



Welcome back to all of our returning students and families and a warm welcome to our new students and families who are joining us this year. We are so happy and excited to have your children be with us at OVS. We hope that all of you had a safe and healthy summer break and are ready to go for this school year. We are hopeful that this year will begin to look more and more like a "normal" year.

Other info:

- Student fees: please pay your student fees if you are able. We can set up payment plans as well.
- \$25 per student
- \$30 Grade 7/8 Applied Arts
- \$40 Grade 7/8Band/Guitar/Fine Arts

Looking for ways to give your child an advantage to start the year? Consider these tried and true tips:

Enough sleep. Please ensure that your child gets enough sleep so that they feel refreshed and alert to learn. According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine this is <u>what each</u> <u>child needs for sleep every night:</u>

School-age children (5-12 years): 9 to 12 hours Teenagers (13-18 years): 8 to 10 hours

#### Important School Communications Update

The school division has contracted the company, PowerSchool, to be the new database provider for 2022-23 replacing the old provider,

Check out our new website!! ovs.plpsd.mb.ca

Maplewood. Unfortunately with this transition in providers there has been a disruption in all of the school's abilities to email families, in particular in mass emails to share information. The division is working hard to get these issues resolved but in the meantime, we will be having the bulk of school communications through our website (ovs.plpsd.mb.ca), and through individual home room teacher contacts. This may result in families with multiple children at OVS receiving the same email/communication from different staff. Please be assured that this is a temporary solution and once the PowerSchool system is working to it's full capacity, that the communication to families will be smoother. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Let's all work together to make this a memorable and awesome year at OVS. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and the office for questions, concerns and to share your child's many successes with us. We are all a team when it comes to educating our children

and we excited to be able to work in close partnerships with our families and school community.

Be kind, be safe, look after each other and have a great year at OVS!!



At OVS we teach our students to solve problems with kind words and clear thoughts. We do not believe in using harm to solve problems. With that in mind we wanted to share some of the common language that we use at OVS with our students when we are teaching them to solve problems with others on their own. Please speak with your children about this and refer to the graphic below when teaching children to peacefully and appropriately solve problems with others.

# At OVS, when someone is bothering you, do this:

- 1. <u>ASK THEM TO STOP</u> or <u>IGNORE</u> <u>IT.</u>
- 2. If that doesn't work: <u>WALK AWAY FROM IT.</u>

3. If that doesn't work, <u>GET HELP FROM</u> <u>AN ADULT FOR IT.</u>





### **Dates to Remember**

September: 16 & 19 - Strong Beginnings—no classes September: 20-23 -Terry Fox Coins for Cancer September: 22 -Terry Fox Run/Walk periods 7&8 September: 28 -Hot Dog Lunch (date subject to change) September: 29—Orange Shirt Day September: 30—National Truth and Reconciliation Day—no classes October: 10- Thanksgiving—no classes October :21- MTS Professional Development Dayno classes October: 24- divisional professional development day—no classes October :28- Picture Day! November: 4- Admin Day—no Classes November: 11- Remembrance Day—no classes November: 25- Retake Day December: report cards out—date TBA December: 21- Last day of classes before Christmas break December 22-January 4/23: Christmas break

Please let the school know if your child has permission to leave school grounds during the lunch break. 204.267.2733 ext 800



## Quebec

There will be a Quebec trip meeting Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5PM at OVS in the grade 7 room. The trip is this spring and we will be travelling to Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls. The trip is open to all students in grade 6,7&8. It is not too late to register. Come for the meeting for all the information or contact Mr. Burnett @ 267-2733





Oakville School has a Co-op number that can be used at Carman, Treherne, Portage ,Oakville, La Salle and MacGregor locations.

Feel free to use 32603 and support Oakville School.

### Volleyball

Gr 7&8 volleyball will be starting up this week. Info will be coming home with students who have decided to play.



#### CanSkate registration for our 22/23 season is now open!

\*\* Introducing our new, reduced pricing! \*\*

The CanSkate program is geared to beginners of all ages...children, adults, newcomers to Canada and athletes with a disability (AWAD). Whether you are looking to improve basic skating skills for figure skating, hockey, ringette or speed skating, CanSkate will get you there.

Our CanSkate program showcases a comprehensive series of balance, control and agility skills, using a nationally-tested and proven curriculum to develop stronger basic skills on the ice.

CanSkate runs from October to March, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 pm to 7:30pm. One or two day options are available. Monthly payment plans also available.

Adult learn-to-skate and CanPower also available.

#### Register at portageskatingclub.uplifterinc.com

Or email portageskatingclub@gmail.com for more details

