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AWSNA Accreditation at SWS **Mr. McDuff, Head of School**



Over the next 18 months our school will be undergoing re-accreditation with the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA), the governing body that accredits all Waldorf Schools in North America. I, along with our teachers, administrative staff, and Board of Directors will be a part of this process, and it will be an amazing opportunity for us to look at our school in a reflective and holistic way. AWSNA designs accreditation to create dialogue surrounding all realms of the running

10:30 am Biodynamics vs. Lake Trail
1:30 pm Biodynamics vs. Brentwood
4:30 pm Biodynamics vs. Royal Oak

Monday, January 25

7:00 - 8:30 pm Grade 3 Parent Evening
3:30 pm Girl's Basketball vs. QMS

Monday February 1

7:30 - 9:30 pm SSK Parent Evening

Wednesday February 3

7:00 - 9:00 pm Parent Association Meeting

Thursday February 4

3:00 - 4:30pm Boys Basketball vs. Cowichan

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From the Office

No Classes and Early

Dismissal Days

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

and pedagogy of a school. It will give us an honest and fuller picture about what we do well, what needs attention, how we see ourselves now, as well as where we are headed as a Waldorf School. I am looking forward to undergoing this self study alongside my colleagues, and will keep you posted as we move through it. Once we have completed this process successfully, our school will be accredited for another 7 years.

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 Cowichan 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

From the Social Health Committee:

Politeness and Courtesy



The Social Health Committee draws directly from the work of Kim John Payne. His teachings bring

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.

SWS INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather causing school closure the procedure is as follows:

Before classes start: school closures will be announced on the local Radio Station SUN FM 89.7.

We will also post the closure on the home page of the school website

www.sunrisewaldorfschool.org.

Once classes have begun: parents will be notified by the office staff through the emergency school phone tree.

If we are unable to reach a parent, students will be sent home with the first available person on their pick-up list.

Please ensure that your contact numbers and pick-up authorizations are up to date with the office.

emphasis and value to politeness and courtesy as keys to establishing warm relationships at home and at school. Modelling to our children the basics, even when it comes to saying hello to another person, can go a long way in demonstrating genuine interest and kindness to others. A full exchange, and eye contact is what we are striving for when we greet another person. Hello, how are you? I am fine thank you, and how are you? Taking the time to not only answer a greeting but to reply in kind is a wonderful place to start in bringing politeness and courtesy into our school culture.

Child Care Income Tax Deductions for 2015

If you qualify for the Child Care Income Tax deduction, please fill out [this form](#) and return it to the office by February 28, 2016. Tax receipts will only be issued upon request

CLASSIFIEDS

Click on the image below to view January Classifieds. The deadline for February is January 15.

Send your ad in a jpeg format to newsletter@sunrisewaldorfschool.org



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