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## June 2024 Newsletter



**“When the school doors close, the gates to summer swing wide open, and every day is a delightful journey into the world of sunlit possibilities.”**

**Author Unknown**

# Knightly News

## Principal message



With the warm weather finally arriving, the end of the school year is coming up very quickly. It's been a year of learning for both students and staff, and as I reflect on this year I can say that it has been truly fulfilling.

We have forged a healthy path to ensure that we support the mental health of our students, enrich learning experiences with better engagement by students and improved their face to face communication and positive socialization with peers - simply by removing cell phones from our school. It's been so beneficial and we truly thank our parents for supporting this initiative.

Having worked alongside Mr. Ed Neufeld this year has been great! I have benefitted from his wisdom and enjoyed the positive energy that he brought every single day! We have come full circle and I want to thank him for his servant leadership with students and staff at SMS. You will be missed Ed!

We have many changes coming our way in the new year, and want to wish all the best to the following teachers that will be taking on new roles and challenges in different schools. You all have contributed to our school in many ways over the years, and we thank you so very much.

Ms. Robin Nemeth to Niverville High School  
Ms. Krystin Dychko to Blumenort School  
Mr. Trevor Neufeld to Southwood School  
Ms. Shayli Patrick to Mitchell Middle School  
Mr. Tyler North to Louis Riel School Division

And finally, to Mr. Lyle Koop! Thank you for your commitment to our kids. We wish you all the best in your retirement as you wrap up 37 years of teaching and guidance counseling. Your heart for kids is legendary and we wish you all the best in your next chapter.

Finally, thank you to our families for always supporting our school with your encouragement and trust with those we all hold dearest.

Have a wonderful summer.

*Mrs. Rebizant*  
Principal  
Stonybrook Middle School

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## Vice Principal Message



My time at SMS is coming to a close.

I am surprised, at my age, how difficult this goodbye feels. After all, I retired a while back, and I just came for a year. So why am I so surprised?

I have come to really love these students! I love their joy, I love watching them learn, and I love seeing them grow!

I believe in our students, in every one of them. I believe that they will continue to grow and learn and will become wonderful adults. It just takes patience and love.

I am grateful for the people with whom I work. Everyone works hard for the children who walk through our doors each day. They support each other, they are concerned for kids and families who are struggling, and they are willing to take action to help make a difference. We are educators, and we help children learn!

I am profoundly grateful to the parents/guardians of our students. Your support, even when we have to talk about difficult things, means the world to me and to us. The best (and maybe the only) way to help students in their struggles at school is through strong school/family partnerships. Thank you for being those parents. It is my hope and belief that SMS students will benefit from your willingness to be partners with the school.

So, thank you. Thanks to everyone in this school community for welcoming me and for your willingness to let me be a leader at SMS. And while I will miss being here next year, a lot, I also know the school is in great hands with Ms. Rebizant and Mr. Wiebe as principal/vice principal, with awesome office/library staff, excellent educational assistants, capable custodians, and terrific teachers.

I bid the entire Stonybrook Middle School community a very fond farewell, and wish you nothing but wonderful learning in the years to come.

Ed Neufeld  
Vice Principal

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## PLEASE JOIN US

We would like to welcome parents to SMS over the noon hour (12:00 - 1:00) for our annual picnic on June 21st. You are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch, chairs and blankets.

## AWARDS PRESENTATION - JUNE 26

**June 26, 2024**

Grade 5-7 Awards AM

Grade 5 - 9:30 - 10:00 - then to AD Penner Park for Picnic & Swimming

Grade 6 - 10:45 - 11:15

Grade 7 - 11:40 - 12:10

Grade 8 - 1:30



Invitations to parents and caregivers of award recipients will be sent via Bright Arrow on Wednesday, June 19th.

## Indigenous Celebration Day

June 21 2024

In recognition of National Indigenous People's Day, Stonybrook Middle School has partnered with a number of community members to share knowledge and activities with our students. There will be two performances by the Spirit Sands Singers and Dancers in the morning, Metis jigging, bannock making, teepee raising, storytelling, lacrosse and beading. The grade 5s & 6s will participate in the morning and the 7s & 8s in the afternoon.

## LIBRARY

Just a reminder that ALL library books are due back on Friday, June 14th! Any books that are not returned or are damaged beyond repair will be charged a fee equivalent of the replacement cost of the book.

