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**Date:** Friday, October 9, 2020

**Topic:** **Update to parents, guardians, and staff**

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This update is two pages long and includes information regarding:

- Meeting for Parents / Guardians on Tuesday
- Special Meeting to Discuss Sports
- Google sessions for Parents / Guardians
- Thanksgiving

### **Meeting for Parents / Guardians on Tuesday:**

- Our next biweekly Zoom meeting is this coming Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 pm.  
Topic: Meeting for parents / guardians  
Time: Oct 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/98609029697?pwd=RjNQZkc2dGRROExjNVpTeEt4RG9Vdz09>  
Meeting ID: 986 0902 9697  
Passcode: 175784

### **Special Meeting to Discuss Sports:**

- At last night's regular Board meeting, a delegation asked the Board to reverse the divisional decision to pause sports and athletics until January 31.
- The Board has now scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.
- The plan for this meeting is to have an open forum for parents, guardians, and staff to discuss the issue further. This will be followed by a public Board discussion and then a decision on last night's delegation.  
Topic: Special meeting of the Board to discuss the pause on sports  
Time: Oct 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/98764106792?pwd=eUt1ZCtNNzJaQ3NaaytDR3V6QUFrdz09>  
Meeting ID: 987 6410 6792  
Passcode: 594363

### **Google sessions for Parents / Guardians:**

- Would you like to learn more about the Google tools available to PWSD students?
- This session with our ICT Teacher Leader, Mrs. Leah Obach, will give parents an overview of the Google tools which students in our division can use. Having an understanding of these tools will allow you to better support your children with using Google tools for learning activities. The session will include demonstrations of common tasks in Google and time for questions.
- Session sizes are capped to ensure everyone can participate and ask questions. Please reserve your spot using this registration form: <https://forms.gle/55Ew7aAdXctHTPa18>
- The Zoom login details will be emailed to you prior to the session.
- If sufficient interest, sessions will be held at the following dates and times. It is estimated that sessions will last 30-45 minutes, depending on participant questions.
  - Monday, October 19th at 4PM
  - Monday, October 19th at 6PM
  - Monday, November 2nd at 12PM
  - Monday, November 2nd at 5PM

### **Thanksgiving Day:**

- Manitoba Education asked that we share the following message regarding Thanksgiving:

*Each of us continue to have a significant role in helping to support public health measures and reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

*As we head into the first holiday long weekend of the school year, we want to encourage you to consider how many people outside your household you have contact with. We hope you will celebrate Thanksgiving responsibly, so that we can limit the spread of the virus in our communities, and by extension, in our schools.*

*Dr. Roussin has encouraged Manitobans, and those visiting from out of province, to focus on the fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes:*

- *staying home if you're sick, even if your symptoms are only mild;*
- *washing/sanitizing your hands frequently;*
- *covering your cough;*
- *practicing physical distancing when you are with people outside of your household;*
- *wearing a mask in indoor public spaces in situations where you cannot physically distance, or as required by public health orders.*

*Manitoba Public Health has created a page online with more information on how to gather safely this Thanksgiving and at other fall events that are happening in our communities. This information can be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/holidays.html>.*