

# O.M. IRWIN SCHOOL

*"Achieving Excellence"*

## **Administrators' Message:**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to March! February was a fabulous month for everyone at Irwin! One of the major highlights for students and staff was the inaugural Multicultural Evening on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the SCC, Southwest Newcomer Center, students, staff and parents who attended. We look forward to making the Multicultural Evenings each year. Thank you to the SLC for planning the positive and kind "Shout Outs" activity for Pink Day on February 26<sup>th</sup>. It was so exciting to see the students write compliments for each other. Great job SLC!

March will be another exciting and busy month for the students and staff at Irwin. One of the major events for the students, parents and staff is Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher ~~Conferences~~ are scheduled from 4:00 – 7:00PM on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Information on scheduling PTCs will be available to parents and guardians during the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>. We wish everyone a great month or March!

Best Regards,

Mr. Kohlman, Principal

Mrs. Tsougrianis, Vice-Principal

## Dates to Remember

- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Staff Meeting
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – City Wide Spring Registration Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm Stockade
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2 Swimming Lessons
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Online Scheduling of PTCs
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – City-Wide Kindergarten Registration for 2019/2020 School Year at Irwin School @ 7pm
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2 Swimming Lessons
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – SCC Meeting
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Meal Day
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – K – 4 Assembly @ 12:30pm
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students (In Lieu of PTC's)
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students (Teacher PD Day)
- April 5 – Beef and Band Blast
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – No School for Students
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> – Easter Break
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume (Day 3)
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day - No School
- June 3 – Kinder orientation
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Middle Years Track Day
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Dyck's Kindergarten class day off in lieu of Kindergarten Orientation.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Track Day
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Awards Day/Night (Gr 6-8)
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Alternate Elementary Track Day
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Class
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Published

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC) will be held on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7pm. In lieu of PTCs, there will be no school for students on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Online bookings for PTC's will open up on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> and close on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. To book your PTC, please go to [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) and enter the event code **2zbxv**. This link will also be available on the school website. When booking, please keep in mind that you will book the PTC with your child's homeroom teacher only. After March 13<sup>th</sup>, those who have not yet booked a time for their PTC, a time will be assigned to you and you will be notified. If you would like to meet with one of your child's non-homeroom teachers, please make arrangements to do so at any point in time during the remainder of the school year. Students are encouraged to attend.

Please spend some time with your child helping them to prepare for upcoming quizzes, projects, etc. Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning plan as we work together to "Achieve Excellence".



**MEAL DAY**

**The NEXT K-8 Meal Day is on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>! Watch for order forms going home soon!**

**Recess Guardians**

In February the Grade 5 K-Kidz and interested Grade 4 students were provided with leadership training through the Recess Guardians program.

Beginning in March, these students will be leaders on our playground and will facilitate games during noon hour recess for our K-3 students. We are excited to be offering Recess Guardians at our school!

**February ICE Award of Excellence**

**(Gr. K-4)**

- KD: Jámmy Ratt, Tennealle Potter
- 1B: Nibley Montes-Romero
- 1SCH: Brealynn Jones
- 2R: Addyson Parnwell, Kya Yates
- 2RD: Noah Gonzalez, Lily Neustaeter
- 3H: Marjo Juuti, Natasha Wiebe
- 3N: Mariah Graham, Lux Busse
- 4G: Lexi Willshaw
- 4S: Taryn Potter

**PARENT/GUARDIAN REMINDER:**

Please use our front doors if you are dropping off your child or coming into the school after 9 am. This will help to stream all late students, parents and visitors through the front doors. Please be sure to check into the office when you arrive.

**Kids in the Kitchen**

The last day for the winter session of Kids in the Kitchen will be March 10<sup>th</sup>. The spring session will begin on March 31<sup>st</sup> and will run every Tuesday until May 26<sup>th</sup>.



Our next K – 4 Assembly will take place on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. All parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to attend!

# Republic of South Africa

## Capital: Pretoria



Five (5) students from South Africa attend O.M. Irwin School.

**Population:** 50.7 million

**Area:** 1.22 million sq km

**Major languages:** 11 official languages including English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Xhosa and Zulu

**Religions:** Christianity, Islam, indigenous beliefs

**Life expectancy:** 53 years (men), 54 years (women)

**Currency:** Rand

South Africa has one of the continent's biggest and most developed economies.

Up until 1994 it was ruled by a white minority government, which enforced a separation of races with its policy called apartheid.

The apartheid government eventually negotiated itself out of power after decades of international isolation, armed opposition and mass protests.

The democratically-elected leadership encouraged reconciliation and set about redressing social imbalances, but the economy has struggled.

## ***News from the Student Leadership Team***



During the month of February the Student Leadership Team organized events to support Telemiracle and Pink Shirt Day. The first event was a Hat Day where students paid \$1 to wear the hat of their choice throughout the day on Friday, February 14th. Students showed their spirit and helped us raise **\$161.00**. The second event was a Cookie Sale for students in grades K-4 and an Ice Cream Float Sale for students in grades 5-8. Irwin students added another **\$797.00** to bring the total Telemiracle donation made by O.M. School students and families to **\$958.00!**

***Wow! Thank you for your generosity.***



On Wednesday, February 26th, people all across Canada recognize Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day brings awareness and education around bullying and bully prevention. Throughout the week students and staff participated in a variety of classroom activities on these topics.

