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## MESSAGE HOME

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

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.

# Knightly News

## 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 have some amazing prizes for our top sellers!

Fundraiser will run October 1st - October 16

All money must be in by October 16.

Vegetable pick up is

Tuesday Oct 29th Pick up at 4:30pm - 7:00

Wednesday Oct 30th Pick up

9:30am -11:30am

1:30pm 3:15pm

4:30pm-7:00pm



**VEGGIES NOT COLLECTED DURING PICK UP DATES/TIMES WILL BE DONATED TO SOUTHEAST HELPING HANDS**

**ORDER NOW**

Peak of the Market





# Knightly News

## Picture RETAKE Day is coming!

*October 30th - picture retakes.*

If you would like your child to have retakes please have them bring the proofs that were sent home last week to the office and they will be put on the retake schedule. If you have any questions, please email the office [sms@hsd.ca](mailto:sms@hsd.ca) or call the office 204-326-6481.



## 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!



## Attendance procedures



\*Please use Parent Portal, 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.

# Knightly News



IXL is a fun, vibrant online learning environment where students in grades 7 and 8 can enjoy working to master math skills. The flexibility of IXL provides many different ways to integrate IXL into each students' development—whether it is challenging students through independent practice or using IXL as an instructional tool in class.

As a student works on a skill, the difficulty level adapts to their grasp of the concept to ensure the student is being challenged at the appropriate level. Students, parents, and teachers are able to stay actively involved through informative analytics that point out successes and trouble spots ensuring all students are on their way to future success!

## 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.

### DISMISSAL

Parent Pick up is at 3:35

Walkers dismissed at 3:35

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

Wave 1 - 3:35

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).

# Knightly News

## Message from PAC

Hello SMS Parents! Our next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 30 for our Annual General Meeting. It will be at 6 pm in the school staff room and we will have some snacks!

If you have any questions or concerns, even if you are unable to attend the meeting, send us an e-mail and we will do our best to get back to you!

The Parent Council has two open positions this year on our exec team! If you are interested in being our treasurer or secretary, please feel free to e-mail us at [smspacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:smspacouncil@gmail.com).



## Dates to remember



October 14th - NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving

October 16th - DEADLINE for POTM Orders

October 18th - Camp Manitou (Grade 8's)

October 25th- NO SCHOOL

October 29th and 30th - Peak of the Market pick up

October 30th - PAC AGM Meeting - 6pm

October 30th - Picture Retakes



## HALLOWEEN OCT 31

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



# Safe & Supported: Parenting in the Teen Years

Facilitated by  
Bruce Somers;  
Organized by  
Headway

The group will meet  
weekly on Tuesdays:

- October 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and November 5th
- 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Clearspring Middle School
- 1 Brighton Lane, Steinbach



## Join our group!

To register, email Heidi at  
[heidi.falkercmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:heidi.falkercmp-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