

# ÉCOLE OKOTOKS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWS- January 2018

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Dear families,

We are pleased to share a new format for our newsletter to hopefully make communication and information easier to read. The first page (or two!) will be **NEW** information for the month. The next page will be School and Student Council information and the following pages will be repeated information that must still be shared for new families to our school, or for families who need the reminders of protocols or procedures. Feel free to stop reading after the NEW information if you choose!



### Important Dates

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Staff/Student Hockey Game 12:30-3:00 pm  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Family Day, No School  
Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Day-In-Lieu, No School  
Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Day-In-Lieu, No School  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Teachers' Convention, No School  
Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Teachers' Convention, No School  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 pm  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – School Council Hosting Potluck Dinner for EOJHS Staff  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 pm

### Long Term Dates: (Subject to Change)

March 29-April 8 – Easter Break  
May 1-2 – Track and Field (tentative)  
May 8 – ELA PAT Part A  
May 10 – FLA PAT Part A  
June 14 – Farewell dance (for Grade 9's and all students)  
June 19 – FLA PAT Part B  
June 22 – Social Studies PAT (TBD)  
June 22 – Grade 9 Awards 2:00-3:00  
June 25 – Math PAT  
June 29 – Science PAT  
June 27 – ELA PAT Part B  
June 27 – Grade 7 Awards 11:00-12:00  
June 27 – Grade 8 Awards 2:00-3:00  
June 28 – Early dismissal 12:05

### EOJHS Wellness Conference

We are so proud that our school is committed to the wellness of all students and staff. Our work in the classroom is focused on both academic and emotional well-being. We are absolutely thrilled to offer our third annual WELLNESS Conference on Friday, February 9, 2018. This full day of health and wellness will start with Crystal Phillips from Branch Out Neurological Foundation as our keynote speaker. Following that, students and staff will explore a variety of sessions ranging from bouldering, career planning, yoga, money management, mindfulness, the friendship and stress management, just to name a few!

Thank you for all your support as we work to make this day an amazing event for everyone!

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th and Thursday, March 1st from 4pm to 7pm. Appointment times will be limited to 10 minutes each. Prior to booking your appointments, please be sure to have a discussion with your child as to determine the names of the teachers you wish to meet with, as these meetings are being scheduled prior to the second Learner Profiles being sent home. We respectfully ask that each family books one appointment per teacher, so as to maximize the number of students that our teachers can meet with. If you are unable to meet with a teacher on these days, or if there are no spots available, please be sure to contact them at any time to talk about your child's learning or to set up an alternate time to meet.

The school appointment website is scheduled to open on Monday, February 12th at 9am.



### **Donations Needed for the EOJHS Theatre Program**

The theatre program is looking for your donations! As we prepare for our spring production, we have found that we are in need of construction supplies and specific set pieces. If you have extra construction materials that can be used for set building (wood of any kind, old crates, etc.) we would greatly appreciate your donation. We are also in search of some antique pieces that could either be borrowed or purchased. If you are able to assist us in our search, please send an email to [fergusonc@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:fergusonc@fsd38.ab.ca)

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST TEAM OCELOTS**

### **GRADE 7 GIRLS BASKETBALL**

1. Reese G.
2. MacKenzie J.
3. Hannah S.
4. Alaina W.
5. Kayla W.
6. Skye C.
7. Kylie S.
8. Rachel T.
9. Meliah D.
10. Mayson R.
11. Faith H.
12. Breckyn B.
13. Ava S.
14. Aliya T.
15. Hannah L.

### **GRADE 7 BOYS BASKETBALL**

1. Jaylen F.
2. Adam S.
3. Jonathan A.
4. Ki Williams
5. Jet W.
6. Carter A.
7. Tyler O.
8. Ben S.
9. Leo S.
10. Adam R.
13. Nathaniel S.
14. Jasper K.
15. Sam T.

### **GRADE 8 GIRLS BASKETBALL**

2. Stacia S
7. Emily L.
8. Amelia F.
9. Ellie G.
10. Emma S.
12. Layna M.
15. Hannah L.
18. Riley N.
20. Kaeley S.
22. Danielle C.
23. Vanessa J.
25. Riley P.
26. Grace H.

### **GRADE 8 BOYS BASKETBALL**

1. Jonathan S.
2. Dax M.
3. Ryden T.
4. Sam G.
5. Kaleb B.
7. Jack P.
8. Westley C.
9. Cameron W.
11. George S.
12. Benson P.
13. Abe W.
14. Daniel W.
15. Liam W.

### **GRADE 9 GIRLS BASKETBALL**

2. Jadie O
3. Grace F.
4. Yasmine Y.
5. Rhea J.
6. Olivia C.
7. Maiya C.
8. Meghan D.
9. Kylie T.
11. Joelle D.
13. Kallie B.
14. Carleigh M.