As the theme for this year was "Lift Each Other Up", the Student Leadership members chose to set up a Shout Out area in the foyer that would recognize and display the helpful actions and kind words that students experience from one another. If you have a chance, please come check it out!

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## Grade 7 Ski Trip

February 12, 2020

The Grade 7 classes travelled to Elkwater to ski on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The students had a great day of weather as they learned to ski for the first time, or they learned to ski or snowboard better! Thank you to our chaperones who helped make the day successful:



## Band NEWS

The Beef and Band Blast will take place on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (approx. 5pm – 8pm) for Grade 7-12 band students. Meal tickets will be on sale mid-March. Please mark your calendars for this exciting evening!

The meat fundraiser will begin in the month of March. More information will be sent home as it becomes available.

Band trip dates will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.

## Swimming Lessons for Grade 2 Students

March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

March 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>



## Kindergarten News

Due to 2020-2021 Kindergarten Orientation being held on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mrs. Dyck's Kindergarten class will take Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> off as a day in lieu.

## Family Literacy Day

On January 27<sup>th</sup> our school came together to celebrate Literacy Day with an evening of "Games, Goodies and Giving." While gathering together to emphasize the importance of literacy, we were also able to show support for The Yates family.

Through your donations we raised **\$2170.00** for Kya, Morgan and Cody Yates. Thank YOU!

A special thank you to our School Community Council members for their wonderful cakes and time, the K-Kidz club members and Grade 2 families for providing baking and to our Grade 5 K-Kidz members for volunteering their time for the event.



## Vaping FAQs for Parents and Guardians

### What is vaping?

Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling an aerosol produced by a vapour product. A vapour product heats a liquid solution into a vapour. This vapour then condenses into an aerosol, which is breathed in by the user. The liquid is often flavoured and can contain nicotine. Vaping doesn't require burning like cigarette smoking.

Vapour products are usually battery-powered and may come with removable parts. The vapour products are small and easy to disguise. They may be similar to a pen or a USB stick. There are various shapes, sizes, brands and names of vapour products.

### Are there harms associated with vaping?

Yes. Vaping can increase exposure to harmful chemicals and the long-term consequences of vaping are unknown. Vaping increases the risk of nicotine dependence and addiction. Nicotine can alter teenage brain development and affect memory and concentration. The level of nicotine in vapour products vary.

### Can vapour products help youth to quit smoking cigarettes?

The evidence of the efficacy of using vapour products as a smoking cessation device is limited. People interested in quitting smoking should discuss their quit goals with their health care professionals. In addition, people in pursuit of nicotine replacement therapy should use products that have been approved to be used as smoking cessation tools. These products include patches, lozenges and gums.

### What is the legal status of vapour products in Saskatchewan?

As of February 1, 2020, *The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* will come into force and vapour products will be regulated in the same manner as tobacco products. This includes:

- Vapour products are not to be sold or provided to youth under 18 years of age.
- Use of vapour products is not permitted on school property or in vehicles with persons under 16 years of age, or in places where smoking is prohibited.
- In general, use of vapour products within enclosed public places is prohibited.
- *The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulations* sets a three-metre area around any doorway, window or air intake of an enclosed public place in which no one can use vapour products.
- Saskatchewan Health Authority Tobacco Enforcement Officers will respond to complaints regarding vaping. To find the public health office serving your area, please visit their website at: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/public-health/public-health-inspectors>



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- Tryout registration information can be found at [swiftcurrentsurge.ca](http://swiftcurrentsurge.ca). Tryout dates, practice times, and tournament locations will be continually updated as confirmed.
- Direct link to tryout registration: <https://forms.gle/oxvw93pTM2L9dNm8>
- Tryout registration deadline is March 5, 2020
- Tryout fee is \$10.
- Any additional questions please direct to [scminorbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:scminorbasketball@gmail.com)

### **U17 Male and Female**

**Eligibility:** Born in 2003, 2004

**Season:** March- May

**Tryouts:** Two tryouts will be held at the end of March. Location TBD.

**Practices:** Time and location TBD

**Tournaments:** 3 travel tournaments TBD

**Costs:** \$400

### **U15 Male and Female**

**Eligibility:** Born in 2005, 2006

**Season:** March- June

**Tryouts:** Two tryouts will be held at the end of March. Location TBD.

**Practices:** Time and location TBD

**Tournaments:** 3-4 travel tournaments TBD

**Costs:** \$400

### **U13 Male and Female**

**Eligibility:** Born in 2007, 2008

**Season:** April- June

**Tryouts:** Two tryouts will be held at the end of March. Location TBD.

**Practices:** Time and location TBD

**Tournaments:** 2-3 travel tournaments TBD

**Costs:** \$ 300

### **U11 Male and Female**

**Eligibility:** Born in 2009, 2010

**Season:** April- May

**Tryouts:** Two tryouts will be held at the end of March. Location TBD.

**Practices:** Time and location TBD

**Tournaments:** 1-2 travel tournament TBD

**Costs:** \$200

March 2020

**Kindergarten Registration for 2020-21**  
**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
**Irwin School for ALL Swift Current Chinook**  
**School Division Schools**

