



OSLER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 6, 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday/Friday, June 7-8

- Grade 8 & 9 Regina Trip

Friday, June 8

- OLHV (Grade 4-6 Track)

Wednesday, June 20

- Grade 8 Business Fair
- K-3 Field Trip

Friday, June 22

- Grade 9 Commencement—7 pm

Monday, June 25

- Awards Assembly—1:15 pm

Wednesday, June 27

- Last Day of Classes—Progress Reports will be sent home



Dear Parents,

When spring finally arrived, the hallways literally started vibrating with activity. There were dashes down the hallway at recess to play on the wonderful grass in the surge pond. Preparation for Mothers' Day Tea and Spring Fling floated down the hallway. Hurdlers were practicing in the hallways after school. The Grade 8's were "squawking" up a racket on various recorders, keyboards and guitars in their arts education class. Grade 7's spread out on the hallway to complete their career posters. The excitement of the Grade 1-6 track meet floats through our classrooms and the high jump has been very exciting to watch.

We continue to be very fortunate because of people who recognize the uniqueness and wonder of our school. Last week, a former parent in our school community donated a huge bison skull. He hoped to spark the interest and curiosity of young minds when they explore the history of Saskatchewan's First Nations. Later that day a young lady, who plays in the Saskatoon Community Band, donated her "old" flute to our school because she heard we were piloting a beginner band program. What wonderful gifts to support the learning at our school. If you have any compliments, questions or concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Key or myself.

Yours in education,

Audrey Kampen

Check out our [School Website](#) for updates, reminders and announcements.

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Osler School High 5's

Be Respectful

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Be Responsible

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Be Safe

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Be Grateful

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Be Open to Learn and Grow



SCHOOL NEWS

Lost and Found

PARENTS, please stop by the Lost and Found box in the front lobby to claim your children's misplaced items. The box is filled with many quality items.

We will be donating unclaimed items to charity at the end of this school year.



"Summer Days are Here Again...."



Our Dress code promotes respect and responsibility during these beautiful summer days. Students are reminded that:

- Midriffs, cleavage and underwear should not be exposed.
- Tops need to have straps (a width of two fingers)
- Shorts need to be mid-thigh or longer

SEARCH YOUR CUPBOARDS, STORAGE AREAS AND GARAGES. OSLER SCHOOL IS PILOTING A BEGINNER BAND PROGRAM IN GRADE 6 AND 7 NEXT YEAR.

DONATIONS OR A LOANS OF GOOD QUALITY, BAND INSTRUMENTS ARE WELCOME.



Please contact Audrey Kampen audrey.kampen@spiritsd.ca if you are interested in donating an instrument.

SPRING BOTTLE DRIVE

Thanks to all parents and students who came out last week to work the bottle drive.

We raised **1901.05** that will go towards the grade 8-9 trip to Regina

Thanks to all families who donated, we appreciate your support.

Moving or Changing Schools?

Parents, please let us know if your children will not be back to Osler School in September.



We need this information in order to plan for the new school year.

2018-2019 School Calendar



Please check the Osler School website for next year's school calendar.



PE Clothing

A note went home last week regarding PE clothing orders for next year. If you did not get a chance to visit the booth set up during the track meet, and need to order clothing, clothing will be available this week for your child to try on. Please stop by the office.



An order form will also be sent home with each child. Orders and money are due on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th**.

Please contact Mrs. Milnthorp at tamara.milnthorp@spiritsd.ca if you have any questions.

School Community Council

The Osler School Community Council held its Annual General Meeting on May 15th.

The Council would like to welcome our new member Erin Duff to the board. Thank you to Julie Bergen-Braun for her contribution.

The Learning for Life presentation highlighted our adult and student learning regarding engagement, side by side learning, rigour and relationships.

The SCC "Give Walking a Try" promotion was very well received by the students. Thanks to the committee of Juliann Schneider, Erin Duff and Tracy Gaja who put it all together.

YEAR END DATES AND ACTIVITIES

'School's Out' BBQ Fundraiser

Tuesday, June 26, 2016
12:00-1:00

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks and Treats will be available.

Parents and Community Members are invited to join us for lunch!



Awards Day

Our annual school Awards Assembly will be held **Monday, June 25th**, beginning at **1:15 pm** in the gymnasium. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Progress Reports

The final progress report of the year will be sent home with students on the last day of school which is **Wednesday, June 27th**. If you and your family are not available to pick up progress reports on June 27th, you can write a note in your child's planner or send the teacher an email requesting that your child's progress report be sent home with another student. **They will not be mailed out.**



Grade 1-5 Swim Program

We have concluded another year of what we consider to be a very important component of our physical education program. Thank you for your support of, and a huge high five to the parent volunteers who helped supervise the change rooms—we couldn't do it without you!

