

Woodhaven Middle School Newsletter

March, 2024

Leadership Message

And just like that it is March! It really is so hard to believe how fast this year is flying by. As we head into March, we do want to keep our focus on why we all come to school...to learn and grow. For some of us there is a stronger focus on growing academically, for some there is a stronger focus on social growth. We really want to see each and every one of the students achieve their fullest potential. To

ensure this we cannot stress enough the importance of consistent attendance. We will again be reaching out to families of students whose attendance is falling below the acceptable threshold to see how we might support improving attendance to finish the year off strong.

WAYS TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

GET READY Help your child get organized for school the night before. 	SHOW INTEREST Ask your child questions about school and celebrate accomplishments. 
TALK ABOUT IT Discuss the importance of going to school every day and arriving on time. 	BE CONSISTENT Maintain regular bedtime and morning routines. 
PLAN AHEAD Schedule appointments and vacations for when school is not in session. 	REACH OUT Contact teachers or school administrators about ways to help your child feel comfortable at school. 

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be open on Monday, March 11TH at 9:00 AM until March 18TH at 11:00PM.

Click [Here](#) to book

Crosswalk Safety

Our students' safety is our top priority. Please ensure you slow down in the school zone, and use extra precaution at crossing locations. Please also remind your children to ensure it is safe to cross before stepping onto the road. Pedestrians also need to remember to take the road conditions into account to ensure a vehicle will be able to stop for them.

The month of March is going to go by quickly and before we know it we will be welcoming spring!

Key dates this month:

- March 18 Choral Celebration
- March 19 and 21 Parent Teacher Interviews
- March 20 School Council Meeting
- March 21 Talent Show
- March 22 Online Registration Closes
- March 22 PD Day No School
- March 25 - 29 Spring Break

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Nealle Dickson, Principal

Woodhaven Career Fair

We are SEEKING PARENTS!

Woodhaven Middle School is planning a **Career FAIR** on **Tuesday, April 30th**. We are inviting parents, community members and friends to come in and speak about their career choice and give students an insight to a career that they may have never heard of before, or already have an interest in. If you would be interested in being one of our presenters, please email Janie Scheidl at janie.scheidl@psd.ca with your name, career title, a brief description of what you do, and a phone number/email address at which you can be contacted. You can also leave a message with reception in the general office. Your help and support during this event would be greatly appreciated.

General Information

Parent Handbook

Please click [here](#) to view our Parent Handbook for the 2023/2024 School Year

Reporting Absences

To report an absence for your child, please email woodhaven@psd.ca or call and leave a message

at the school office (780-962-2626). Please include the student's name, teacher (or grade), and reason for the absence in your message.

Drop-Off & Pick-UP

Our doors open to students at 8:15am when outside supervision begins. If students arrive prior to 8:15, there is no outside supervision. After school supervision is from 3:05 to 3:15pm.

When dropping off your child, please keep the right lane free to allow buses the right of way when entering and exiting the parking lot and do not leave your vehicle unattended in the pickup/dropoff lane.

Visiting Woodhaven

We are happy to welcome you to our beautiful new school. When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office.

School Fees

Please login to the Parent Portal to view and pay your child's school fees. If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Our attendance calls go out automatically at 9:35am. If your child will be late or absent, please let their classroom teacher or the office know.

Bell Times	Breaks and Periods
8:15 - 8:23	Student Arrival
8:25	Students arriving after 8:25 require a late slip
8:30-9:10 am	Block 1
9:10-9:50 am	Block 2
9:50-10:05 am	Recess
10:05-10:45 am	Block 3
10:45-11:25 am	Block 4
11:25-12:05 pm	Block 5
12:05-12:35pm	Lunch Recess
12:35-1:05 pm	Lunch
1:05-1:45 pm	Block 6
1:45-2:25 pm	Block 7
2:25-3:05 pm	Block 8

3:05 pm

Dismissal

Athletics

Physical Education - February was another great month for PE class. This past month we were able to complete our wrestling unit where we crowned many different champions in a variety of combative games.. Coming up in March is our Badminton unit! We are certain it will be a smashing success!

Basketball - Basketball season is quickly winding down in the month of March. All of our teams have successfully hosted a tournament this season. Most recently, our Senior teams hosted the Woodhaven Hoops Classic, where the Senior boys won their last game of the tournament and our Senior girls won the tournament! Both the Senior boys and Senior girls got an opportunity to play a feature game in the afternoon in front of many students, staff, and families that came out to watch. Our Junior A, Junior B and Senior teams are starting their playoffs at the end of February and into early March as well. In addition to playoffs, our senior teams will be having an fun opportunity to participate in the students vs staff basketball game happening mid march!

