



# ÉCOLE STANLEY KNOWLES SCHOOL HOME OF THE *Jonics*

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## FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



### ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear ÉSKS Parents/Guardians,

It's February and we are busy! Our sports teams and academic clubs are in full swing at the school, with students participating in Basketball, Esports Club, Yearbook Club, Concert Band and Intramurals to name a few. We are also planning a ski trip for our Grade 7 & 8 students to the Asessippi Ski Area and Resort on February 14 & 15th.

This month we will be celebrating Festival Du Voyageur with a school-wide activity day. The students will participate in French cultural activities such as games, art, cultural food, dance and singing as they visit a variety of stations around the school.

Our Grade 3-8 French Immersion students are well underway in preparing their speeches for le concours d'art oratoire, the French speaking contest. This is an excellent opportunity for students to practice writing for a purpose and public speaking en français. With the culmination being presented in front of classmates and then for judges for our ÉSKS concours on March 12th. Good luck to all participants and we are so proud of your hard work!

The second term of the school year ends on March 3rd, which means that all assignments, projects and tests must be handed in on time. Report Cards will be emailed out with a link to all parents/guardians on Wednesday, March 13th. Student-Led Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 14th from 4:00 - 8:00pm and during the morning of Friday, March 15th. Watch for a link that will be emailed out in early March for families to book a time for Student-Led Conferences.

February is the time that our Grade 8 students will begin the very important process of choosing their next school. As we look ahead to planning our classrooms for next year, please take a moment to help us plan by completing the intention forms that you will receive shortly.

We look forward to having our Nursery/Kindergarten Information evening on Wednesday, February 21st and our Grade 7 Information evening on March 6th.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher by email or phone.

Yours in education,

A. Powell ~ A. Hinthier-Janus



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## PLEASE CALL...



Before the bell time of the current day, and when you know that your child is going to be absent, leaving early or has an appointment, please call the **Safe Arrival System** at: **1-855-278-4513** to let the school know. You can also use the website at: <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or the mobile app.

Calling students out of class during school hours to phone home or to pick up a lunch is very disruptive to the class. Unless it is an emergency, it would be appreciated if you could make prior arrangements with your child and ensure that your child arrives at school prepared for the school day with all his/her belongings, including lunch, water bottle and binder/homework.



## I LOVE TO READ MONTH



In February we celebrate reading! Although technology has advanced and there are many different formats and ways to read, sitting down, with a good book will never change! One of the best ways you can help your child at school, and in life, is to read to them every day when they are young. As your children get older, take the time to find out what they are reading. Books can be costly but you can visit your public library where there is a huge selection of new and old favorites. Our school library also has a good selection of books for the youngest children to our middle school students.

Remember too that reading is not confined to the pages of a book. In our society, reading pictures and icons on the computer, looking at a magazine or newspaper, working through a math problem and shopping online are all forms of reading. Many of your child's video games are full of bulletins and hints that require reading. Whatever way your child reads, make sure that you always refer to their activity as "reading". If a kindergarten child reads a book, using the pictures and their memory, tell them what a great reader they are becoming. Ask your older child "what are you reading now?" and let them see you valuing reading. Have reading material in your house that is interesting and accessible.

***Put aside some time this month to read and to share some books with your child.***

***It's a great gift of time to give to them!***

## PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Advisory Council is the collective voice of parents in our school that meet regularly to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of our children.



**Our next school PAC Meeting will be on  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

Up Coming PAC Meetings



Tuesday, March 5, 2024 ~ Tuesday, April 2, 2024 ~ Tuesday, May 7, 2024 and AGM Wind Up

# NURSERY & KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION



**Registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten are now being accepted for the upcoming 2024 - 2025 school year**

Children registering for **Nursery** must have been born by December 31st, 2020

Children registering for **Kindergarten** must have been born by December 31st, 2019

**Please include the following with your application:**

- ◆ Birth Certificate, Treaty Card, or Canadian Passport
- ◆ Proof of Address: which can be a copy of title of house, purchase agreement, rental agreement, or current property tax statement or assessment.
- ◆ Manitoba Health Card
- ◆ Report Card (if applicable)



**\* OPEN HOUSE: Nursery/Kindergarten, February 21, 2024 @ 5:30pm \***

## SAVE THE DATES!

### **Grade 8 Farewell**

This year, the Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 26th** at Tec Voc High School.

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Car pooling is recommended as there is a limited amount of street parking available.

**The event will begin at 10:00 am sharp and will conclude at approximately 12:00 pm.**



### **Grade 8 Kildonan Park Fun Day**

The Kildonan Park Fun Day will take place on **Thursday, June 27th from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm**. Students must arrange their own transportation to and from Kildonan Park.

Students will enjoy a complimentary lunch, along with games and classroom activities that will be arranged by the Grade 8 teaching staff.