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH

- ◆ to the volunteers who helped time at our **Grade 1-6 Track Meet**. What a great group of timers at the finish line!
- ◆ to the Grade 8 and 9 students who helped all the events run so smoothly.
- ◆ to the Division 3 Student Leadership Council who ran a great concession.

Grade 4-6 Students who were winners of our local meet will go on to compete at the Osler, VCA, Hague and Laird (OVHL) meet in Hague on Friday, June 8.

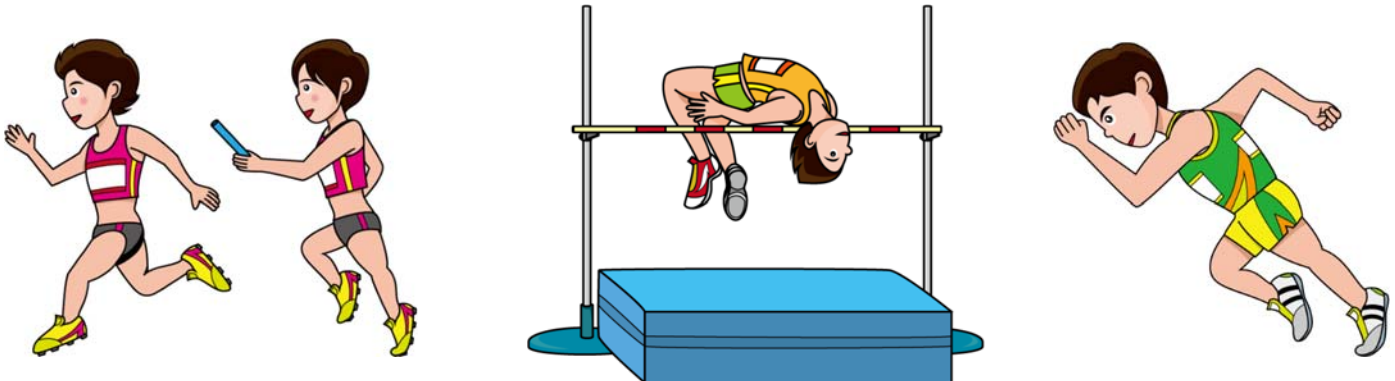
Division 3 Track and Field

Another year of track and field has been completed. It has been a fun, exciting, and a very successful season. On May 17th, thirty-eight Osler athletes competed at the Conference meet at Griffiths Stadium in Saskatoon. Of those thirty-eight athletes, twenty finished in the top eight, which advanced them to the District meet held on May 25th. There were many successes again at the District meet, along with many personal bests. One athlete from our school did extremely well. Adam W. represented Central Valley at provincials in two events, 1500m. and 3000m., which took place June 2nd and 3rd in Prince Albert. He placed 18th and 23th out of 28 respectively in each event. Good job athletes on a great season.

Coaches:

Mr. Chorneyko

Mr. Lewchuk



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SHORT NOTES

The art of flexibility

Being flexible will allow your child to switch gears if plans change at the last minute or something doesn't work out as expected. Help him learn to "flex" his mind by playing board games with new rules you make up. Also, discuss how it's possible to do the same thing in different ways, such as taking two routes to the same house.

Hands-on studying

With household materials like sugar or rice, your youngster could add variety to her studying. Suggest that she spread sugar or rice into a baking dish and write spelling words or math facts with her finger. Using her senses can cement the information in her mind.

Annual checkup time!

If your child needs a checkup before school starts in the fall, book his appointment early. Pediatricians' schedules fill up quickly in the summer. *Tip:* Most schools require specific immunizations, so check that your youngster is up to date.

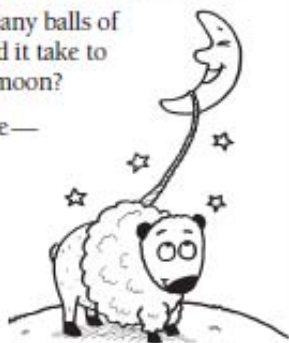
Worth quoting

"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."
Frances Hodgson Burnett

JUST FOR FUN

Q: How many balls of yarn would it take to reach the moon?

A: Just one — if it's big enough!



