

March 2017 Esterhazy High Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

March and April are the months for artistic endeavours at EHS. March is Festival month for the Music Program and the grade 9/senior band is getting ready to go to provincials and then Nationals. Jr. Drama performances will be held on March 30 at 7:00 pm in the Jr. Gym. The Sr. Drama Club led by Ms. LeSann will present their plays April 4 in a Dessert Night in the Jr. Gym. They will perform again April 6-8 when they will compete with other schools in the Region 4 Drama Festival held in Esterhazy at the Jr. Gym.

The High School Orientation Night will be held on March 15 in the Band room at 7:00 pm. This is an important event for current grade 9 students and their parents to attend. Ms. LeSann, our career counsellor, will give an overview of the high school requirements for graduation, and explain how students should plan for post-secondary options.

High school students will soon be choosing their classes for next year. Please spend some time with your children to decide upon course options and electives. Our timetable is based upon these choices. If a lot of students change their minds after the timetable is made, they may not get the courses they want because these classes may already be full. Post-secondary plans rely on these choices as well. If you have any questions, or are looking for advice in this area, please talk with me or Ms. LeSann.

Thank you to Mr. Daniel for the massive organization required for Activity Day on February 28. That is all for now. As always, my door is open.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 4 - jr. girls basketball tournament in Moosomin

March 13 - all bands Potashville Music Festival - Churchbridge

March 14 - band solos Potashville Music Festival – Churchbridge

March 15 – present grade 9 students Orientation Night at 7pm in the band room

March 16 – choirs Potashville Music Festival in Churchbridge

March 17 – No school for students – Professional Development

March 17/18 – high school wrestling provincials in Warman (grades 9-12 who qualify)

March 24 – gr. 9/sr. band provincials in Regina

March 30 - junior drama performance- Mrs. Helmeczi and Ms. Scharnatta/Kerr

April 1/2 - wrestling club provincials in Moose jaw (grades 6-12)

April 4 – Sr. Drama Club Dessert Theatre -Enjoy some dessert and support the 2 plays from Esterhazy High that will compete in the Region 4 Drama Festival held in Esterhazy April 6-8

April 6-8 - Region 4 Drama Festival - Ms. LeSann

April 10 - Science Innovation 150 Tour in Yorkton for senior science students

April 11/12 – second semester Parent Teacher Interviews

April 14-21 – no school

May 1 & 2 - St. John's First Aid training for grade 10 students- expect a letter home in April

May 9 – track and Field at Esterhazy High School

May 11 -17 - gr. 9/Sr. Band Nationals

May 24/25 –Track and Field Districts in Yorkton

June 12- Extra-Curricular Awards Day & BBQ

June 30 – grade 12 graduation day

Sept. 21- Academic Awards AM

EMBI AND BAND INFORMATION:

March 13 - all bands Potashville Music Festival - Churchbridge

March 14 - band solos Potashville Music Festival – Churchbridge

March 16 – choirs Potashville Music Festival in Churchbridge

March 24 – Gr. 9/Sr. Band go to provincials in Regina

May 11 -17 - Gr. 9/Sr. Band go to Nationals

May 26 – Spring fest with the grade 7 band

May 31 – Choir trip to Regina

Fruit and cookie dough should arrive sometime in the 3rd week in March (13-19). Stay tuned to school announcements. EMBI meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month (unless that day falls during a holiday) @ 7pm in the band room. There is An EMBI meeting FEB.28 @6:45.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

SCHOOL REACH Grade 8 and 9 Teams played in January and February with Harambe's Angels coming out Victorious. Thank you to all the teams who played.