We hope to see all our Grade 8 students in attendance. It is guaranteed to be a fun day!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART?

Ms. Kennelly



Elementary and Junior High students that are in Art are putting the final touches on their ceramic works with some glazing. For the elementary groups, we are adding glazes to our ceramics for the final step to our projects. Students were able to choose their own combinations of colours to help bring out the designs in their work.



The Junior High groups will be glazing their mugs to ensure they are food safe. The glaze is what makes the ceramic piece safe to drink or eat out of. We will be celebrating our learning with a hot chocolate party to enjoy our cups and see how they feel to drink out of!

## ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Mrs. Chapman

In the Elementary Music classes, the students are learning all about the exciting genre of Rock and Roll! We are singing famous Rock and Roll songs and discussing their context; times, places and circumstances in which they were composed. As well, we are learning about the instruments that were used and who were the most famous musicians of that time.

- ❖ The Grade 1/2 students will learn how to play Strong and Weak Beat on musical instruments to accompany the songs they have learned.
- ❖ The Grade 3 students will learn to read and play new, more complex rhythm patterns taken out of the songs.
- ❖ The Grade 3/4 students will learn about syncopation and will play syncopated rhythm patterns on various instruments.
- ❖ The Grade 4/5 and 5/6 students will learn how to play some of the songs on xylophones.



Most of all, we will continue to have fun making music together!

## JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC

Ms. Nikkel

Throughout the month of January, in Performing Arts, the Grade 8 students have been continuing to develop their guitar, piano and ukulele skills through selecting songs to learn in small groups. Our hope is to perform these selections at Spring Fling!

The Grade 7 students have been learning ukulele chords and strumming patterns and are currently working to play along to a variety of songs.



In addition to music, students are experiencing drama in Performing Arts, through a exploration of Mime. Mime involves learning how to express ideas through facial expressions and detailed body movements. Students are currently working on choregraphing their own mime scene to music in small groups.

## Grade 5 & 6 Volleyball

This year we have over 50 students who have signed up for volleyball! Students have been practicing their bumping, setting and spiking during the lunch hour and are preparing to represent Stanley Knowles School at the divisional tournaments in late January and February.



## Grade 4, 5 & 6 Indoor Track

This year at Ecole Stanley Knowles we are (re)starting an Indoor Track & Field team from Grades 4, 5 & 6 students. Students will practice running, jumping and throwing at lunch hour and during Phys. Ed classes in preparation for a city-wide Elementary relays track meet at the end of February.



If you have any questions regarding any of the elementary sport clubs/teams or what is going on in your child's physical education class, please email Mr. Miller at [timmiller@wsd1.org](mailto:timmiller@wsd1.org).



## Grade 7 & Basketball Teams



Stanley Knowles Basketball season has officially started! You can catch home games Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays. Follow us on Instagram [@sks.athletics](https://www.instagram.com/sks.athletics) for complete game schedules and come cheer on your Sonics!



GRADE 7/8 BOYS Coaches: Mr. Smoke Coach Noah	GRADE 7 BOYS Coaches: Mr. Peel Mr. Dava	GRADE 7/8 GIRLS Coaches: Mrs. Maskiw	GRADE 7 GIRLS Coaches: Mr. Neumann, Mrs. Wakshinski
<b>PLAYERS</b>	<b>PLAYERS</b>	<b>PLAYERS</b>	<b>PLAYERS</b>
Jalen D.R Christiano T. Lance P. Purav B. Karan S. Jaco O. Jayvin V. Ryle D. Aiden O. Jared L. Nigel S. Rodrigdo S.	Athan W. Ethan S. Francis L. Jaymin G. Jhayden E. Jiro D.C. Jordan D.C. Landyn C. Lennon C. Manjot B. Noah F. Zyan M.	Brooklyn M. Ara P. Claire K. Lily B. Meagan C. Ashiana D. Dom G. Rhianne O. Bella R. Shana D.L. Avi G. Dhanezen F.	Taylor B. Sargun S. Jaidyn B. Taysia M. Kimah B. Diana L. Jeree L. Laila M. Daveen F. Angelica E. Jessica P. Kali R.

## TRANSITIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL...



It's hard to imagine that we are already headed towards the time in the school year when we begin transition conversations for Grade 9. Many students in Grade 8 at ÉSKS will be planning for Grade 9 studies at Sisler High School and Tec Voc High School. Both schools will be making plans to come and talk to students in person or The Grade 8 students will also take a look at career planning and course offerings through the division's MyBlueprint platform.

We will do our best to share notices of the open houses as they are announced. Applications will likely be due near the end of February.

If you have any questions or are thinking about registering at another school in or outside of the division please feel free to contact **Mr. Barr** at [lbarr@wsd1.org](mailto:lbarr@wsd1.org).



