



OCTOBER 2023



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

October is a great month to focus on reconnection and gratitude. The staff of Stonybrook Middle School understand the importance of building relationships, making sure that every student feels valued and respected, listened to and cared for because then the learning happens. We are tremendously privileged to do the work we do and understand that it takes a village to meet the needs of our students.

Keeping those lines of communication open is vitally important to student success, and one way we meet that goal is with Interim Reporting to Parents. Homeroom teachers will be reaching out to parents and caregivers during the week of Oct 16th - 19th. These conversations are really important to build relationships with families and ultimately support our students, and we look forward to connecting with you.

We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving - a time to reflect with gratitude and to spend time with those you love.

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PEAK OF THE MARKET FUNDRAISER

October brings our Peak of the Market Fundraiser for the first couple of weeks, and we appreciate the wonderful community support as kids go door to door or bring those order forms along to family gatherings over Thanksgiving. Having the option of purchasing Donation Bundles of vegetables that go directly to Southeast Helping Hands is a great way to give back to our larger community.

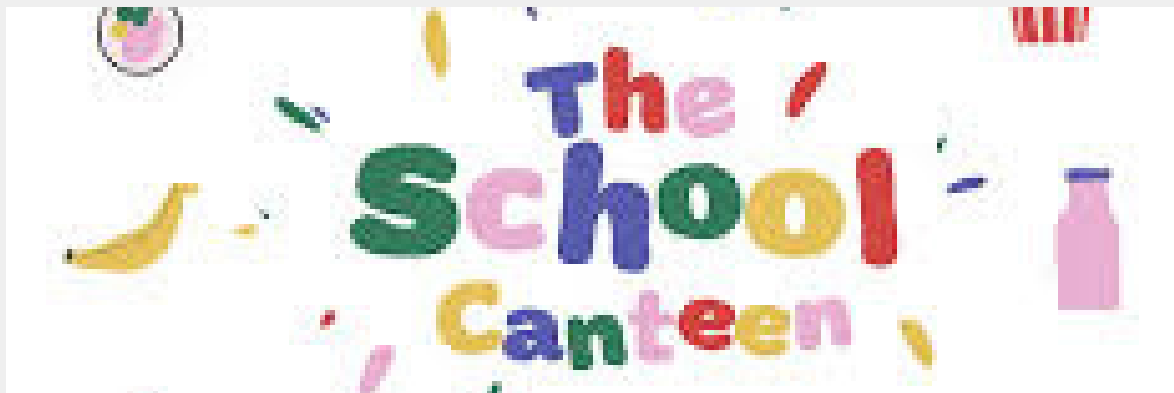
We've got some great prizes up for grabs too! Winnipeg Sea Bears merchandise, Moose tickets and even a choice of Winnipeg Jets or Cirque du Soleil tickets are all up for grabs for our top seller!

Fundraiser will run October 2nd - October 16

All money must be in by October 16.

Vegetable pick up is Thursday Oct 26 (4:30pm - 7pm) and Friday Oct 27, 10:30-12:00pm and 1:30pm-3:15pm.

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Canteen volunteers needed!

Throughout the school year, we offer a selection of foods for students to purchase at the canteen. To make this possible we need help from our parent/guardians.

Our canteen is dependent on volunteers like you!

Note that all volunteers must have their criminal record checks and child abuse checks completed.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up.
Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAFAD28A7F8C25-44724809-canteen>

MESSAGE FROM PAC

Hello Parents of SMS.

We hope the first month of school was a success for you and your kiddos.

Our next PAC meeting is set for October 17th, 6:00pm at SMS.

We would love to see you!

If you would like to know more info on how you can become more active in PAC, please email PAC at smspacouncil@gmail.com



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PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture retakes are November 1 2023.

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 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.

Did you know?? If a student misses two days a month, that is equivalent of one month of school a year!!!

<https://hsd.ca/parents/school-attendance/>

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OCTOBER 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2nd - Start of Peak of the Market Fundraiser
October 5th - Boys Volleyball Games Start
October 9th - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL
October 10th - Girls Volleyball Games Start
October 16th - DEADLINE for POTM Orders
October 17th - PAC Meeting - 6:00pm
October 19th - Grade 6 & 8 Immunizations
October 20th - NO SCHOOL
October 25th - Pick up Peak of the Market (4:30 - 7:00)
October 26th - Pick up Peak of the Market (9:30 - 11:30
& 1:30 - 3:15



Volleyball Schedule for October

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

Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:15pm Grade 7 boys practice
Tuesday 5:30pm-7:00pm Grade 7/8 girls Host

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

Thursday 4:00pm - 5:15pm Grade 8 girls practice
Thursday 5:30pm-7:00pm Grade 7/8 Boys host



HALLOWEEN

Students are welcome to dress up, however costumes **MUST** be middle school approved. No masks or weapons are allowed.



Communicating & Coping with your Adolescent

Facilitated by
Bruce Somers;
Organized by
Headway

The group will meet
weekly on Wednesdays:

- October 11th, 18th, 25th,
and November 1st & 8th
- 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Clearspring Middle School
- 1 Brighton Lane, Steinbach



Join our group!

To register, email Heidi at
heidi.falk@cmp-grc.gc.ca
or call 204.905.3685

*No cost

Topics include:

- Balancing holding tight
with allowing freedom
- Strategies to improve your
teen's decision-making and
problem-solving skills
- How to communicate so
you both feel heard
- Attachment and
parenting styles
- Roadblocks
- Restored relationships