For summer reading, join the Jake Epp Library Summer Reading Club. Check it out at <https://jakeepplibrary.com/for-you/kids/programs/summer-reading-club/>



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## SPORTS NEWS

### TRACK AND FIELD

Stonybrook Middle School is very proud of all of our Track and Field Athletes, and there were many highlights from both the grade 5 & 6 meet and the grade 7 & 8 meet. Here are just a few!

#### **WINNERS - Grade 5 Girls**

Sierra W - Hexathlon, Shot Put

Emily N - High Jump

Zena E, Emily N, Deja D, Danya T - 4x100m Relay - **NEW SMS RECORD**

#### **WINNERS - Grade 5 Boys**

Levi E, Cameron F, Aizen O, Boaz D - 4x100m Relay

#### **WINNERS - Grade 6 Girls**

Oleksandra S, Anya D, Caleigh G, Jodi W- 4x100m Relay

#### **WINNERS - Grade 6 Boys**

Alexis C - Ball Throw, Shot Put

Jackson R - High Jump

#### **WINNERS - Grade 7 Girls**

Ariana L - Shot Put

#### **WINNERS - Grade 7 Boys**

Carter K - Long Jump

Carter K, JP B, Eric R, Daiwik T- 4x400m Relay

#### **WINNERS - Grade 8 Boys**

Ronin W- 100m Run

Ronin W, Anak H, Edison C, Daniel S- 4x100m Relay

#### **Special Recognition**

Ronin W- 2nd in the 100m at provincials, 1st in the medley relay

Carter K 3rd in total points for grade 7 boys

#### **New SMS Records**

Grade 5 Girls

Andy C- Ball Throw

Emily N - High Jump (tied existing record)

Grade 5 Boys - Cameron D - Hexathlon

Grade 6 Girls - Browning H - Ball Throw, Hexathlon

Grade 6 Boys - Alexis C - Ball Throw, Shot Put

Grade 7 Girls - Khrystyna K - 1200m

Grade 7 Boys - Carter K - 1200m

Grade 8 Girls - Fimi F - Hexathlon

Grade 8 Boys - Hunter K, Edison C, Anak H, Ronin W - 4 x 400m Relay

Edison Camargo - Hexathlon



## HSD GRADE 7/8 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 24 at the Soccer Field  
in Steinbach.

Parents are welcome to come cheer  
on the teams!

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## WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN UP TO IN HOME EC



"In an effort to promote textile sustainability and prevent mounds of fabric from ending up in the landfill, we collect our scrap fabric throughout the school year so it can be put to good use. Students will often use these scraps to stuff their own pillows, but everything else is used to stuff dog beds that are later donated to animal rescues. At the end of May, four students from grade 7 and 8 participated in donating three dog beds to Steinbach and Area Animal Rescue. We look forward to partnering with this wonderful rescue again next year!"



# ESPORTS News



Day 1 of the MSEA Esports Expo garnered lots of success for our crew.

Asaph & Orien won the Brawlhalla tournament, cementing themselves as the best duo in the province for Middle Years.

Max & Tristan had a top-4 finish in the same Brawlhalla tournament, a remarkable achievement for the youngsters.

Will & Bennel were the surprise of the day with a 2nd place finish for the Smash Bros tournament, something they could have only dreamt of going into the event.

AJ & Owen had an excellent showing in Smash Bros also, losing to the eventual winners in the Quarter-Finals.

Our Minecraft Design Team featuring Ezra, Malia, Titus, Logan, and Lanna finished as Runners-Up out of 8 teams. A fantastic showing. More information on them to come.

Very proud of our kids and their accomplishments. We represent extremely well in Esports at the Provincial level and it's an outlet that means a ton to all of our Esports kids. If you see these kids in the halls in the coming days feel free to give them encouragement and praise. I know it'll be well received.

Day 2 was not short on exciting drama either for our kids.

Daniel, Zack, and Asaph played an excellent Rocket League tournament and came away with 3rd place. They were bummed not to make the final but once again we showed we were a top team Provincially in a game that is hard to master.

Big win of the day goes to our Pokemon Unite team of Augustine, Joseph, Aiden, Smith, and Max (with Jonah as our sub) who clutched a comeback in the final to secure 1st place! Joseph played with us virtually while his family was driving home from their Toronto road trip. Very committed!