### **GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL**

1. Sam L.
3. Joshua O.
4. Connor O.
5. Cley P.
6. Zane D.
7. Evan T.
8. Jamison S.
9. Scott M.
11. Fraser F.
13. Ian. P.

# SCHOOL/STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS AND VIEWS!



The next **School Council** meeting:

Date: Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

Location: École Okotoks Junior High

Time: 7:00pm

Please connect with us on Facebook:

EOJ School Council and Fundraising

Society or email us at

[eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca) if you would like to join our email group for relevant and current information.

## **School Council Fundraiser**

Our next community-wide fundraiser is “**Family of Sweethearts**” being held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Canadian Brewhouse in Okotoks. Tickets are available at a cost of \$10.00 each. Please contact Naydene Lewis at [eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca) for further information.



## **EOJHS Hot Lunch Program**

Hot lunch ordering is available by visiting [Healthhunger.ca](http://Healthhunger.ca) to view menus and place orders. Volunteers are needed to help organize the lunch orders when they arrive. **Please contact us at [eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:eojhcouncil@gm.fsd38.ab.ca) to volunteer.**

## **School Council Hosting Potluck Dinner for EOJHS Staff** **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

School Council would like to have parents support our teachers at EOJHS on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> by providing a potluck dinner. Parents that wish to participate, would you please register the food item you wish to bring with Owen, who is coordinating the potluck this year. Owen can be reached at [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com), Passcode: 7005. Thank you.

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COUNCIL COUNCIL

## **Student Council News**

Members of Student Council would like to inform you of an event called “Me to We Project” which began Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting dead batteries as part of a “Me to We Project”. The project’s goal is to give the zinc from inside the dead batteries to children who need it and to reduce electronic waste going to the landfills. One dead AA battery can save six children, so please support student council and the “Me to We Foundation” by bringing in your dead batteries. For more information, just click the link below!

<https://www.teck.com/responsibility/global-citizenship/zinc-and-health/>

**REPEATED  
INFORMATION FOR NEW  
FAMILIES...  
OR IF YOU NEED A  
REMINDER...  
OR FOR YOUR READING  
PLEASURE!**



Short Term Memory Rule #5  
"Repeat to Remember"

Long Term Memory Rule #6  
"Remember to Repeat"

**EOJHS School Neighbors**

With parking at a premium, please be considerate of our neighboring preschool, Children's Montessori Academy that is directly across the street from EOJHS. Their parking area is the driveway that is often blocked by EOJHS parents dropping off or picking up students. Your consideration of being mindful to keep their driveway open is appreciated.

**Visitors in the school:**

PLEASE remember that **ALL** visitors in our school are to check in and sign in at the office. Once you have signed in, the office staff will give you a visitor's badge to acknowledge to all of our staff and students that you are a visitor at EOJHS. This policy within the School Division is to ensure a safe and secure environment for all.

**"Hats On for Charity":**

In addition to other Fundraising campaigns that are held at EOJHS throughout the school year, on the last school day of each week we encourage our staff and students to contribute a minimum of \$1.00 to have the privilege of wearing their hats in school for the day. Each month the monies raised are donated to a different charity which ties in with other philanthropic activities that we are focusing on in the school. you Results to date:

September (Terry Fox) - \$299.90

October (Okotoks Food Bank) - \$304.93

November ('Movember' Campaign) - \$244.65

December (Foothills Country Hospice) - \$212.97

January (Alberta Children's Hospital) - \$184.27

**Recycle, Reduce, Reuse...**

The Foods and Textiles room are accepting any unwanted magazines (old Sears catalogues included), both Foods and Fashion related, to be used for different projects throughout the year. Also being accepted are any clean yogurt or sour cream containers with lids. Please drop them off at the front office or to Mrs. Schaan in the Foods Room. Thank you.

**School Fees**

Second semester fees have been added to your students Maplewood accounts. Please check your account to ensure that they are paid up to date. Invoices for school fees for 2017/2018 school year have been mailed home and are now PAST DUE. Payment can be made online or we accept cash, cheque, and debit card at the school. If you wish to pay online with Visa or Master Card, please follow the link using your Maplewood User Name and Password. Please check your Maplewood accounts regularly as they get updated throughout the school year. <https://hosting.maplewood.com/ab/fsd/OJHS/parents>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your billing or wish to make arrangements for a payment plan, please contact Mrs. Tracy Thorbjornsen at [thorbjornsent@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:thorbjornsent@fsd38.ab.ca) or 403-9384426 ext. 19105.