Children who are 5 years of age by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 can register for Kindergarten. Please bring your child's birth certificate and Saskatchewan Health Services card. If you are unable to make it for registration night, please come to the office during the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> during school hours to register. Please bring the required documentation.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Irwin School 2020/2021 Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**SC Recreation & Parks Department**

**Annual Spring/Summer City Wide Registration**

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8:30 pm @ Stockade**

For further information, please contact the City of Swift Current Recreation & Parks Department at (306) 778-2787 or visit [www.swiftcurrent.ca](http://www.swiftcurrent.ca).



**Scholastic Book Fair Coming to Irwin School Library March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 25th!!**

It's time to go "WILD" about new books. The Scholastic Family Jungle Book Fair will be held from March 23-25th in the library. Why not swing on down to the book fair before or after Parent/Teacher Conferences? Students can also bring money to school during those days and everyone will have a chance to preview what books are available just before the book fair opens. We aren't LION about the fact there are tons of new, interesting, popular and great books to choose from. Hope to see you there!

**Professional Development Day**  
**Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**



**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

**In Lieu of Parent Teacher Conferences**

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Student Contact Information**

If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers, have a new job, please update the school with new contact information. It is crucial the school has current and up-to-date numbers in case of an emergency or student illness.

Please update the school at 306-778-9270 or email your child's homeroom teacher to be forwarded to the school office.



**REGISTER TODAY!**



To register or for more information please visit  
**Saskballhockey.com**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**MARCH 27, 2020**

**DAKOTA DUNES CASINO**

SASKATCHEWAN BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE

# SWIFT CURRENT 2020 SPRING LEAGUE

MID APRIL - END OF JUNE 2020



**YOUTH**  
*Divisions for all skill sets.*



# BALL HOCKEY GET YOUR GAME ON.

To register or for more information please visit  
**Saskballhockey.com**

## REGISTRATION TYPES:

**DON'T HAVE A TEAM? NO PROBLEM.**

### INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Register an individual and league will place you on a team (existing team or team with other free agents).



### GROUP REGISTRATION

If you have a friend or group of friends and would like to play together, register and we will place you on a team together.



### TEAM REGISTRATION

Enter a team (11-25 players) and pay a set fee.



## WHY PLAY BALL HOCKEY?

### MINIMAL EQUIPMENT

- Helmet
- Gloves
- Stick
- Shoes



### GREAT CONDITIONING



### DIVISIONS FOR ALL SKILL SETS



### PLAYED IN ARENAS



### CERTIFIED OFFICIATING



### MEET NEW PEOPLE



**REGISTER TODAY @ SASKBALLHOCKEY.COM**

**REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 27, 2020**

**SEASON RUNS MID APRIL TO END OF JUNE**

### YOUTH LEAGUES [AGES 3-17]



AGE	CATEGORIES	Costs	# of Games	*Days of Week
Tyke	2015/2016/2017	\$165 + GST	12 Sessions	Sat or Sun
Initiation	2013/2014	\$165 + GST	12 Sessions	Sat or Sun
Novice	2011/2012	\$165 + GST	12 Sessions	Sat or Sun
Atom	2009/2010	\$165 + GST	12 Sessions	Sat or Sun
Pee Wee	2007/2008	\$165 + GST	12 Sessions	Sat or Sun

Games played at the Fairview Arena



# IN MOTION COMMOTION

by Val Choo-Foo, City of Swift Current

The number one influence on children's participation in physical activity comes from the home and the second most influential is the school. Encourage your children and participate with them in activities for at least thirty to sixty minutes a day. Remember, physical activity isn't just organized sports. Shoveling the driveway, tobogganing, tossing a football, and going for a walk are all great activities to increase physical activity while having fun! Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in our Community! For more information, visit [www.swiftcurrent.ca](http://www.swiftcurrent.ca) or call (306)778-2787



## Parenting Study Group

For the month of **March 2020:**

- Parenting Study Groups – promoting healthy parent/child relationships with respectful communication, co-operation, responsibility and encouragement. Based on the teachings of Alfred Adler and Rudolph Dreikurs.
  - **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Parenting Study Group
  - **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** – ADD/ADHD Information & Support
- **Time:** 7:00 – 9:00
- **Place:** O.M. Irwin School (Library)
- **Phone:** (306) 626-3317 (not long distance)

### Babysitter Training and Home Alone Course

Cypress Advanced First Aid Services – Home Alone Course for boys and girls ages 9 and older, will be held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00 pm at 515 Cheadle St. W (Neufeld Auction Building). Cost of registration \$35. To register, please email name, address, phone number and birthdate to [cypressafas@gmail.com](mailto:cypressafas@gmail.com).

