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SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Sherwood Park School Community, students, staff, and parents are expected to demonstrate **SPARK: Safety, Promoting Inclusion, Always Showing Integrity, Respectful Behaviour, and Kindness and Compassion**

I would like acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. I express our gratitude to the Squamish Nation and Tsleil Waututh Nation and we value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.

J'aimerais reconnaître et remercier les peuples autochtones de la côte Salish dont leur territoire traditionnel est le siège de la Commission scolaire de Vancouver Nord. Nous exprimons notre gratitude envers les Nations Squamish et Tsleil-Waututh. Nous apprécions l'occasion d'apprendre, de vivre et de partager des expériences éducatives sur ce territoire traditionnel.

Attendance Matters

Absenteeism is the most significant predictor of academic underachievement, disengagement from school and failure to graduate. Studies have linked absenteeism with mental health issues, maladjustment, substance abuse, delinquency and future unemployment. For more information, please click the link or open the attachment.

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/sherwoodpark/Parents/Documents/AttendanceMatters.pdf>

Lunch Time Agreements

We believe that eating lunch should be a social event where kids sit with their classmates and break bread together as it is a great time to share about what is happening in each other's lives. We also are aware that students need structure and guidance of what is and is not appropriate during this time. Please click the link to review our lunch time agreements and take this time to speak with your child about how their being responsible citizens during this time.

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/sherwoodpark/Students/Pages/Lunchtime-Agreements.aspx>

Terry Fox – Sept 28

Our school was amazing at raising awareness and learning more about how we can support cancer research. We raised \$919.10 for cancer research and thanks to all staff, students, and parents for their continued support. Special thanks to the Terry Fox Organizing Committee – Mr. Steele, Mrs. Meilleur, Mrs. De la Salle, Ms. Vinaric, Mrs. Smail, and Mrs. Johnson as well as the many students who volunteered, including our Grade Seven Students. We will be having an extra recess in the coming weeks to celebrate our commitment towards fighting cancer.

Halloween Costumes

Halloween is a fun day for staff and students and students can wear costumes during the afternoon. We must be mindful that certain costumes are **appropriate for school**. There are a few restrictions as to what is appropriate for school:

- Students must be able to change into their costumes in the classroom (put it over their clothes);
- No masks that cover their face;
- Being mindful and respectful of cultures and cultural dress; and

- No weapons (including decorative weapons) or masks that bleed or will frighten children, including “creepy clown” masks

Parents please help us in supporting these rules and use discretion as to what is school appropriate.

Swings

Though PAC fundraising efforts and support from the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Grade Seven legacy gifts, a few of our parent-leaders have been working extremely hard with our School District and Habitat Company to add a second set of swings on the playground. They are open and ready for use! Huge thanks to Chris Ricard, our parent-leader, for seeing this entire 1.5 year project through until the end.

PAC Community Programs

Community Programs are under way for term one and huge thanks to Beth Rossiter (bethrossiter10@gmail.com) for being the Community Programs Parent-leader. We have the following programs available for our students:

Arts Council for grades 3-7 on Mondays in the MPR from 3:00 to 5:00 at \$120 for 6 classes

Sole Girl for grades K-2 girls on Tuesdays in Room 28 from 3:00 to 4:15 at \$197 for 8 classes

Girls with Grit for grades 3-5 girls on Wednesdays in the MPR from 3:00 to 4:00 and for grades 6-7 girls from 4:00 to 5:00 at \$160 for 8 sessions

Parkour Classes for grades 1-4 on Wednesdays in the gym from 3:15 to 4:15 and for grades 5-7 from 4:15 to 5:15 at \$165 for 8 sessions

Arts Council for grades K-4 on Thursdays in the MPR from 3:00 to 5:00 at \$140 for 7 classes

UME Academy for grades 4-7 on Fridays in the library from 3:00 to 4:30 at \$180 for 6 classes

PAC Direct Funding

Sherwood Park’s Parent Advisory Council (PAC) supports multiple programs and events to help provide opportunities for our children and build our community. To help reach our annual goals (and reduce the number of fundraisers that are run throughout the year), the PAC is requesting direct funding donations from parents. Please consider donating \$50 per student (or whatever amount works for your family). All contributions are welcome.

Payment can be made in two ways:

1. Cash or cheque payment (made out to “Sherwood Park PAC”). (Note: a tax deduction is not available under this option)
2. Go to the link below and submit a payment through the School District 44 website.

<https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/299/69/false/true>

For “Fund Destination” - select **SHERWOOD PARK – PAC** and tax receipts are issued directly by the School District under this option.

PAC Enrichment Programs

We’d also like to highlight that PAC paid for the Metis Dance and the upcoming Rainbow Dance Theatre (iLuminDance) in November. These K-7 programs offer our kids with authentic ways of knowing and deeper learning.

PAC Communication System

PAC is gradually collecting parent emails and hope to be able to send out our first PAC newsletter next month! Please stay tuned for more information from PAC.

If you have any questions about PAC-related items, please contact sherwoodparkpac@gmail.com.

Important Dates

Fri, Oct 19 – **Professional Day (school closed)**

Tues, Oct 23 -26 – **Grade 6 Outdoor School**

Wed, Oct 24 - **Gr 7 Farewell Parent Info Session**

Mon, Oct 29 – **Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Wed, Oct 31, 1:15-2:15 – **Halloween Parade**

Fri, Nov 2 – **Curriculum Implementation Day (School Closed)**

Tues, Nov 6, 9:30-10:30am -**School Tour #2**

Fri, Nov 9, 11am-12pm – **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Fri, Nov 9 - **Hot Lunch: Magic Lunch Box**

Mon, Nov 12 – **Remembrance Day Stat Holiday (School closed)**

Tues, Nov 13 – **Photo Retakes**

Wed, Nov 14 – **PAC Meeting #2**

Fri, Nov 16 - **Hot Lunch: Subway**

Fri, Nov 23 - **School Tour #3**

Nov 23, 7-10pm – **PAC Trivia Night (gym)**

Mon, Nov 26 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza Day**

Wed, Nov 28, 2pm – **Staff Collaboration early dismissal 2pm**

Thurs, Nov 29 - **School Based Professional Development Day #2 (School closed)**

Fri, Nov 30 – **Grad 6 Immunizations**

Fri, Nov 30 – **School Spirit Day**