GRADE 8 SCHOOL REACH TEAMS	GRADE 8 SCHOOL REACH TEAMS
BUBBLE GUPPIES	HOLO GUMMY BEARS
Kendall Walker	Morgan Johnson
Felice Rieger	Zach Lewko
Estelle Dunster	Mia Chretien
Leah Plaquin	Breanna Swann
FUZZY PEACHES	HARAMBE'S ANGELS
Lauren Prazma	Cody Varga
McKenna Briggs	Kavan DeVries
Jasmine McRae	Terris Duchek
Marsaidy Halbach-Irvine	Dalton Norek
Gr.8 Spares- Sam N, Kenton T, Sara L	Zander Fortin
GRADE 9 SCHOOL REACH TEAMS	GRADE 9 SCHOOL REACH TEAMS
"K"	Radioactive Minds
Haley Davies	Shannon Moore
Natalie Newton	Tyrone Redwood
Mackenzie Degenhardt	Rebecca Swann
Kaitlyn Nordal – sub Kiara W	Reese Lippai
Mindsoflogic3.0	All About That ACE
Dylan Shire	Austin Leposa
Dawson Jepson	Dakota Mutrie
Paul Haugen	Amelia Baker
Ryder Burns	Callie Helmeczi
Grade 9 Spares- Lizaan F., Mathew M	

SR ESA

Since January the ESA has had a video game tournament, a PJ day with hot chocolate available, and a Pep Rally for all the school's winter teams. Still to come in this school year is a movie night, polar bear dip, water balloon fight, tug of war, art contest, awards day BBQ and more.

The Robb Nash presentation was cancelled due to illness. It has been rescheduled for October 6, 2017.

A Message from the School Community Councils from the Good Spirit School Division

The School Community Councils (SCC) from the Good Spirit School Division would like to inform you of the imminent changes coming to your school, and your community. The Saskatchewan government is looking to make changes to the structure of our School Boards and School Divisions. The [Educational Governance Review Report](http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/96975-Perrins-Governance-Review-Report.pdf) (<http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/96975-Perrins-Governance-Review-Report.pdf>) has proposed four options. Here is the breakdown of these options:

Option 1: This would consolidate the current 18 existing Divisions into a single Provincial School Division. It would make this single Board responsible for managing 606 Public Schools, which translates into 173,548 students and 16,900 staff. Division Board Members would no longer be elected, but appointed.

Option 2: This is a more regional model where there would be 4 Divisions created province wide. The Division Board Members are also appointed, not elected.

Option 3: Here there are two directions to choose from. Option 3a would also restructure the Divisions in order to reduce the amount from the current 18 to between 8 and 14 Divisions. All student demographics, all geographic elements, and all transportation routes will be taken into consideration. This option implies elected Division Boards. Option 3b would realign the boundaries in support of community interests. It is implied that the government would consult with the Divisions to ascertain what the community interests and/or needs are. It is also implied that Division Boards would be elected.

The SCC's of the Good Spirit School Division support the Option 3b, as described in the [Educational Governance Review](http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/96975-Perrins-Governance-Review-Report.pdf) (<http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/96975-Perrins-Governance-Review-Report.pdf>). It is the least disruptive to the province, and to our schools and communities. We are firm believers of the democratic process and want our Division Board Members to be elected and accountable to the community. We are concerned that with Options 1, 2, and even 3a, we will lose our individuality. In addition, we are concerned about the effects these other Options will have on our schools and communities if we lose our local representation.

The intent behind this letter is to ensure that you, the parents and community members, are aware of the imminent changes that will affect your child's education and school experience. If these changes concern you as much as they concern us, let your voice join ours so we can be heard together! Please sign and comment on our petition, voice your concerns!

To reach our petition go to www.change.org and search for: [Amalgamation of the Education System in Saskatchewan](#) *It'll be about the 7th one down the list!*
(Or click the link!)

If you want to do more, speak to your local MLA or contact the Minister of Education at:

Hon. Don Morgan Q.C.
Office: 1-306-787-0613
Email: minister.edu@gov.sk.ca

Yours,

The School Community Councils of the Good Spirit School Division as listed below:

Calder, Churchbridge Public, Columbia, Davison, Dr. Brass, Grayson, Invermay, Kamsack Comprehensive, Langenburg Central, Macdonald, Norquay, Preeceville, Saltcoats, Springside, Sturgis Composite, Sturgis Elementary, Victoria, Yorkdale Central, YRHS