

MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



January 2018

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2018!

I hope everyone had a safe, happy, and relaxing Christmas and New Year!

We are asking all students to think of one word to focus on every day, all year long. One word that sums up who they want to be or how they want to live.

It takes intentionality and commitment, but in time, that one word can create great positive change. It will become the compass that directs decisions and guides steps.

My one word is 'breathe'. I will strive, everyday, to let myself breathe to accept things as they are to respond to everything in a positive manner that focuses on growth.

If you want to learn more about 'One Word' please check out <http://oneword365.com/>.

What's your one word?

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Principal

Numeracy Month

We have changed our Numeracy month to January. Jumpstart January will be filled with different opportunities for students to engage with numeracy. We have a kick off activity where students will try coding (hourofcode.com). Additionally, we have two estimation jars in the library, Mystery Number day, math puzzles on Wednesdays and we will end with a school wide event- Math Olympics.

Athletic Department

Basketball:

Basketball season begins on January 23rd.

Grade 8 girls tournaments will be on Tuesdays starting January 23rd.

Grade 7 & 8 boys tournaments will be on Thursdays starting January 25th.

Basketball fees are \$35. All fees are due by January 19th

*All tournaments start at 5:30 pm.

Music

Dates to Make **of:**

The Grade 6-8 Voluntary Choir is performing O Canada at the Manitoba Moose Game on Louis Riel Day: Monday afternoon, February 19th! Information to come soon regarding purchasing tickets at reduced prices. (Singers are free).

Wednesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 22nd – MMS Production of... Beauty and the Beast!

Friday, June 1st to Sunday, June 3rd

Grade 8 – and tentatively also Grade 7 - Band Trip to International Music Camp at International Peace Garden (15 minutes south of Boissevain). Students will miss one day of instruction. Details will be shared via email shortly.

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MMS, **February 5 – 9** ! Celebrate 'I Love to Read Month' by coming to the fair. Check out next month's Newsletter for more details.

Camp Cedarwood:

This year our grade 8's will be going to Camp Cedarwood from Wednesday, February 7 to Friday, February 9th. A parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 pm in the music room. Please plan to attend.

Student Council Update

There has been a change in our Student Council, and our **NEW** Grade 8 Level Rep is Vaughn. Congratulations on your new position.

Welcome to MMS!

We would like to welcome Jason (Grade 6), Glenda (grade 7), and Victor (grade 7) who have joined us recently.
Welcome to Mitchell Middle School!

Home Ec.

Reminder for grade 7 & 8 students who are starting Human Ecology in February to bring their fabric and sewing supplies to school.

Parent Council

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the PAC members.

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Beauty & the Beast Jr. needs your help!

The collection of props are underway and the following is a list of items we need! If you have any of the following and would be willing to let us borrow them, please contact Jerrah-Lee Broesky at jebroesky@hsd.ca

Old-fashioned rifle

Fake fruit/veggies/bread

The Beast Chair (old Wingback would be ideal)

Armour costume pieces

Whiskey barrel

Torches

Pitch forks

Silver trays

Baskets




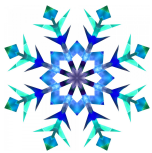

Sack of game (ideally fake)

Items would be needed by March 5, but would be accepted as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help!

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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7	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	11 Day 6 Booster Juice \$4.50	12 Day 1 Day Wonder Ham/ Pineapple Pizza \$2.00	13
14	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	18 Day 5 Camp Cedarwood Parent Meeting 5:30 pm	19 Day 6 Pepperoni Bacon Pizza \$2.00	20
21	22 Day 1 Day Wonder	23 Day 2	24 Day 3 Sub Sandwich \$4.75	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Steak & Cheese Pizza \$2.00	27
28	29 Day 6	30 Day 1 Day Wonder	31 Day 2 Sub Sandwich \$4.75			

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PARENT WORKSHOP

The growing number of drug related incidents in our local media has a lot of parents wondering how to approach the topic of alcohol and other drug use with their kids. We all know the importance of talking to our kids before they are faced with the choice to use, but how do we start the conversation?

The reality is that talking to your kids about alcohol and other drugs needs to be an ongoing conversation, not a one-time lecture, which occurs long before they are ever faced with the pressure or curiosity to use. As parents, you can arm your kids with skills that can enhance their critical thinking and ability to make good decisions when you are not around to guide them.

The Hanover School Division, along with the Steinbach Drug Awareness Committee, will be holding a parent information night for all parents of children in Kindergarten to Grade 8 who are interested in learning more about how to talk to their kids about alcohol and other drug use before it ever becomes a problem. This one hour presentation will address youth related local drug trends, the do's and don'ts of talking to your kids about drugs, and how to encourage the development of assertiveness and refusal skills. The workshop will occur on January 24th, 7:00 p.m. at the Stoney Brook Middle Years School. Refreshments will be served and a number of community organizations will be on hand to answer questions after the presentation.