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SEPTEMBER 2023

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## **PRINCIPAL MESSAGE**

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
As we wrap up our first full week of the school year, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support and encouragement with our new Cell Phone Free policy. We have already noticed significant improvement in students' academic and social engagement, with peers as well as with staff. It truly does make such a difference! Please be reminded that all student contracts need to be signed and handed in to the classroom teachers.

SMS is committed to open, respectful and regular contact with our school community. Please watch for our monthly Knightly News that will be shared through Bright Arrow, Instagram @Stonybrookhsd for day to day updates on what's happening around our school and the odd emails from the Administrative Team as information needs to be shared.

**Rita Rebizant - Principal**  
**Ed Neufeld - Vice Principal (Interim)**

# Knightly News



## PICTURE DAY

Picture day is September 20, 2023 in the gym. Proofs will follow later in the month and ordering will be done online or with the ordering proof sheet provided.

## PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is the form of communication used between school and home. If you do not have an account, please contact the school to get your log in and password information. Parent Portal set up instructions are found on the HSD website. If you have difficulties creating an account, please contact the school office and we will strive to help you!



<https://hsd.ca/parent-portal/>

## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES



*\*Please phone in or email [sms@hsd.ca](mailto:sms@hsd.ca) when your child is away from school for any reason at all. You may also enter attendance notes through the HSD's Parent Portal.*

*\*If your child is absent from school and the office has not been notified, you may receive an automated telephone message and an email asking you to contact the school with a reason your child is absent by phone call or note.*

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## **TERRY FOX RUN - SEPTEMBER 22 @ 2:30 PM**

SMS continues 40 year tradition of participation in the Terry Fox Run. Toonies for Terry will be collected by your child's Homeroom Teacher to donate to Cancer Research.

## **DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP**

### **MORNING DROP OFF**

When dropping off your child, please ensure that they are not crossing in front of your vehicle. Your child should be let out on the south side of Lumber. Drivers often pass vehicles that are parked on the wrong side which creates a dangerous situation for your child.

### **END OF DAY ROUTINE**

Parent Pick up is at 3:38

Walkers dismissed at 3:40

Bus students are dismissed by wave numbers based on their bus.

Wave 1 - 3:45

Wave 2 - 3:50

Wave 3 - 3:55

Please do NOT enter the student loading area at the end of the day.

Lunch Hour is from 12:10-1:10 p.m.

All students stay on campus for lunch (unless they go home regularly for lunch).

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## LUNCH INFORMATION

Microwaves are available for heating up lunch food. Please remember to send whatever utensils the students need to eat their lunch (ie cutlery).

The canteen is not yet open, but we are hoping to have it up and running in a few weeks. We will let you know when that happens and what will be available!

Thanks so much for your cooperation!

## MESSAGE FROM PAC

Hello Parents of SMS. We hope you had a great summer.

Please join us on **September 19th at 6 pm** at the school for our 1st Parent Advisory Council Meeting of the 2023/2024 school year.



If you are wondering how you can get involved in the school, PAC is a great way. There are many opportunities throughout the year. Examples are volunteering in the canteen over the lunch hour, helping with fundraisers, etc. If you would like to be on a Pac volunteer list or want more info please email [smspacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:smspacouncil@gmail.com). Looking forward to meeting you  
SMS PAC

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office to see what will be needed to get your paperwork going. If you are a current volunteer, please take note when your paperwork expires. We recommend you get your new paperwork going 3 months before it expires. Thank you in advance for all your willingness to help out with our school.

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## SEPTEMBER 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15 - Strong Connections Day 1  
September 18 - Strong Connections Day 2  
September 19 - PAC Meeting 6:00  
September 20 - Picture Day  
September 21 - X Country Run #1 at Steinbach Soccer Park  
September 22 - Terry Fox Run 2:30 - 3:30  
September 27 - Provincial Milk Run  
September 29th- Orange Shirt Day Assembly

### Volleyball Practices

September 14 @ 4:00 - grade 8 girls  
September 14 @ 5:30 - grade 7 boys  
September 18 @ 4:00 - grade 8 boys  
September 18 @ 5:30 - grade 7 girls

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

### Volleyball Schedule for September

Monday 4:00pm - 5:30pm Grade 8 boys practice  
Monday 5:30pm-7:00pm Grade 7 girls practice

Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:30pm Grade 7 boys practice  
Tuesday 5:30pm-7:00pm Grade 8 girls practice

Wednesday 4:00pm - 5:30pm Grade 7 girls practice  
Wednesday 5:30pm-7:00pm Grade 8 boys practice

Thursday 4:00pm - 5:30pm Grade 8 girls practice  
Thursday 5:30pm-7:00pm Grade 7 boys practice





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## PEANUT AND NUT FREE

SMS is a peanut/nut safe school, and as we have students who are allergic to nuts, we need your help. Please do not send any peanut and/or nut type products for lunch or snacks. If students should forget and bring those products, the teachers will place it in a Ziploc bag and ask the student to take it back home. We hope this does not cause a great inconvenience to you, and would appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

## SCENT/FRAGRANCE FREE ENVIRONMENT

We would also appreciate if students would not wear perfume or strong smelling deodorants or lotions, as there are students/staff that have allergies to strong scents.

Students who have these allergies, please have your epi-pen on you at all times; and having a second epi-pen available at the school office is good practice.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Order your Stonybrook SWAG here.

<https://sms.hsd.ca>

# Knightly News

## WE BELIEVE

The staff and administration of SMS believe in the Middle School philosophy that creates an inviting, supportive and safe place, a joyful community that promotes in-depth learning and enhances students' physical and emotional well-being. We believe in a healthy school environment where human relationships are paramount. We believe that interactions among staff members and between students should reflect democracy, fairness and mutual respect. We believe that SMS should promote a safe and supportive environment where students are encouraged to take intellectual risks, to be bold with their expectations and to explore new challenges. SMS believes that every student, no matter of creed, color or uniqueness, serves as a genuine part of the community and contributes based on individual strengths.

Adapted from "This We Believe: Successful Schools for Young Adolescents", National Middle School Association

As we embrace this Middle Years philosophy, we are teaching our students what it means to be "Ready to Learn", and what responsibility, respect and safety looks like throughout the school, classrooms and playground. Together we are creating life long learners and positive global citizens.



## WANT TO CONTACT US?

Click on the Stonybrook website by viewing [sms.hsd.ca](https://sms.hsd.ca) and find email links to your child's teacher to stay in touch.

Please join us on instagram for announcements and other fun stuff! (Found under Social Media on our website.)

## DRESS CODE

- All underwear must be covered
- Hoods are not to be worn indoors. Hats are to be removed during O Canada, ceremonies and assemblies out of respect.

- Offensive language/pictures on clothing are not permitted (swearing, references to drugs, alcohol or sexual comments)

- Flip-flops and open toed shoes are not permitted in the home ec, tech ed labs and gym for safety reasons.

Students are responsible for dressing appropriately for a school setting that is not distracting or disrespectful to others and follows the dress code." (SMS Code of Conduct)

# Meet the Staff

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