

Volume 2

Fall, 2009



OUR GOAL IS TO PROMOTE THE ON-GOING EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE CHILD IN A SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT.

THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



You're Invited!

Fall Band, Jazz & Choir Concert

Grade 8 , 9 and Senior Jazz Bands are performing, as well as Grade 7 and 8 choir and the Grade 9 choir. Come and enjoy!

Thursday, October 22nd, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. SJH Auditorium

Picture Retakes

Date: October 27, 2009



Only students who have parental permission (by phone or note to Mr. Tony Donkersloot) or those who missed having a photo taken may have a picture taken at that time.

Original picture package order forms must be handed in to the office when requesting retakes.

Students will receive proof packages from which they can order. Acceptable results are guaranteed.

Note from the Public Health Nurse

Seasonal flu vaccine clinics will be held in communities throughout the south-east region starting after Thanksgiving. In addition to the seasonal flu vaccine, the H1N1 flu vaccine will be offered separately later in the Fall at various community clinics. Further information will be played on the radio and posted in the newspaper sometime during the month of October.

For more information contact your Public Health Nurse.

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Volunteers?

Volunteers are needed to help with events and activities at the school. You should have received a volunteer information form home with your child. Please complete it and give to your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested. You may also download the form from our website, sjh.hsd.ca. Thanks for your help!

More volunteers are needed to sit on the Parent Advisory Council. This forum is an excellent opportunity for parents to discuss issues, concerns, ideas and suggestions with school administration. Fundraising is not a priority for this group. Please consider signing up to attend monthly meetings by talking to one of the PAC members.

This year our parent council members are:
Shauna Hiebert (gshiebert@shaw.ca) 326-9982
Cyndy Friesen (cyndy@mts.net) 326-3302
Madeleine Thiessen (lamma@mts.net) 326-1917
Connie Townsend (kg2800@mts.net) 326-1724
Elma Friesen (gemk@mts.net) 326-6197



Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday, October 22nd	Fall Band and Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.	Monday, November 16th	Administration Day (No Classes)
Friday, October 23rd	Inservice Day (No Classes)		
Tuesday, October 27th	Picture Retake Day (p.m.)	Friday, November 20th	First Term Report Cards
October 6th to November 24th	HSD Jr. High Volleyball Season		
Monday, November 2nd	Wind Turbine Competition (Grade 9)	November 16th to 26th	Choral Fest
Wednesday, November 4th	Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)	Thursday, November 25th	Parent Teacher Evening
Monday, November 9th	Grade 8 Field Trip		
Tuesday, November 10th	End of Term 1		
Tuesday, November 10th	Remembrance Day Service (in school)		
Wednesday, November 11th	Remembrance Day (No Classes)		



Terry Fox Run

On September 25, 2009 the entire student body participated in the annual Terry Fox Run. The students walked and/or ran from SJH to the Steinbach Water Tower. The actual run (just to water tower and back) was measured at 3.2 kilometers in total. Student behavior and attitude was excellent...and all the students enjoyed an ice cream sandwich treat when they finished the run!

Students were encouraged to bring in a "Toonie for Terry" and a challenge was sent out to the students that if they were to raise \$1000.00, our gym teachers, Mr. Thiessen, Mr. Loeppky and Mr. Paton would wear a dress for a day and teach phys. ed class in their class outfits. Much to the delight of everyone, this goal was accomplished and the gym teachers did their part (pictures were posted on the sjh.hsd.ca website of the phys. ed crew in their dresses.) We were excited to send that much money to the Terry Fox Campaign and look forward to supporting them next year as well.

No Child Without

Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's "No Child Without" Program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 and up to their 14th birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a No Child Without brochure from the office. If your child is already part of the No Child Without program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

To Parents of Grade 9 Students

There are two great opportunities for you and your child to do some career exploration this fall.

- 1. On Wednesday, October 21st from 5:00-8:00 p.m. there will be a **Career Symposium** in Beausejour, Manitoba at the Brokenhead River Recreational Complex. There are over 50 exhibits showcasing careers, employment and educational opportunities. This event was a big success last year. New this year is an interactive **Trades Showcase**. Check out the website for more information: www.eastmancareers.com. Admission is **FREE**.*
- 2. The Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils is hosting an event for parents as part of the Manitoba Career Week on Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is an all day come and go event which will provide parents and caregivers the tools and the resources they need to guide their children in career making decisions. The location is 1000 Waverly Street, Winnipeg.*



Take Our Kids to Work...Grade 9

On Wednesday, November 4th our Grade 9 students will be participating in the annual TAKE OUR KID TO WORK day. Sign up information will be coming home with your child to register for this event. This has been an exciting and valuable experience for our Grade 9 students in recent years and we urge participation for all Grade 9 students. If you have questions after receiving the registration packages, please contact Mr. Scott Reimer, Mr. Greg Loeppky or Mrs. Barb Johnson. If your child does not participate in this event, he/she is expected to be at school for the day.

Thanks!

A Big Thank You to parents for remembering to telephone the school (326-6481), or for sending notes when students are absent. Please continue to contact the school in the event of an absence.

You may have noticed that if you haven't called the school by 10:00 a.m., an automated telephone service calls your home to remind you to let the school know of your child's absence, either by phone call or note. We hope you find the automated calling system helpful as you receive reminders or announcements at different times regarding events in the school.



Bus Safety Week October 19-22

School Bus Safety Tips for Parents

Most school bus fatalities occur when children are outside the bus, and 75% of these fatalities involve children under the age of nine.



Make sure your children know and follow these rules:

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand back from the curb.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
9. Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
10. Never crawl under a school bus.

Meet the bus—Coordinate with other parents to ensure an adult is present at the bus stop every day, especially when children under the age of nine are present.

Remove drawstrings—Clothing your children this way may not always be safe. Drawstrings can catch in playground equipment, fences, school bus doors and escalators. Remove, shorten or replace drawstrings with another kind of fastener.

Chocolate Sales 2009/2010

This year's chocolate drive has been a great success. Many prizes have been earned by our students as well as generating income for many special projects such as expanded bike racks. Thanks for supporting our school in this way. Special thanks to Ms. Krysko for coordinating this year's drive.

This newsletter can also be viewed on our website:
<http://sjh.hsd.ca>

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions:
Our address is 77 Lumber Avenue, Steinbach, Manitoba, R5G 0R3.
Phone: 326-6481
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Thank You

