



# OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2, 2018

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Dear Parents,

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Tuesday, March 6

Oranges and Grapefruits Arrive! - pick up 330-630

### Wednesday March 7

Oranges and Grapefruits - pick up 330-530

### Monday, March 12

PD/Prep day—NO SCHOOL

### Tuesday, March 13

SCC Meeting—6pm

### Thursday, March 22

Hot Lunch

### Friday, March 23

Gr 1-9 Progress Reports Sent home

### Tuesday, March 27

Rocks n Rings

### Wednesday, March 28

Grade 4-9 Ski trip

### Thursday, March 29

NO SCHOOL—Day off in Leiu of Progress Conferences

### Friday, March 30

Good Friday—NO SCHOOL

### Monday April 2– Friday April 6

Easter Break—NO SCHOOL

A great presentation by the Saskatoon Blades and the Drug Enforcement Unit of the RCMP called Project Faceoff welcomed our Grade 6-9 students back to school after the winter break. In October of this last year five members of the Integrated Organized Crime unit and players of the Saskatoon Blades traveled to Vancouver. During this trip the players spent the night touring East Hastings Street and the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. This area of Vancouver is notorious for open drug use as well as homelessness and poverty. The players spoke to many people on the street. The players and the officers shared the stories of those they meet and their message about the dangers of drugs with our students.

The 100 day party in the Grade 1-3 classes were a blast and a fun way to celebrate the importance of that magical mathematical number. Games and cooperative learning activities explored many ways to think of 100.

If you have any compliments, questions or concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself.

Yours in Education,  
Ms. Kampen



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## 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!



### Welcome to our Student Teachers!!

**Madison Smith** in Mrs. Carter's Grade 1 Class/and **Elizaveta Lynnin** Mrs. Saunders Grade 1 Class.

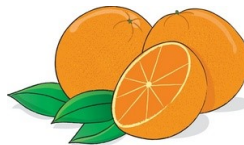
We hope you are enjoying your time with us at Osler School!



## ORANGE, GRAPEFRUIT & PEAR FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all families who sold fruit for this fundraiser. Orders were strong again this year. The delivery date for the fruit is scheduled for Monday, March 6th. Pick up times are Tuesday, March 6, 3:30—6:30; Wednesday, March 7th, 3:30—5:30.

Thanks so much for your support!!



## Willow Book Vote

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in making our Willow Book Vote a huge success. Students, staff and our grandparent volunteers: **Frieda Teichroeb, Edna Zacharias, Helena Ens, Nettie Balzer, Nettie Adrian and Hella Banman.**

**The Book Winners from Osler School are:**

**Shining Willow K-Gr 3—*Bittersweet***

**Diamond Willow Gr 4-6—*Frank and Laverne***

These votes will be added to the votes taken throughout Saskatchewan and we will wait to see which books will win the Willow Awards!

Thanks again to everyone who participated!



THE  
WILLOW  
AWARDS

## JR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Junior Girls Basketball team had a fun and successful season this year. At the beginning of the year, the girls were split into two teams to give them more playing time. The grade 7 girls were eager to learn and came to every game and practice ready to improve their skills and really stepped up at the end of the season when they moved up to play with the older girls in the "B" league. The grade 7 girls competed in two tournaments (Martensville and Vanscoy) before Christmas and then joined the grade 8 & 9 girls in two tournaments (Warman High and Waldheim) in January. The 8 & 9 girls competed in the "B" League in our school division. In addition to our weekly games, the grade 8 & 9 girls attended four tournaments throughout the season, including an overnight tournament in Melfort. At the end of the regular season, our team was seeded in the top three teams in the school division, so we received a bye in the first round of playoffs. We played Stobbart in the second round of playoffs and played a great game to advance to the third round of playoffs, where we lost a heartbreaking game to Hague. Despite this loss, the girls had a tremendously successful season and represented Osler School with pride all season long. Thank you to Mrs. Lane who was our manager this year – she organized all the games and refs for us which was a big help. THANK YOU!

Also, thank you to the wonderful ladies listed below. These girls showed great commitment throughout the season, coming to many early morning practices. They showed up willing to learn and gave it their best during all practices and games. They showed a positive attitude all season long, displayed excellent sportsmanship every game and they supported each other.

