experiment to discover how to keep your bread fresh and mold-free the longest. She could use what she's learning in science class to set identical slices of wrapped bread on the counter, in the pantry, and in the refrigerator. What does she find? She'll be excited when you use her results to decide where to store bread.♥

## Develop good money sense

Now is the time to help your youngster manage money wisely—before he gets his first job or has bills to pay. Try these kid-friendly ideas:

- Have regular conversations about money. You might say, "Chicken is on sale this week—we'll save money if we buy extra to freeze," or "I want new curtains, but our car will need tires soon, and I need to save for them."
- Suggest that your child give a stuffed animal a pretend allowance and write a budget for how to manage it. Explain that it should include savings and put *needs* before *wants* (so his stuffed monkey might buy bananas to eat or a tree to live in before purchasing one more ball to play with). *Tip:* If possible, give your youngster a small weekly allowance to work on real-life budgeting.♥



## Practicing patience

In today's world, youngsters often have instant access to information, songs, and movies. As a result, they might not learn patience. Encourage your child to get better at waiting patiently with these tips.

**Set an example.** Let your youngster see you waiting calmly during challenging situations. In a traffic jam, you could say, "It looks like we'll be sitting here for a while. Would you read your story to me?"

**Discover strategies.** What does "wait a minute" or "wait 5 minutes" look like? Look at your watch, and have each



faster? Your child will learn that staying occupied will help him be patient. ♥

family member raise his hand when he thinks 1 minute has gone by. They should raise their hands again when they think it's been 5 minutes. Repeat the activity, but this time, ask each person to do something he enjoys like reading or drawing. Does the time seem to go

### PARENT TO PARENT

## Write a winning argument

My daughter Lucy has been asking for a cat for months. So when she told me that she was learning to write "arguments" in school, I asked her to write me a letter arguing why we should get a cat.

A few days later, Lucy handed me her letter. She had stated her claim—"Having a pet helps kids become responsible." She even gathered evidence. She talked to three friends and wrote about how they care for their animals.



Finally, she considered my side, saying she knew I was worried I'd end up doing all the work. So she proposed a rule: She would have to feed the cat and scoop out its litter box before going out to play.

Lucy's letter worked, and we're going to the animal shelter this weekend to adopt her cat. Now she sees that writing a good argument can pay off! ♥

### OUR PURPOSE

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

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### ACTIVITY CORNER

## Make a personalized game

What's more fun than family game night? Playing a game your child designed herself! Consider these suggestions.

**1. Family-opoly.** Have your youngster create a personalized Monopoly game. She might name properties after people, places, or things that are important to your family (say, her grandparents' native country or her brother's college mascot). After she makes the board and property cards, use Monopoly money and game pieces to play her version.



**2. Trivia, Family Edition.** Encourage family members to write questions about your family on index cards, with the answers on the backs. Examples: "What breakfast dish is Dad famous for?" or "How did we celebrate Mom's 40th birthday?" Stack the cards with the answers facing down. Your child draws one and reads the question aloud. The first person to answer correctly keeps the card and asks the next question. When all cards have been used, the player with the most wins. ♥

### Q & A

## Believe it—or not?

**Q:** My child believes everything in TV commercials. How can I help him understand what's accurate and what's exaggerated?

**A:** Try this eye-opening activity. Let your son take photos around your home. Half should make your house look good, and the other half not so good. For example, he could snap a shot of a freshly vacuumed room with the bed made and one of an overflowing trash can and a dirty wall.



Now, look through the pictures. Have him imagine he is "selling" your house by showing only the flattering pictures. Is he giving the full story?

Explain that this is how commercials work, too—advertisers want to show their products in the best light. Together, watch commercials, and talk about the "other" side that you're not seeing.

You could also read product reviews to get a more complete picture. Your son will learn to think critically about information he sees and hears. ♥