Indoor Games Running Team - Our indoor games running teams continue to practice in preparation for the Running Room Indoor Games competition at the Butterdome in Edmonton. Our grade 7-8-9 mixed teams have already had their qualifying runs in late February and based on the current results it looks like at least one of our mixed teams will qualify for the quarter finals in March. Our grade 5-6 team will be running their qualifying run in March.

Ski/Snowboard Club - Ski and Snowboard Club this year has been great. It will be wrapping up at the start of March. There is also a ski trip planned in March to Marmot Basin for the grade 7 to 9 students that have signed up. A big thanks to Mrs. Schaber for all of her hard work and time organizing these events!

Badminton - Badminton season is almost here! This year we hope to once again have a Junior and Senior badminton team here at Woodhaven. Tryout dates and information will be coming out the first couple of weeks of March.

Spring League Basketball - We are excited to announce that we are once again going to run our Woodhaven Spring League basketball league for grade 4-5-6 students. This is a great opportunity for students in the younger grades to have a chance to develop their basketball skills, meet some new friends, and play on a team. Sign-up information will be coming out closer to Spring Break.

Instagram - Follow us on our Athletics Instagram Account @WoodhavenAthletics
<http://www.instagram.com/woodhavenathletics/>

Performing Arts



Woodhaven Performing Arts students are hard at work preparing for this year's One Act play "Screenagers!" Woodhaven classes will have the opportunity to see the show before the cast and crew take the show to the Zone II West One Act Play Festival in Westlock, AB April 25-26.

In this fast-paced, technology-saturated world, can teenagers really survive without laptops, i-pads, cell phones and other mobile devices? Has high-speeding texting replaced face-to-face communication? Do apps substitute for thoughtful conversation? From breaking up on Facebook, to in-class research, to real-time dating advice, this play delves into the world of teens to see how they navigate with (or - gasp! - without) technology. "Screenagers" is a humorous look at how technology is shaping the way we socialize, communicate, and—hang on, I've got a call coming in.

Woodhaven's 5/6 choir are hard at work preparing for the Parkland Choral Celebration. We will be traveling to Edmonton on March 18th to join other school's to share our song and enjoy a morning of music. We will be singing Mr Blue Sky by Electric Light Orchestra.

Calendar

Our School Calendar has changed from last year...and boy is it more user friendly than the previous calendar. As it is no longer a google calendar, all you have to do is go to the [calendar on our website](#) and click on one of:

[Download to iCal](#) [Add to Google Calendar](#) [Subscribe to Calendar](#)

located at the top of the calendar on our website. You can then search by grade level, event or topic to find information you are looking for as needed.

School Council & Parent Association

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US!

School Council News

Please email: woodhaven.scchair@partner.psd.ca if you are interested in joining our school council committee as our secretary or if you have any questions.

Woodhaven Parent Association News (Fundraising)

We really need parent support to help start up and keep our fundraising programs running. The time commitment really can be as much or as little as you can give. Please consider coming out and joining us!

School Council Meeting & Parent Association Meeting:
Wednesday, March 20th @6:00pm at Woodhaven School.
Come and meet fellow parents and learn what is going on in our school and Parkland School Division!

Message from our Counsellor

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER- MRS. SCHEIDL

Spring Break is almost here (March 22-April 2). Spring is also an exciting time to plan for sports, clubs and fun events to build self esteem, resilience, motivation and connectedness. Here are just a few links to help your family stay active and healthy:



-[Summer activities in Spruce Grove link](#)

-[FCSS School Break Camp](#)

-[EMSA - Soccer programs](#)

-[Lacrosse](#)

-[Softball/baseball](#)

-[Spring Break Camps at TLC](#)

Help For Hard Times - [click here for support numbers](#)

Parkland School Division - [Stronger Together Newsletter](#) for families

Parent Learning Opportunities

Check out this [month's Newsletter](#) from AHS Caregiver Education Series. Sessions are virtual and timely - registration is required. Some sessions are for adults and some are for youth. See link above for more information and registration information.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Understanding Self Injury- Tuesday, March 5 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Resilience through Connecting, Caring and Coping- Tuesday, March 12 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 1: Collaborative Problem Solving, - Tuesday, March 19 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2: Collaborative Problem Solving- Tuesday, March 26 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Junior High Jitters - Transitioning to the Teenage Years

Wednesday, March 20 6:00 – 7:30 pm

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to: www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