These young ladies were a true pleasure to coach!

Grade 7: Kendra, Morgan, Isabelle, Sofia, Elliott

Grade 8: Jaymie, Kylee, Isabelle, Sierra, Cheyenne, Adriah, Emma, Kadence

Grade 9: Maddy, Carlee, Brittney

Assistant Coach: Chloe Harms



Mrs. Milnthorp

## “B” Boys Junior Basketball

Filled with games and practices, the team finished off a strong season just before the February break. The tournament in Asquith was a day of learning. Much improvement was seen after the tournament. Thanks to our players: Noah D; Shayden; Bailey; Dane; Luke; Bo; Owen; Ethan M; Carter; Rave; John T and Noah T. We had a wonderful fan club of parents who followed us from game to game! Thanks for cheering and thanks for driving! Thank you to Mrs Lane for co-ordinating games and refs for our games. A huge thank you to my co-coach, Ron Riddoch! I am looking forward to watching these boys play in Grade 8 and 9!

Ms. Kampen

## Division III Boys Basketball

# SPORTS NEWS

It was a fantastic year for the Division 3 boys "A" basketball team. There were many times where the team played short-handed, but yet seemed to play their best games. They went undefeated in league play. The first tournament was in Melfort on the Dec. 8-9 weekend. The boys played well for the first games of the season. It was a great basketball weekend, as well as including some interesting and memorable events. The boys won the Warman Blast-off tournament on Jan. 12-13, defeating V.C.A, Clavet, and then Warman in the A-final 56-52. They won the tournament on Jan. 20 in Waldheim defeating Dalmeny, and then Waldheim in an exciting final 71-69. The "A" team played Dalmeny in the first round of play-offs and won, so they qualified for the final four championship weekend in Martensville on Feb. 8-9. They were seeded second and played Clavet with a short-handed team and lost 61-46. They ended up playing Waldheim in the third place game. Once again, this game was an end-to-end thriller with the boys pulling off a 70-69 win. Congratulation boys on a very successful and rewarding season!

The players on the team were: Chase P., Adam W., Seth K., Levi B., James S., Florian W., Jordon W., Grady V., Casey M., and Trent L. Also, a big thanks to Logan B., who was our manager this year and to Mrs. Lane, who set games and scheduled refs for all the home games.



Mr. Lewchuk

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Badminton

Badminton season is here again - tryouts are currently ongoing.

Badminton is the only sport we have to make cuts in due to the fact that we are only allowed 2 slots per category in playoffs. This only allows us room for 8 boys and 8 girls on the team, although we generally bring a couple of alternate players along for practice games.

**A Knight To Remember** will take place on Friday, March 16th from 3:30 - 5:00. This is a great opportunity for students to try out state of the art racquets, win prizes, and support the Special Olympics.

Mr. Key



## Osler Soccer Association 2018 Registration

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> to MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>  
(late registration fee begins March 1st)



Osler Minor Ball Registration for the 2018 season is open until March 15. Please email [oslerminorball@gmail.com](mailto:oslerminorball@gmail.com) to register

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## SHORT NOTES

### School events

Show your child that his school is important by asking about and attending events. Encourage him to post notices about plays, award ceremonies, or talent shows on a family bulletin board. You could also put them into your electronic calendar and turn on notifications to remind you.

### Musical vocabulary

Enjoying music with your youngster can help her vocabulary grow. Try introducing her to your favorite songs from when you were growing up, and have her share music she likes. Together, listen for new words, and discuss their meanings.

### DID YOU KNOW?

More than half of all smokers took their first puff by age 14, so it's not too early to talk to your child about smoking. And with e-cigarette use on the rise, he may think they're a safe alternative. Explain that most e-cigarettes still contain nicotine, which is addictive.

### Worth quoting

"We grow great by dreams."  
Woodrow Wilson

## JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** What do you get when you cross a rooster and a giraffe?

**A:** An animal that can wake people on the top floor of a building.



## Be "super" respectful

Being respectful is one way your youngster can build strong relationships with teachers, classmates, and family members. Here are tips for helping her understand and show respect.

