

The Mane Events

SEPTEMBER 2015

Principal's Message



Good day!

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to Namao School for the 2015 and 2016 school year. Our staff are very excited for a brand new year. Our school has a historical tradition of maintaining strong academic, athletic, leadership and artistic programs. We are proud to build students of strong character that become contributing members of the community. We recognize that educating our children is a partnership involving community, parents and staff. Hence, for students to be successful, continued open and honest communication is necessary. I hope that you and your children continue to check out our school's website (<http://www.namaoschool.ca>) and Powerschool on a regular basis as a primary method of staying informed about school and your child's education.

On a personal note, I am very excited to be returning to Namao School this year. I look forward to continuing to strengthen the connection with the school community this year. We have plenty of exciting new opportunities for our students this year, including some new staff, new Complimentary Courses, Advisory (Gr. 4 to 9), the introduction of our outdoor classroom and our soon to be built Primary and Special Needs Playground. Thank you to all of you for a wonderful year last year and I am looking forward to the coming year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us directly and we will get back to you in a timely fashion.

Looking forward to a fun and successful school year!

Sincerely,

Paul Harnish

School Procedures

Our school office is open from 8 am to 4 pm during school days.

Supervision at school starts at 8:30 am. Students who arrive earlier will be required to wait outside by the students' entrance to the school. During days that are colder than -20 degrees Celsius or when it is raining the students will be able to wait in the foyer. We are examining options for before and after-school care with local agencies.

When coming into the school during operational hours you are required to check in with the office and sign in. Please do not simply wander through the school.

Bus dismissal at the end of the day is a very busy time for our office staff. Please be mindful of this time. When making changes to your child's method of going home, please arrange this the previous day. A note for the homeroom teacher and a phone call to your bus driver ahead of time are required in order to change how your child normally goes home. **When an emergency arises the day of, please contact the office prior to 2 pm.** Calls placed after 2 pm may not leave enough time to change the method of transportation for your child that day.

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome in our school. Volunteers mostly assist the classroom teacher with preparation or on field trips, organized by the classroom teacher. Please ensure that you make contact with the classroom teacher well in advance, so that the teacher may prepare for your arrival if there is a need. All volunteers must have a criminal record check on file with the vulnerable sector filled out. In order to obtain a criminal record check, drop by the school office for a letter that you can then bring to your local RCMP department.

Advisory

You will see in your Gr. 4 to 9 child's timetable a Health/Advisory block for 20 minutes after lunch. This is a new program that we are piloting at Namao School this year. Advisory entails time for students to set weekly goals, reflect on goals, learn about character education, build organizational and relationship skills, learn about conflict management and other health curricular outcomes.

Timetable

This year also sees the introduction of a new timetable. School starts and ends at the same time as last year (8:40 am to 3:05 pm). Lunch breaks are also at the same time (12 pm to 12:45 pm). Classes have moved from 45 minutes to one hour blocks. This allows for increased instructional time by having fewer transitions. We have also increased the frequency and time allocated for Physical Education and moved Option classes to Tuesday and Thursday. Please see timetable attached.

Meet the Staff Picnic

Sept. 10/15

5:30 pm to 6:00 pm – Visit with your child's homeroom teacher in the classroom.

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm – Enjoy a FREE donut or apple outside (weather permitting) for a Welcome from your Local Trustee, Principal, NSC President and NSFA President. While outside you are welcome to bring your picnic gear (blanket, chairs, food) and spread out on the grass in the back.

Donation

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Glenn and Leanne Armstrong who hosted a 50/50 fundraiser for the playground. Together the Armstrong's and the winners Barry MacDonald and Leonard Fitzgerald donated all of the proceeds (\$1000.00) towards our new primary playground. **THANK YOU!**

Namao School
2015 - 2016 Daily Time Schedule

08:00 a.m.	Operational Day begins
08:30 - 08:40 a.m.	Bus Unloading
08:40 - 08:45 a.m.	Attendance/ Registration/O'Canada (5 Min)
08:45 - 09:45 a.m.	Block 1 (60 Min)
09:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Block 2 (60 Min)
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	A.M. Recess (15 Min)
11:00 - 12:00 pm.	Block 3 (60 Min)
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Noon Recess (30 Min)
12:30 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch Eating (15 Min)
12:45 - 1:05 p.m.	Advisory Time (Gr. 4-9) (20 Min)
1:05 - 2:05 p.m.	Block 4 (60Min)
2:05 - 3:05 p.m.	Block 5 (60 Min)
3:05 - 3:15 p.m.	Dismissal and Bus Loading
4:00 p.m.	Operational Day ends

Sturgeon School Fee Payment Just Got Easier!

Sturgeon School Division is excited to announce our new online payment system! In an effort to reduce time and paper waste, parents of returning students can avoid the long lines of school start-up and pay their children's school fees through a secure online website that is accessed through your existing PowerSchool Parent Portal account.

