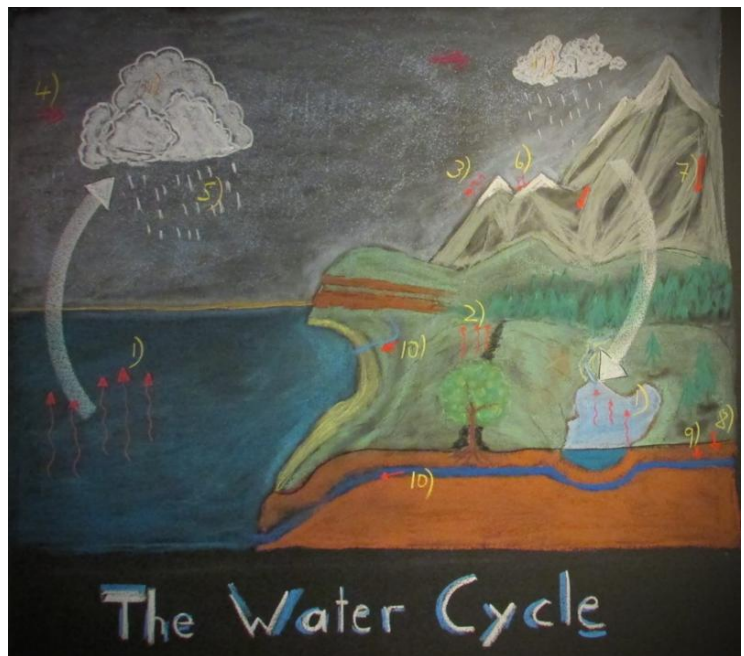




## NEWSLETTER

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*Girl's Basketball vs. Salt Spring*

**Tuesday, January 19**

*1:30 - 3:00 pm Grade 8 Field  
Trip*

*7:00 pm Grade 4 Parent  
Evening*

*7:00 - 9:00 pm Grade 8 Parent*

### ***News Items***

**Welcome To our Two New Teachers**

SWS would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new class teachers, Hans Tholken, Gr. 1 and Janet Jewell, Gr. 3. Both teachers come to us with many years of Waldorf training and teaching experience and it is a pleasure to have them join our school. Please do not miss an opportunity to greet and welcome these new teachers!

Evening

### Wednesday, January 20

*Girl's Basketball vs. Cowichan*  
7:00 - 9:00 pm Grade 5 Parent  
Evening

### Thursday, January 21

11:00 am Grade 3 Field Trip  
12:00 - 3:00 pm Grade 5 Hike  
7:00 - 8:30 pm Grade 6 Parent  
Evening

### Friday, January 22

1:30 pm Early Dismissal  
6:30 pm Basketball Invitational  
Tournament  
*Biodynamics co-ed vs.*  
*Cowichan*

### Saturday, January 23

*Basketball Invitational*  
*Tournament*  
10:30 am *Biodynamics vs.*  
*Lake Trail*  
1:30 pm *Biodynamics vs.*  
*Brentwood*  
4:30 pm *Biodynamics vs. Royal*  
*Oak*

### Monday, January 23

7:00 - 8:30 pm Grade 3 Parent  
Evening

[View Calendar](#)

## From the Office

### No Classes and Early Dismissal Days

## Biodynamics Invited to Island Tournament



This year, the Biodynamics have been recognized as one of the teams to beat, and so we have been invited to an

Island wide tournament. The tournament includes teams from Courtenay, Victoria, and the Cowichan Valley. Come on out and support the Grade 7 and 8 boys and girls who will be playing together in hopes of taking the championship. The game schedule and locations are below. GO TEAM!

### Friday, January 22 at the Quamichan Campus

6:30 pm Biodynamics vs. Cowichan

### Saturday, January 23 at the Island Savings Centre

10:30 am Biodynamics vs. Lake Trail

1:30 pm Biodynamics vs. Brentwood

4:30 pm Biodynamics vs. Royal Oak

## Early Dismissal Grade School January 22

There are several Professional Learning and Planning (PLP) early dismissal days planned throughout the year. PLP provides an opportunity for faculty to focus on their work outside of classroom hours. Early dismissal is at 1:30 pm. After School Care is available for those already registered.

## Social Health Welcomes Ms. Janet Jewell



The Social Health Committee is very pleased to welcome one of our new teachers as a member of the Committee. Ms. Janet Jewell, the new Grade 3 teacher has joined us and we are confident her contribution will be substantial. Welcome Janet!

## The New Parent-Teacher Communication Slip

SWS Faculty are piloting a new parent-teacher communication tool. Next week, we will start to use a new form called the Parent -Teacher Communication Slip in order to quickly inform a parent of information regarding their child. Slips will be issued when

Jan 22	Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
Feb 8	School Closed
Feb 15-19	No Classes
Mar 18	No Classes
Mar 21-Apr 1	No Classes

### Important Information About Attendance for K-Grade 8

As an Independent School, we receive a government grant that is based on attendance. In order for SWS to receive the optimum grant we must diligently report attendance to an auditor. Please be aware of the following:

#### ABSENCES

All student absences must be reported through a phone call or written note to the office. If you haven't phoned in, a written notice is required.

#### LENGTHY STUDENT ABSENCES:

Student absences of 10 days or more, for reasons other than an illness, must be reported to the office for auditing purposes. In order to sustain the Ministry of Education funding, a homework plan must be in place with the teacher, and followed up upon the student's return to school. Parents are responsible for this, and any loss of Ministry funding will be the financial responsibility of the parent(s).

teachers want to inform parents about things such as social conflicts, emotional upset, anxiety, minor incidents, forgotten supplies, incomplete assignments, quiet room visits, etc. It could also be used to provide a reminder or a request for support in a particular area. For students from Grades 1-5 the yellow copy of the Communication Slip will be sent home via parent cubbies. For Grades 6-8 the the slip will be sent home with the student. Our hope is that with more immediate communication surrounding smaller issues, we can work together as families and teachers to better support the needs of our students.

#### PARENT - TEACHER COMMUNICATION SLIP



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Message: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time & Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For your information only  
 Follow-up required

### Invitation From the Parent Association

The SWSPA Executive of three people would appreciate your presence, and your participation, very much. There is a large parent body here at SWS and while we love and appreciate each one in our small meeting group, we also recognize the school needs the support of the parent body to be able to provide excellence in Waldorf Education. Please be in touch and help how you can. You can email the [SWSPA](#) or call Diana at 250-746-4624.

### December's Thrifty's Smile Campaign Earnings



SWS earned \$168.50 in the month of December. Keep using your Thrifty's card as well as supporting our [other fund-raising](#)

[initiatives.](#)

**CLASSIFIEDS**

## LATE STUDENTS

Please be reminded that all Grade School students need to come to the office to collect a late slip when arriving after 8:25 am. This is to ensure they are not marked absent.

## EARLY PICK-UP


Please remember to notify your class teacher when you know you will be picking up your child early from school. When you pick up a child early for illness or any other reason, you need to stop at the office before you leave to sign your child out. We may need a half day absent note from you.

THANK YOU!

Click on the image below to view January Classifieds.

The deadline for February is January 15.

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