

JANUARY 2024



WE ALL COME FROM SOMEWHERE

In December of 2023, all students were invited to participate in a survey entitled 'We All Come from Somewhere' in an effort to learn more about our students and their families. The survey asked about where they or their parents were born, what languages they spoke and what they appreciate about their culture.

Did you know that the students of Stonybrook Middle School represent 45 different countries? How amazing!

Thank you to Mr. Koop for the great display in our foyer! He has included flags from all 45 countries with a map of the world with a pin in each country that's represented in our school.

We will continue to learn about these different countries during our morning announcements in January. An SMS Knight (Student) will present a TRIVIA QUESTION from their country of Origin. Student will then work together and research these answers, bringing their ballot down to the office. At the end of each day, a draw will be made and a prize will be awarded to a student with the correct answer.

Diversity Matters and our school is proud to celebrate all of our students!



WINTER FUN DAY

Winter Fun Day is coming up quickly and students are excited to head out to their chosen activities on **Thursday February 1st.** If fees and/or waivers are still outstanding, please ensure that they are submitted by the Monday, January 26th. Activity Leaders (Teachers) and students will be meeting this week to ensure they have all the information needed. Please follow up with your students.

Things to note:

*If students have a URIS plan, Medical Equipment MUST be on their person (ie puffers, epipens) *As this is a school sponsored event, NO CELL PHONES ARE PERMITTED. Adults will have cell phones and be in direct contact with SMS if required.

We're looking forward to a great day spent with our kids.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always in need of volunteers to help run our canteen over the lunch hour.

Volunteers are required to have both criminal record and child abuse check completed prior to volunteering

Please sign up through our webpage <u>- Stonybrook Middle</u> <u>School/Munchalunch</u>





STUDENT CARE TEAM WISH LIST

Our Student Care Team has a wish list. They are looking for some gently used items for the students to play with during their school day. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.

Games Lego Puzzles Rubik's Cube Chess/Checkers

Thank you again in advance.

HOT LUNCH AVAILABLE

We offer Hot lunch every Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday is Waffle fries from Chica Chicken - \$5 Thursday is Santa Lucia Pizza - Pepperoni or Cheese - \$3

We offer a small quantity of the above items for sale at the canteen on those days, however if you want to guarantee your order, we would recommend ordering through the site, Munchalunch.

https://munchalunch.com/schools/stonybrook/



DECEMBER SPORTS NEWS

Basketball News

Practice times/ Games

Monday 4:00pm -5:30pm - 8 Girls 5:30pm-7:00pm - 7 Boys

Tuesday 4:00pm -5:15pm - 8 Boys 5:30pm -7:00pm - 7 & 8 Girls (Games)

Wednesday 4:00pm -5:30pm - 7 Girls 5:30pm -7:00pm - 8 Boys

Thursday 4:00pm -5:15pm - 8 Girls 5:30pm - 7:00pm - 7 & 8 Boys (GAMES)

For more information, please check out our website. https://sms.hsd.ca/knights-calendar/



MESSAGE FROM PAC



Hello Parents of SMS.

Volunteering Opportunity with PAC - We ask if you could please take a moment and complete the Google form with the link provided.

https://forms.gle/Q3spmQrrhhXtHEaX6

Our next PAC meeting is set for Monday, January 29th, 6:00pm at SMS.

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

A LOOK AHEAD FEBRUARY DATES

February 1st - Winter Fun Day February 2nd - NO SCHOOL - ADMIN/PD DAY February 3rd - I love to Read Month starts. February 5th - REMINDER: **School open to students at 8:45** February 19th - No School - Louis Riel February 23rd - PD Day





STONYBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE THOUGHTFUL, CONSISTENT, RESPECTFUL AND PROACTIVE STRATEGIES THAT REFLECT THE DIVISIONAL COMMITMENT TOWARDS OUR KID AND DEEPER LEARNING. OUR PRIORITY ALWAYS IS THE SAFETY, CARE AND LEARNING FOR EVERY CHILD WITHIN OUR SCHOOL.

'SOMEBODY'S GOT TO BE CRAZY ABOUT THAT KID. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS'. URIE BRONFENBRENNER KIDS THESE DAYS