

NOKOMIS SCHOOL NEWS

Home of the Nokomis Knights

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Principal's Remarks

Welcome to the New Year. Hopefully Santa was kind to everyone and you find yourselves rested and ready to take on this next long stretch.

Exams for high school start in a couple of weeks. Here again are some tips for studying and writing exams. Another copy of the exam schedule is attached to the newsletter. Good luck to all.

- Mr. Koenig

Studying for Exams

- Try using a study calendar. Use a calendar to set up a study plan or schedule.
 - use the calendar to plan the time to study for tests.
- Allow enough time to do thorough studying.
- Preparing for a test means studying for the test everyday!
 - take a few minutes and review the days' work
 - reread your notes
 - skim text material covered that day
 - highlight or underline your notes
- Test yourself about a week before the test. Continue studying. Test yourself the day before the test.
- To test yourself, write down questions the teacher may ask. Concentrate on important ideas or information.
 - answer questions/check your answers
- Have someone else ask you questions.
- Form a study group. Ask each other questions.
- Be sure your notes are organized and complete.
- Be sure you know what type of questions will be on the test.
 - multiple choice, essay, etc.
- Always have a plan for your studying. Write out that plan.

Writing an Exam

- Look over the test as it is handed out.
- Read over/skim the entire test.
 - read and understand all directions. Mark the directions with a *.
 - notice the kinds of questions and how much each is worth.
- Plan your time by how many marks the questions are worth. Do the questions that count the most first.
- Check the entire test before handing it in. Be sure you followed directions and didn't skip anything.
- **For essay questions:**
 - Read carefully. Ask questions if you are unsure.
 - Write an outline before you begin to answer.
 - jot down important facts
 - just answer the questions asked, don't add a lot of unimportant information
- **For short answer questions:**
 - work at a steady pace, do the easy ones first, mark the ones you skip and come back to them.
 - for multiple choice, read all the choices, cross out the answers you know are **not** right, choose the best of the answers you have left.
- for matching, check each answer as you use it.

Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 News

Well it feels nice to be back in the swing of things and with weather like this who can complain about it being January! All three grades in my room will be starting new units in almost every subject and we are quite excited about it. In the 1-2 room we started our Five Senses Unit and the students quite enjoyed using all five of their senses as we made popcorn! The Kindergarten's will also be starting the next set of letters in their Jolly Phonics program. A new addition to our Kindergarten room is Mrs. Friesen. She will be another EA helping out in that room and we are very happy to have her! Now that Christmas is over we will be hunkering down and working hard for January. I am anticipating a fun and productive month. Happy New Year!

- Mrs. Hendry

Grade 3, 4, and 5 News

A "warm" welcome back and a Happy New Year to all! After a brief discussion with the students it is quite apparent that Christmas was truly enjoyed by all. Santa came through yet again!

We have started two new units: one in Science where the focus is **Light** and the second is in Health where we will learn about **Assessing Healthy Stress Management Strategies**. Maybe those exams won't be so stressful after all.

Birthday greetings go out to Connor Stewart who will celebrate his birthday at the end of the month.

- Mrs. Koenig

Grade 6, 7, and 8 News

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas; I sure did. It is good to get back into a routine though. In Math, Daegan is working with decimals while the other students are working with fractions. In ELA, we are learning about myths and legends in the new unit - Tales, Heroes, Deeds, and Wonders. In Science, we continue learning about electricity, and we are finishing the unit: *Celebrating People and Places* in Social Studies. We are excited about our upcoming trip to the Science Centre, as we will be spending two days in Regina! We will swim, rock-climb, go to an Imax show, tour the Science Centre and on the way home, visit the Last Mountain House.

- Mrs. Tait

Greetings from Mrs. Stratton

The end of Semester One is coming up and that leaves us with a bit of work to finish up before exam week on the 24th-27th. The push is on to finish our last units, review and prepare for the upcoming change. Here is what we've been up to lately...and what we'll soon be getting into....

The ELA A30 students are finishing literature for unit two and will be ending with a play called Blood Relations by Sharon Pollack before beginning Departmental Examination preparation. ELA 20 students will be finishing up their Anticipation unit and will also be reading a play before exam week, while the ELA A10 students also finish up their last unit titled The Mysteries of Life. ELA 9 is beginning a new unit called Choices, Issues and Conflicts which touches on doing the right thing, we will also be reading a play with the grade 10 students called The Miracle Worker by William Gibson which enacts the story of Helen Keller. History 30 students are continuing work on their post-confederation unit and will be finishing that up at the end of the month. Social 9 students are continuing their learning about medieval times and the middle and dark ages. Communication Media students are starting their independent project of a graphic novel using a neat program called Comic Life, and Law 30 students are starting their Civil Law unit.

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday break, and I look forward to what's ahead in Semester Two!

- Mrs. Stratton

Report Cards and Semester Change

Term II Report Cards for Grades 6-12 will go out on Wednesday, February 1st. Grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 students will be starting Semester Two on Monday, January 30th. This means a few course changes. Grade 11's will be taking either Work Place and Apprenticeship Math 20 or Pre-Calculus 20 and Media Studies. Grade 12's will be taking Math C30 and ELA B30. Both the Grade 11's and 12's will be taking Chemistry 30.

Exam Week

Just a reminder that Semester Exams for Grades 9-12 start on Tuesday, January 24th. I have once again included an exam schedule with this newsletter.

News from 2011/2012 Grad Class

The Grad Class wishes to thank everyone for their support in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The Community Lunch, Elimination Draw, and the Christmas Basket Raffle were a great success. The winners are as follows:

Elimination Draw

\$20.00 Winners – Dustin and Charla Halstead, Bill and Ev Edwards, Jordan and Ashley Hards, Wilfred and Bev Hulan, Jason Henry, Sylvia Kuntz, Irene Proseilo, Joel Styles, Allan Magel, Leo Henry, Kelly Kirk, Duane Langteigne, Ryan Harley, Alan Styles, Iv Kane and Ray and Bobbi Rintoul.

\$50.00 Winner – Willard Beeler

\$100.00 Winners – Cara Henry and Adam Landu

\$500.00 Winner – Lee and Leanne Holbrook

Christmas Basket Raffle Winner – Myrna Halstead

Nokomis School Yearbooks

Copies of the 2010/2011 Nokomis School Yearbook are still available for sale. The cost is \$25.00 each. Please make cheques payable to **Nokomis School SRC**.