

Dear Sherwood Heights Parents/Guardians:

This has been a great school year, as with all things, it is drawing to a close. I want to share with you our plan for the final two weeks of school.

June 21 is **National Indigenous Peoples Day** as well as being the final day of scheduled classes. As it is a National day of recognition no assessments will take place in classes. Students will be engaged in regular classes for the first four periods of the day. During periods 5 and 6, students will have opportunity to be engaged in a variety of Indigenous activities to celebrate this National day.

Final examinations for grade 7, 8 and 9 will happen from **June 19 to 27**. Part A of the Grade 9 Math Provincial Achievement Test is on June 19 and French Language Arts exams for all grades are on June 20 – these are regular school days for all other students. For the final week of exams (June 24-27), students will arrive as per usual in the morning for class starting at 8:40am. They will return textbooks, ask any final questions and begin writing the exams around 9:40. All students will remain in the examination rooms until 11:00am. Students needing extra time will be accommodated. Once students have finished their exam, they will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities until lunch begins at 12:21. Activities prior to lunch will be led by PE and other teachers.

Lunch time will run as per normal. During our two afternoon periods, students will work with subject area teachers to actively review or quietly study for a subsequent exam.

**Afternoon study sessions** are a great way for students to complete final review and get support from their teachers. If you choose for your child to be excused from school support and be under your care, after the exams on June 24-27, complete the [On-line google form for absence permission](#) or print, sign and return this form. This will allow us to pre-plan for afternoon absences. If you are printing the form, we ask you to initial each day that you will have your child under your care and sign at the bottom. Please respond using either form by June 20.

**Final exams** are one measure of your child's learning and can be an important tool for teachers to determine a year end grade. The schedule can be found on our website. For **students in grade 7 or 8**, if you have a planned absence for final exams or if your child is ill, please email the office so that we can inform staff. No arrangements will be made to write the exam early or at a later date. Teachers will use their professional judgement to determine a final grade without the benefit of this final assessment.

**Students in grade 9** who miss the **Provincial Achievement Test** exam date are expected to write the test at a different time. If your child is sick on the day of the test, they will be expected to write the following day. If you have a planned absence, please contact the school to arrange an alternate writing time.

I wish everyone a fantastic summer.

Paul Pallister – Principal

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Number: \_\_\_\_\_

June 24 \_\_\_\_\_ June 25 \_\_\_\_\_ June 26 \_\_\_\_\_ June 27 \_\_\_\_\_

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