

Hello Sansome Families:

Tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 25th) is a Provincial Inservice Day so all the students in Manitoba will be off. Teachers will be attending sessions with Special Area Groups in locations around the city.

Next week will be an exciting time at Sansome with Halloween being on Thurs. We will have our annual Halloween Parade on Thursday morning followed by the Dance-A-Thon, hosted by our Parent Council.

Heritage Lodge Care Home has called the school and invited children to stop by if they are out Treat or Treating in the area.

On Tues. Oct. 29th, North Star, Our Indigenous Education Co-Ordinator will be here to deliver teachings around Smudging to every class. Smudging (usually before school) will be made available to those wishing to participate at specified times throughout the year.

The November Parent Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th at 6 p.m.

We have had a few enquiries about the dates for the Winter Concerts. They will be held on Dec. 16th and Dec. 17th with performances at 1:30 and 6:30 on both days. The Kinders and Gr. 4 and 5 students will be featured on Monday, Dec. 16th. The Gr. 1-3 students will be featured on Tuesday, Dec. 17th.

Thank you to Families for observing the No Parking Signs on Sansome Ave, the Bus Loop, and in the West Parking Lot. The Buses are on a very strict schedule and need to access and exit the West Lot, Bus Loop in a timely manner. City of Winnipeg Parking Authority will be monitoring these areas and issuing tickets. Families are welcome to drop off and pick up children in the East Lot.

We are still looking for additional Lunch Supervisors on a full-time or part-time basis. Please contact Chris Mavroudis at our Office (204-889-6000 or chris.mavroudis@sjasd.ca) for an Application Package.

Wishing everyone a great weekend! Stay warm as it is getting colder out there.

Henrietta Hoch

Chris Mavroudis

Our next Early Dismissal Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm to allow for ongoing staff professional development. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.

Just a friendly reminder that dismissal is at 3:55 pm and there is no supervision. Please kindly make alternate arrangements with friends or family, if you are unable to pick up your child at this time.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Halloween Dance A Thon [click here](#)

Halloween Dance A Thon Pledge Form [click here](#)

Socktober Blurbs:

For the final week of October, we will be collecting donations of new socks for Socktober. We will also accept other items to help people stay warm over our winter months such as: mittens/gloves, toques, scarves and underwear. Donations can be brought to the table outside the office by the gym. All donations will go to Main Street Project. For more information about Socktober, please visit: <https://www.mainstreetproject.ca/main-street-projects-7th-annual-socktober-is-here/>

Smudging Blurbs:

Next week, North Star, our Divisional Coordinator of Indigenous Inclusion will be visiting our school to teach us about smudging and indigenous culture.

Smudging has been around for thousands of years, and it allows us honour Indigenous history and culture. Smudging is a mindful practice that involves making a purposeful attempt to slow down and become centered while burning medicines like sage, cedar and sweetgrass. The focus is to connect, reset, or to let go of something negative, and to be grounded.

North Star will be teaching us about smudging and indigenous culture, and there will be opportunities for students and family members to smudge some mornings and at some special events at our school during the school year. Families choose whether their child observes, participates or does not participate in smudging.

CHOIR - Gr. 4/5

Any students in grades 4 & 5 are welcome to be in the choir! Choir is a singing club that runs every Thursday at lunch recess in the music room. Students who are interested and love to sing are encouraged to come and try it out for the first 2 practices, and after that decide if they want to make the commitment to join the choir. Once students join the choir, they are expected to be at all the Thursday lunch recess practices.

Our performance opportunities this year include, but are not limited to, our school's Remembrance Day Assembly and the Winnipeg Music Festival. There is also the possibility of singing the anthem again at a Manitoba Moose game, as well as singing at the Legislative Building for the Open House in December. These 2 other performances, that are still to be confirmed, would be outside of school time and would require parent transportation to/from. For all performances, students wear a red Sansome shirt (provided by the school and returned once choir ends in the Spring), and black pants/skirt. If you have any questions about choir, please email Mrs. Moses: shannon.moses@sjasd.ca

RECORDER - Gr. 4/5

The grade 4/5 students will be starting recorder in January. Students who do not already have a good quality soprano recorder (no dollar store recorders please!) will need to purchase a recorder for \$7 through School Cash. If you already have a recorder from last year, or from an older sibling that you can use, please send it to school with your child labelled with your child's name. Any questions, please email Mrs. Moses: shannon.moses@sjasd.ca

WEST PARKING LOT:

Just a reminder that student drop offs and pick ups are not permitted on the west side of the building due to safety concerns. All students can be dropped off in the east side parking. Please note the west side parking lot will be inaccessible to vehicles other than for staff parking during drop offs (8:45 a.m -9:15a.m.) and pick ups (3:40 p.m- 4:05 p.m.).

Please have a conversation with your child as to where you will meet them at then of the day if they exit through the Grade 4/5 doors.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety matter.

Transportation:

Sansome bus in the AM is #17
Sansome bus in the PM is #8

If your child is not going to be on the bus **at the end of the day**, call the office to let us know. If we cannot pick up the phone, please leave us a message.

A friendly reminder from the transportation department that mini hockey sticks and umbrella's that cannot be secured within a backpack are not allowed on the bus.

Absence Reporting: A reminder that during the school year, absences are no longer phoned in or emailed to the school/teacher. Please do not email the teacher if your child is going to be absent. If teachers are away, they are not checking their email.

Please use the School Messenger App or call **1-844-434-8116**

[School Messenger Instructions](#)

Milk Store: White and chocolate milk can be purchased for \$1.50 each. Tickets are available in the office. If you have tickets left from last year, they can still be used. Kernels Popcorn is also sold in the Milk Store for \$2.00 per bag. The flavours available are Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, Salt & Vinegar, and White Cheddar.

Please bookmark our school website for all current and future news and the upcoming events calendar: <https://www.sjasd.ca/school/sansome>

If you have any questions about this or any other school information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.