### Imagine your powers!

If your child were a respect "superhero," what would her super-powers be? Let her draw a picture of herself in this role. She might be carrying a backpack full of supplies for writing thank-you notes. Or perhaps she'll be wearing a bracelet with a "grabber" that picks up litter to show respect for the environment.

### Roll for respect

Have your youngster number a sheet of paper 1–6. Beside each number, she could list a person (custodian, bus driver, neighbor). Take turns rolling a die and naming a way to show respect for that person. If 2 is for bus driver, she

might say, "Follow bus rules." That demonstrates respect for the job he does.

### Write a poem

Suggest that your child write the word RESPECT down the left side of a sheet of paper. She can make an *acrostic* poem by writing a way to show respect that begins with each letter in the word. *Examples:* "Really listen when others speak" for R, "Everyone's equal—treat them that way" for E.♥



## Break for learning

During spring break, inspire your child to enjoy learning adventures outside the classroom. Consider these ideas.

● **Live coverage.** Let your youngster practice writing and speaking by pretending to be a news reporter covering your family's spring break. He might write about activities like playing with cousins or making his favorite meal with you. At the end of the week, invite him to read his "broadcast" to the family.

● **Spot the state.** Print out a United States map online, or have your child draw one, and take it in the car. Everyone calls out license plates they see from different states, and your youngster finds and colors each state on his map. How many states will he locate by the end of spring break?♥



# Ready for standardized tests

Springtime is state test time for many students. Encourage your child to do his best with this advice.

**Be strategic.** Suggest that your youngster use strategies that increase his chances of getting the right answer. If he has to answer multiple-choice questions about a passage, he could read the questions first so he knows what to look for in the text. For fill-in-the-blank items, he might read the sentence with each possible answer to see which one makes the most sense.



an outline. His essay will be more organized, and he'll be more likely to include all the important information.

*Idea:* Tell your youngster to stay calm and confident. Remind him that he has been preparing for the test simply by going to school and completing his work.♥

**Plan before writing.**

Your child will do better on a short answer or essay section if he takes time to plan what he will write. This may be as simple as listing his main points on scrap paper. Then, he can write about each point in a separate paragraph in his essay. Or he might create



## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Grammar detective

Using proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation will help your youngster write clearly and effectively. Practice together with these activities:

- Write a funny sentence that contains errors. *Example:* "can you talk to kangaroos." Let your child read it and correct your mistakes (capitalize the C in *can*, put a question mark at the end). Then, she could write a sentence with errors for you to fix.
- Together, cut out words and punctuation marks from newspaper or magazine headlines. Put them in a bag, and have your youngster pull out one at a time until she can form a sentence using correct grammar and punctuation.♥



## Q & A Build sibling bonds

**Q:** I'd like my kids to be close, but they bicker a lot. How can I help them have a better relationship?

**A:** It's common for siblings to squabble.

What's important is that they form a connection that helps them enjoy each other (at least sometimes) and handle disagreements.

Try giving them tasks that require them to rely on each other. For instance, one might wash dishes and the other dry them, and then they could put them away together. Also, encourage them to spend time doing something they both enjoy, like hitting baseballs or playing with toy dinosaurs.

Finally, use their disagreements to build their conflict-resolution skills. When they argue, let them take turns setting a timer for 1 minute and explaining their side to the other. If they can't come up with a solution, suggest they take a break by going into separate rooms. They can try again when they've both calmed down and had a chance to think.♥



## PARENT TO PARENT

### Protecting your child online

My fifth grader, Sadie, likes to watch videos on a kid-friendly website. I worried that she might come across something inappropriate, so I looked at the site's help page.

Luckily, I found several safety features. I marked Sadie's account private and disabled the "comment" option. And I changed her search settings so mature content will be less likely to pop up.

I explained to Sadie that the changes would help keep her safe from strangers and away from videos that may upset or confuse her. But since I know settings aren't foolproof, I told her to come to me if she sees anything that bothers her. I also reminded her not to upload anything without my permission and to never post personal information.

I still keep an eye on Sadie's internet use, but I feel like she's better protected now. Plus, she's learning good habits for the future.♥



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

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