**Student Illnesses**

At EOJHS, we endeavor to provide all students with a safe and caring environment. As such, we have students who have high risk medical conditions and we believe it is our responsibility to support them to the best of

our ability. For this reason, we ask that you communicate to us any suspicions or occurrences of illnesses, particularly measles, chicken pox or flues.

### **Absenteeism**

All students are expected to be in school on time and to attend all classes. It is the parents' responsibility to confirm with the front office at the school whether or not these absences are excusable or inexcusable. The attendance number is 403-938-4426, then press 1. Alternatively you may email us at [ojattendance@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:ojattendance@fsd38.ab.ca) and provide the student's name, homeroom and reason for and approximate length of absence/lateness. Any student absences not reported to the office will be recorded by the office as inexcusable.

### **Student Messages**

Urgent student messages can be left by calling the school's main number 403-938-4426, ext. o. Student with messages will be called to the office at 12:30 pm (lunch time) and 3:05 pm (end of the day) only.

### **Criminal Record Check (CRC) for Volunteers**

All volunteers for the school are required to have a criminal record check on file with ÉOJHS. If your family is new to EOJHS, and you need to obtain the required CRC please contact the office (938-4426, ext. o) so we can prepare the letter you will need to take to the RCMP. The detachment is charging a \$5.00 fee- exact change, cash only.

Parent volunteer drivers are also required to have a CRC as well as completing the Volunteer Driver Form and providing a copy of their driver's license and insurance coverage of \$2 million.

### **Optional Athletic Wear –Sweat Shirts**

Optional Ocelot athletic wear available for sale in the front office.

The EOJHS Sweat Shirts - \$40.00 each

The EOJHS Sweat Pants -\$20.00 each

The athletic lightweight wicking jersey – great as a warm up shirt or gym shirt in sized youth medium to adult XXL for \$30.00. Please see Mrs. Thorbjornsen any time to pick up these great items that will help keep you warm on those chilly outdoor PE Days.

Water bottles are for sale \$6.00 each in a variety of colors (Red, Green, Purple, Blue and Black) and they can be refilled with our new bottle fountains located conveniently throughout the school including the gyms.

If you are looking for something special, try our new online shopping portal for École Okotoks Jr. High School Spirit Wear. Simply Log onto <http://okotoksjr.entripyshops.com> to place your order. You simply create an account to order and delivery will be made directly to your home.

### **School Twitter Information**

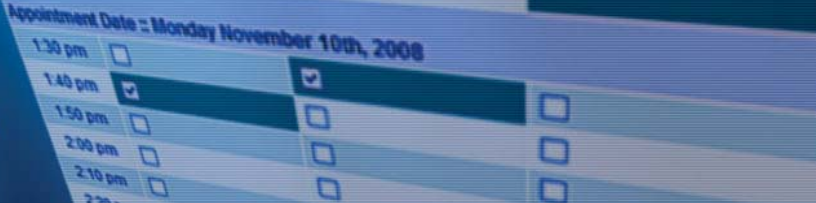
ÉOJHS is now using Twitter on our home web page to get you information about what is and will be happening in our school. Check it out! Visit <http://okotoksjr.fsd38.ab.ca> Contact [holmesb@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:holmesb@fsd38.ab.ca) for more information.

### **Tuesdays Are Pizza Day at ÉOJHS**



Pizza is for sale at the school every Tuesday at lunch time. Pizza selection includes Pepperoni, Hawaiian and Cheese. \$3.00 for 1 slice and \$5.00 for 2 slices.

### **Sobeys Gift Cards**

Gift cards are available again this school year and are a dollar to dollar program where anyone can purchase pre-loaded gift cards in variable denominations from \$25.00 to \$500.00. Cards can be purchased from the office and the forms are located on our website. Up to 8% of you purchases will be credited to your students account and can be directed to the program of your choice, School Fees, Athletics, Field Trip, Band Camps. If you need any further information, please contact Tracy Thorbjornsen at 403-938-4426 Ext. 19105.



## School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ejhs.parentteacherconferences.net>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.   

5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings.
6. Sections of the teacher's calendars that are black are not available for booking as the teacher has another commitment at that time. Sections of the calendars that are coloured burgundy are time slots that you as a parent are already booked for other appointments. You will only see burgundy sections when booking appointments for a second or third child.
7. When you are finished you can view your appointments from the "PROFILE" tab by selecting "View Appointments". You can also print your appointments from the view appointments screen.



## Grade 9 Farewell Retake Photos

On Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> & March 17<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a retake day for all Grade 9 farewell programs in our Calgary Lifetouch studio. These photos will be put on the composite that hangs in the school.

If you would like to book a time, please contact the Calgary Lifetouch office at 403-255-5440 prompt 4. Our address is 3628 Burnsland Road S.E.

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