

# MAY NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

The arrival of spring brings a sense of renewal and positivity! With winter behind us, we can enjoy warmer days and look forward to the trees, grass, and flowers blooming once again.

However, this season can also present unique challenges for students. Longer daylight hours and the anticipation of summer can lead to disrupted routines and shorter attention spans. For our Grade 8 students, this time often brings mixed emotions—eager excitement for the freedoms of high school or nerves about the transition ahead. Parents can make a big difference by maintaining consistent routines (including bedtime routines), having ongoing conversations about staying focused through to the end of June, and offering reassurance to students feeling uncertain about the changes next year will bring.

### Celebrating March and April Successes

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and caregivers who joined us for Portfolio Evening in March. Your involvement sends a powerful message to students: their learning and efforts truly matter!

### **Our Chocolate Fundraiser**

Thank you to the many students and families who participated in our spring chocolate fundraiser. There are still some calculations that need to be made (as we figure out the cost of prizes), but we will have made about \$6000! Students will be getting their individual prizes shortly and our prize assembly was held two weeks ago.

### **Chess Club**

110 students participated in our Chess Club this year! It was so cool seeing all those students strategizing and showing excellent sportsmanship. This year, we “upped our game” by adding chess timers for the last few games in the tournament.

## Learning Opportunities

- Peter Thomas, an indigenous artist, spent 2 days inspiring all of our Gr 5 students in March! Each student created an original piece of art during those sessions.
- In March, Elder Marlene worked with various Gr 6 and 7 students to make medicine bags and bead. We are so grateful for her continued connection with our school.
- Valerie Campbell, a former CMS alumnus and Indigenous Science Communicator specializing in fisheries and ocean conservation met with all our Gr 8 students In March. Valerie has previously been on the SOI Foundation expedition aboard the Polar Prince research vessel and has previously been featured on the Canadian Geographic podcast. She also held a Bannock and Banter session at lunch for those students who were interested. Valerie joined us for an additional 2 days in April.

## Frozen Performances

Our Grade 6 students and teachers, led by Ms. Hutchinson, presented the musical *Frozen Jr.* in April. What a great way for our students to showcase their talent, courage and joy! We want to extend a big thank-you to all the students who participated and to the CMS staff who worked tirelessly to bring this production to life. We are deeply grateful to the many parents who contributed their time and support. See the Steinbach Online Article [here](#).

## Band Highlights

Our Grade 7 band students performed at the Beginning Band Festival in Winnipeg on April 23. Students carried themselves with professionalism and played with excellent tone! They took care of many fine details in their pieces. Adjudicators were happy to work with them and commented on how well prepared they were! Thank you to Mr. Janzen and great job Grade 7 Band!

## Badminton

Badminton was another huge success this year! We have about 120 students in Gr 7 and 8 who regularly participated in both our competitive and recreational programs. CMS teachers supervised and coached to make this opportunity available for our students. Many of our students participated in the divisional tournament and the divisional playoffs. They showed poise under pressure and great sportsmanship! Our Gr 8 badminton team earned 99 points in the divisional tournament and our Gr 7 team earned 81 points! Amazing results! But these results could only happen because of the many students we had practicing and spurring each other on to continue to improve!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS - LOOKING AHEAD

### **Learning Partner Sheets**

Learning Partner sheets have been sent home and are due back on May 8. These forms help us create balanced and thoughtful class groupings for next school year. We appreciate your time in completing these with your child.

### **Online Safety Presentations and Parent Evening**

On May 19, Valerie Caldwell will be at CMS giving Online Safety Presentations to our Grade 5 - 8 students. More information will be sent home regarding these presentations in the next few weeks. There will also be a Parent Evening with Valerie Caldwell on May 19 at 6:30 pm. The parent evening goes more in depth, in greater detail, than the student presentations do. To see a little more about what a parent evening with Valerie Caldwell is like, please check out the following link: [Bridging the Gap](#)

### **Public Health Immunization Clinic**

Public Health will hold an immunization clinic at CMS on the morning of May 13. This clinic is only for students whose parents/guardians have submitted signed consent forms earlier this year. If you have any questions about the immunization clinic, please contact Public Health at 204-346-6123.

### **Track and Field**

CMS will be hosting our own track meets at CMS. Grade 7's will have a class track meet day on May 25 which is run by their homeroom teachers. Grade 5's and 6's will each have a track meet at CMS that is run by the PE department (Mr. Reimer and Mr. Paton). During these meets, classes will move together from one event to the next. Grade 6's Track Meet is on May 26 and Grade 5's will have their Track Meet on May 27. Divisional Track Meets will be run for Grade 7's and 8's who qualify.

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 6 - Grade 8 Band Tour (in division)  
May 8 - Grade 8 Medieval Feast  
May 13 am - Public Health Immunization Clinic  
May 14 - New Grade 5 Parent Information Evening (at 7:00 pm)  
May 18 - Victoria Day - No School  
May 19 - Val Caldwell Online Safety Presentations for students  
May 19 - Val Caldwell "Bridging the Gap" Presentation for Adults (at 6:00 pm)  
May 25 - Grade 7 Track Meet at CMS  
May 26 - Grade 6 Track Meet at CMS  
May 27 - Grade 5 Track Meet at CMS  
May 29 and 30 - Band Trip

## SUMMER CAMP/RECREATION PROGRAMS

City of Steinbach -  
Steinbach Recreation Camps Summer 2026

Steinbach Arts Council -  
Summer Arts Day Camp - Steinbach Arts Council

Niverville Recreation and Wellness -  
Summer Camps - Niverville Recreation & Wellness

Red Cross "Stay Safe Training"  
Stay Safe Training

RM of Hanover -  
Summer Programming