If you are a parent who has multiple children at multiple schools, they will all appear together under your online payment parent account. With a few mouse clicks, parents can view fees, any outstanding balances, and pay for all of their children in a single transaction. Payments can be made by Visa, Mastercard and Interac Online (RBC, Scotiabank, TD Canada Trust, and BMO).

For general assistance, please email ssdonline@sturgeon.ab.ca

For general information about school fees, please contact your child's school.

For Transportation information, please refer to the website: www.sturgeontransport.ca

As a Sturgeon parent, you have the option to pay a number of mandatory and elective school fees online. Our fee management and online payment system is an easy and secure way to pay school fees from the comfort of your home or office.

The Sturgeon online payment system allows you to pay for:

- Instructional Material Fees**
- Option & Extracurricular Fees**
- Transportation Fees**
- Activity & Field Trip Fees,**
- Yearbook Fees**

Advantages to using the Sturgeon online payment system:

- View your payment history**
- View and pay multiple fees in one convenient place**
- Print payment receipts**
- Print Student Account Statements**
- Provides a convenient and secure transaction**
- Available 24 hours a day**
- Accessible from anywhere there is an Internet connection**

Sturgeon School Division does not store or keep your credit information. All fee transactions paid online are processed by a third party (Moneris).

Comp Courses

Due to a last minute change in Staffing we have now modified our option courses. Complementary course selection sheets will be sent home with ALL grade 7-9 students on Monday, August 31. These must be filled in, signed and returned by Thursday, September 3. Complementary courses (options) will start on Tuesday, September 8.

Morinville Indoor Soccer

Registration Dates:

September 9, 14, 15, 24

6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Arena in Morinville

Bring proof of age (birth certificate,

passport or healthcard).

****Please Note**** U4-U10 play in town,

U12 and up play with Edmonton

We are in need of coaches/assistants!

STAFF FROM NAMAQ SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PARENTS TO:

MEET THE STAFF

HELD ON SEPT. 10/14

5:30—6:30 PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

NEW BLUE LIGHT in the front entrance. During the school year, Namao School will practice emergency procedures like fire drills, safety in place and lockdown. When a lockdown is occurring the newly installed blue light at the front entrance will flash and all exterior doors will be locked. Please do not attempt to enter the building when the blue light is flashing. If you are a student outside please follow the protocol shared with you by your teacher and head to the safe spot. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26); Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

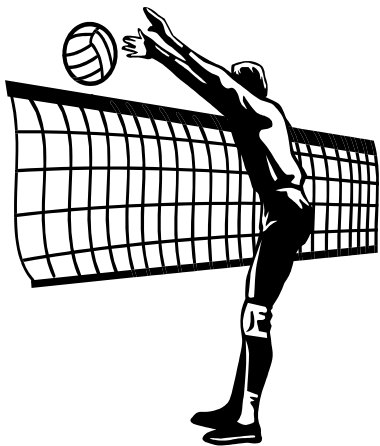
If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums for children are \$14.50 or \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year.

For more information or to apply online, please visit www.kidsplus.ca, or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at **1-800-556-7411**.



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Volleyball Try-Outs

Junior and Senior Girls

Sept. 8, 14 & 16, 2015

Pick up @ 5:00

Junior and Senior Boys

Sept. 9, 15 & 17 2015

Pick up @ 5:00

Running Club

Starts Friday, Sept 4/15 at 3:15pm.

Meet in Foyer

For more information contact:

Mr. Swenson or Ms. Kleespies

Pick-up at 4:15pm. Rain or Shine!

Information Sheets have been handed out
and one is posted outside the office.

NSFA

**Our first fundraiser of the
year will be:**

**Little Caesars Pizza Kits.
They are back!!**

**Watch for further details
in the coming weeks.**



SAY CHEESE

SCHOOL PICTURES WILL BE
TAKEN ON Sept. 28th (all day) and
Sept. 29th (am only)

RETAKES

OCTOBER 15th
(AM ONLY)



SEPTEMBER 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 NAMPA meeting 6:30 PM	9	10 Meet the Staff Event 5:30-6:30 pm	11 PD/Staff Meeting NO SCHOOL	12
13	14	15 IMF due NSFA Meeting 5:30 PM LAC/NSC Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18 NAMA SCHOOL X- COUNTRY MEET	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Picture Day Group & Individual	29 AM ONLY— Picture Day DIVISIONAL X- COUNTRY MEET @ GIBBONS	30			

OCTOBER 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Volleyball- Guthrie @ Namao	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Volleyball- Namao @ Morinville	9 PD/Staff Meeting NO SCHOOL	10
11	12 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	13 NAMPA Meeting 6:30 PM	14	15 Volleyball- Lilian Shick @ Namao AM ONLY- Picture Retake	16	17
18	19	20 NSFA Meeting 5:30PM LAC/NSC Meeting 6:30pm	21	22 Volleyball- Namao @ Gibbons	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Volleyball- Namao @ Sturgeon Heights	30	31 