Big moments

6h20m (Asaph/Orien final)

6h44m (Will/Bennel final)

A few other moments where our other teams might feature but I'm not scrolling through it all tonight haha

Big moments

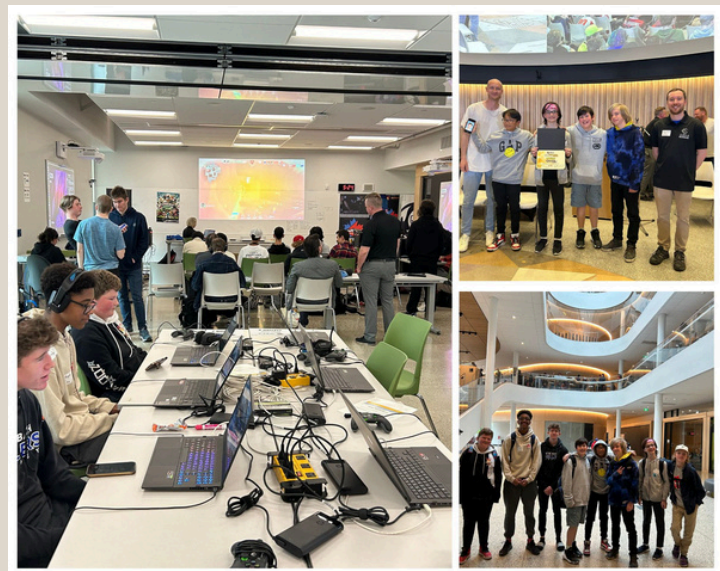
11m (Daniel/Zack/Asaph screentime)

3h48m (Pokémon Unite semis)

4h28m (Pokémon Unite finals)

Again, more moments layered into the VOD but you'll have to do some scrolling.

Thank you all for enduring with and supporting our Esports program. Coming away with two 1sts, two 2nds, and a 3rd in the five different events is a massive accomplishment. Just want to make sure our kids touch grass once in a while...



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## REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS

As we begin making plans for the 2024-2025 school year, we would like to remind parents that staff consider a variety of factors when making decisions around homeroom placements.

Just before spring break, we presented to our students about Learning Partnerships, explaining about positive learning environments and how student connections impact learning. Parents have an opportunity to share their thoughts and suggestions for their child when a Google Form was sent to them a couple of weeks ago. The deadline was April 30th, but if you haven't yet completed it, please do so as soon as possible.

We will do our best to honour recommendations, however, there are no guarantees. Best friends are not always positive learning partners, but we also recognize the importance of every student having connections.

We look forward to positive and healthy conversations with families as we make our plans for next year.



## Have you moved?

If you have moved, or are planning to move, please ensure that you share that information with the office.

204-326-6481

Transportation (busing) office

204-320-2347







**Summer's Almost Here!  
It's been a great year at Stonybrook Middle School!**

**June is a busy month as we make the most of this beautiful weather with a lot of outdoor activities and field trips.**



Our chocolate fundraiser ended well and with the efforts of our students and you, their families, we raised almost \$14,000 to make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate in the final Activity Day this month! Thank you for your support!

Thinking ahead to our 2024/25 school year, we are always looking for new members for the PAC.

It's a wonderful way to be involved in with your child's school during their time at SMS. Feel free to email if you have any questions or just want to know more about what it is to be on the PAC. You can email at [smspacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:smspacouncil@gmail.com)



# Knightly News

## JUNE EVENTS

June 18th – Grade 8's Steinbach Aquatic Centre & AD Penner Park

June 21st – Indigenous Celebration Day

June 21st – Grade 8 Farewell – SMS Students Only

June 21st - Parent Picnic

June 24th - HSD Soccer Day

June 26th – **Grade 5-7 Awards (AM)**

Grade 5 – 9:30 – 10:00

Grade 6 – 10:45 – 11:15

Grade 7 – 11:40 – 12:10

Grade 8 Awards 1:30pm (PM)

June 26th – Grade 5 Swimming (PM)

June 27th – Last day of school – Activity day grade 6,7,8

June 28th - Administration Day

Report Cards will be posted on Parent Portal at 4:00.

Have a great summer!

Sept 4th – First day of classes

### READY TO LEARN

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe



### OUR MISSION

*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.*

# Summer News

## Summer Arts Day Camp (5-8 & 9-12)

Pick your week of camp!  
From July 2 to August 9

[STEINBACHARTS.CA](http://STEINBACHARTS.CA)