Month-by-month learning

How can you keep the learning going while school is out? Try these fun ideas for taking advantage of monthly celebrations! Your child's skills will stay sharp, and you'll enjoy family time, too.

May

Let your youngster cycle her way to math practice during *National Bike Month*. Encourage her to set a goal for time spent biking, and then take regular family bike rides. She can create a graph to track her progress. Perhaps she'll make a picture graph and draw 1 bike wheel for every 15 minutes of cycling. She'll be able to calculate her time at a glance.

June

Inspire your child to use persuasive writing during *National Safety Month*. Together, brainstorm safe behaviors (wear seat belts in the car, stay indoors during thunderstorms). Next, have her make posters with slogans ("Be on the safe side: Buckle up before you ride!"), facts ("Seat belts save lives"), and photos of family members following the rule.

It's a wrap

Help your youngster bring the school year to a successful close with this to-do list:

- Thank teachers and other school staff. Your child could make cards or write thoughtful notes to show his appreciation.
- Suggest that he offer to assist his teacher with year-end jobs like taking down bulletin boards or packing up classroom games.
- Have your youngster find and return any books he borrowed from his teacher or the school library.♥



July

Celebrate *National Park and Recreation Month* by exploring nature. Visit local parks, and have your youngster record her observations and use them to design field guides. Take along paper and colored pencils so she can sketch and label plants and animals, describe streams, or map out trails.

August

Build communication skills with *National Radio Day*. Challenge your child to "launch" a radio station. She should think about her audience and purpose—who her listeners would be and the type of programming they would want. Now she can develop scripts and record broadcasts!♥



Gaining life skills

The older your youngster gets, the more he'll be able to do for himself. Teach him basic life skills with these ideas.

Do tasks together. Your child may be too young to cook dinner or clean the entire bathroom by himself, but he can move toward doing those jobs by helping you. Give him a task, such as stirring casserole ingredients and pouring the mixture



into a baking dish—then you put it in the oven. Or you might scrub the shower while he wipes down the mirror and sink.

Hand over the reins.

Decide what tasks your youngster may be ready for by thinking about what he can already do. If he knows how to make his bed, maybe you'll teach him to change the sheets. Demonstrate putting on the fitted

sheet, tucking in the top sheet, and replacing the pillowcase. The next time, let him try it by himself with you nearby for help. Eventually he'll be ready to do it on his own.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

“Escape” puzzles

Escape rooms, where players have to solve puzzles to get out, are popular these days. Here's a way to bring the idea home for free. The bonus? Your youngster will work on logical thinking as she and her friends play.

1. Choose a story line. Each child should think of a “mission,” perhaps one related to a topic they're studying or a book they're reading.



Example:

“Escape Mars before a dust storm strikes.” She can write the scenario on an index card and place it in a shoebox.

2. Create clues. Have each player make up five puzzles to put in her box. For a Mars puzzle, your youngster might circle letters in a magazine article that can be arranged to spell *red planet* or make a crossword puzzle with words like *spaceship* and *cold*.

3. Escape! Now the children trade boxes and do the puzzles. The first person to solve all five has “escaped.” After they're all finished, they can make new boxes and play again.♥



Q & A

Keep a family journal

Q: I'd like for my son to write more this summer. Any suggestions?

A: Your son may be motivated to write more if you make it a family event. Consider starting a household journal, and you'll wind up with a record of your summer together!



Place a notebook and a cup of pens or pencils in a visible spot, maybe on the kitchen counter. Ask everyone to write at least one entry per week. You might write about everyday things, such as swinging on a swing set, or special events like an Independence Day parade. Perhaps your child will add pictures to illustrate journal entries. Or he could tape in mementos like ticket stubs and photographs.

At the end of each week, take turns reading entries aloud. When he goes back to school in the fall, your son may want to share your journal with his new teacher. This is a nice way for her to learn something about your child and his family.♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Talk about drugs

Our local police department held an information night about keeping kids away from drugs and alcohol. My daughter Bella is only 8, so I wasn't planning to attend until a friend asked me to go with her. I'm glad I did.

I found out that it is important to talk to children about drugs early and often. Taking the officers' advice, I went home and brought up the subject in a way Bella could understand. I explained that drugs

and alcohol are unhealthy and make it hard for people to do things they enjoy, such as swimming or reading. I also pointed out that these substances are illegal for kids and that if anyone asks her to try them, she should tell me or another adult right away.

Bella promised to say no to drugs. Of course, I know it may not be that easy when she's older and facing peer pressure. But at least the door is open, and we will keep talking about this challenging topic.♥



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