# Upcoming High School Open Houses

<b>Tec Voc High School</b>	<b>Thursday, February 22, 2024</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00pm</b> <b>155 Wall Street * Phone: 204-786-1401</b>
<b>Children of the Earth High School</b>	<b>Thursday, February 29, 2024</b> <b>4:00 - 6:00 pm</b> <b>100 Salter Street * Phone: 204-589-6383</b>
<b>Churchill High School</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 6, 2024</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00 pm</b> <b>570 Hay Street * Phone: 204-474-1301</b>
<b>Garden City Collegiate</b>	<b>Thursday, March 7, 2024</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00 pm</b> <b>711 Jefferson Ave * Phone: 204-339-2058</b>
<b>Maples Collegiate</b>	<b>Thursday, March 7, 2024</b> <b>6:30 - 7:30 pm</b> <b>1330 Jefferson Ave * Phone: 204-632-6641</b>

# SCHOOL CLOSURES...

Friday, February 2, 2024  
**Monday, February 19, 2024**

Non-Instructional Day - No School  
**Louis Riel Day - No School**



Friday, March 15, 2024  
 Friday, March 22, 2024

Student-Led Conferences - No School  
 Last day of school before Spring Break

## SPRING BREAK - Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024  
 Friday, April 19, 2024

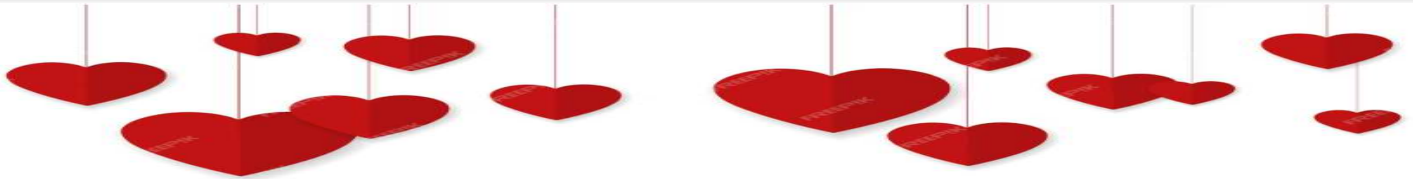
School Re-Opens after Spring Break  
 Non-Instructional Day - No School

Monday, May 6, 2024  
**Monday, May 20, 2024**

Non-Instructional Day - No School  
**Victoria Day - No School**

**Monday, June 24, 2024**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**  
 Friday, June 28, 2024

**ÉSKS PD Day - No School**  
**Grade 8 Farewell - Tec Voc High School (am)**  
 Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal

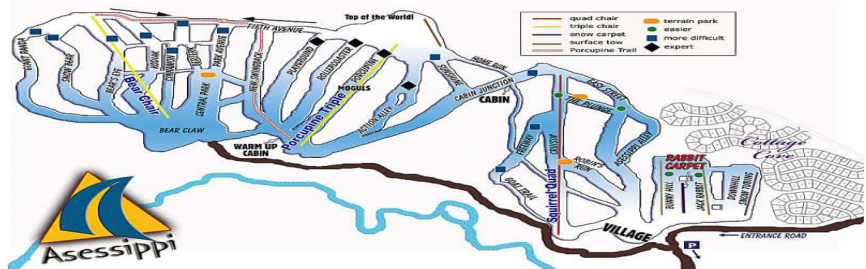


# ASESSIPP SKI AREA AND WINTER PARK



The 18th annual Grade 7 and 8 ski trip to Aseissippi Ski Hill will be on **Wednesday, February 14, 2024 & Thursday, February 15, 2024**

The interest has been outstanding and we have filled all of our available spots!



It's located 4 hours Northwest from Winnipeg about 10 minutes from Russell, Manitoba



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## FEBRUARY 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2  Non-Instructional Day No School
5 Day 3	6 Day 4  PAC Meeting in Library @ 6:00 pm	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1
12 Day 2  Grade 8 Tec Voc Tour	13 Day 3  Grade 6 Volleyball Tournament @ Tyndall Park (am)	14 Day 4   Bake Sale @ Lunch  *AESSIPPI SKI TRIP*	15 Day 5  *AESSIPPI SKI TRIP*	16 Day 6  Grade 5 Volleyball Tournament @ Garden Grove (pm)
 19  LOUIS RIEL DAY  NO SCHOOL	20 Day 1   Tuque Day	21 Day 2  Rm 212 & 214 @ Festival Du Voyageur  Nursery & Kindergarten Open House @ 5:30 pm   Ceinture Fléchée	22 Day 3  HOT LUNCH     Flannel Shirt Day	23 Day 4   Grade 8's Sisler High School Tour (am)   Dress Like a Voyageur
26 Day 5	27 Day 6  Grade 4 - 6 Indoor Track Meet @ U of M	28 Day 1	29 Day 2  Patrols @ Polo Park Bowling Lanes (PM)	