



Stony Brook Middle School Planning Priorities 2014 2015



READY TO LEARN
Be Responsible Be Respectful Be Safe

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Priority Area #1— Numeracy & Literacy

Initiatives:

- ◆ Strong Connections assessments in September followed up with further testing in January & June 2015 to determine growth and movement along the continuum
- ◆ Action based research utilizing CST involvement in data collection and assessment
- ◆ Professional development alongside Numeracy, Literacy & Assessment CST
- ◆ Pilot school for Reading Apprenticeship Model in a Lab Classroom led by SMS literacy leaders
- ◆ Small group literacy and reading groups with students
- ◆ Finalize and roll out SMS school wide Literacy Plan
- ◆ Set aside opportunities for teachers to meet as literacy and numeracy teams
- ◆ Continuation of Math Club

Priority Area #2 - School Wide Positive Behaviour Plan and Ready to Learn

Initiatives:

- ◆ School wide approach to teaching and practicing positive behaviour
- ◆ Development of more “Cool Tools” for teaching positive and appropriate behaviours
- ◆ Signage throughout the school reinforcing “Ready to Learn: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe
- ◆ Continuation of Second Step curriculum for socio-emotional development and health

Priority Area #3 – Middle Years School Culture

Initiatives:

- ◆ Monthly assemblies focusing on Second Step Health themes
- ◆ Artists in the School Mural
- ◆ Grade 5/6 Spring Musical & Drama
- ◆ Improved and more frequent contact with parents and caregivers
- ◆ Field trips for all grades for a variety of “life connections” and experiential learning opportunities
- ◆ Providing opportunities for all students to become leaders

Priority Area #4— Community-based Social Justice

- ◆ Peak of the Market fundraiser and donations to Soups On and Helping Hands
- ◆ Contributions of products/funds for Today House
- ◆ Participation in WE Day and Project Hanover
- ◆ Initiation of composting program and Recycling Everywhere Program

About Us

SMS is a Grade 5 – 8 middle school with 362 students and a teaching staff of 24.

SMS offers five core academic courses and specialty programs including Gr. 7/8 Band, Choirs; French, Industrial Arts and Home Economics, Art, Digital Art, and Drama. Grade 5 and 6 students receive Art and Music instruction above their core subjects. SMS provides student support through resource teachers, guidance counsellors, and 12 educational assistants. SMS partners with HSD Student Services to provide a wide range of clinician services.

SMS offers a full intramural sports program for grades 5-8 as well as inter-school sports programs for grades 7 and 8, featuring school teams in volleyball, basketball, badminton, track and field, cross country and soccer. Opportunities have also been established for grade 5 and 6 students to learn skills for interscholastic sports. A Recess Guardian program is in place for the noon hour to make lunch time more meaningful and safer. Students also have opportunity to participate in Special Olympics.

SMS offers opportunities for students to participate in opportunities for student leadership and student voice. Our social justice committee is a student initiated student group formed to address local and global issues focussing on social justice.