

# O.M. Irwin School September 2024 Newsletter



**Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year at O.M. Irwin.**

We are very excited to welcome the students back and to see their excitement returning to school.

We have had a great start to the school year and we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning at O.M. Irwin School this year.

With Kindest Regards,

**O.M. Irwin School Administration Team  
Arron Kohlman and Geoff Horn**

# O.M. Irwin School

## 2024-2025 Staff List

### Office Staff

*Principal* – Mr. Arron Kohlman  
*Vice-Principal* – Mr. Geoff Horn  
*Office Manager* – Mrs. Heather Painchaud  
*Secretary* – Mrs. Maureen Hanson

### Support Staff

*Librarian* – Mrs. Debbi Bleackley  
  
*Recess Supervisor* – Mr. John Saguisin

*Educational Assistants:* Ms. Holly Andreas  
Mrs. Heba Anouz  
Mrs. Bernadette Benito  
Mrs. Korinne Blythe  
Mrs. Tracy Chapman  
Mrs. Jennifer Engen  
Ms. Megan Englebrecht  
Miss Clarissa Faulkner  
Mrs. Colleen Gardner  
Mrs. Leanne Johnson  
Ms. Christine Johnston  
Mrs. Carlin Lee  
Mrs. Amy Popick  
Mrs. Liz Ramage  
Mrs. Brenda Saufert  
Mrs. Melissa Williams  
Mrs. Carlyn Zanidean

*Facility Operators:* Ms. Chris Campbell  
Mr. Lawrence Forde  
Mr. Alex Cocal

### Instructional Staff

*Kindergarten* – Ms. Kristen McWillie (Odd Days)  
Mrs. Brooke Robson (Even Days)

*Grade 1* – Ms. Kristina Burnett  
Mrs. Christie Robinson

*Grade 2* – Ms. Carys Nisbet  
Mrs. Alexis Potter

*Grade 3* – Ms. Megan McCleary  
– Miss Nikki Weisbeck

*Grade 4* – Mr. Logan Boyer  
– Mrs. Tracy Chalk

*Grade 5* – Mrs. Hayley Cabrales  
Mrs. Heidi Wong

*Grade 6* – Mrs. Kristi Schwartz  
Mr. Trevor Froese

*Grade 7* – Mr. Chris Grainger  
Mr. Kurri Darby

*Grade 8* – Mr. Brett Eltom  
Miss Brienna Gillanders /Mrs. Ashley Tinant

*Student Services Teacher* – Mrs. Michelle Michaluk

*Interventionist* – Mrs. Jobi Regier

*PAA* – Mr. Steven Dyck  
Mrs. Christine Thompson

*Counsellor* – Ms. Michele Gurski

*Band* – Miss Michaila Jersak



# 2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell –K-2

8:35

Warning Bell Gr. 3-8

8:38

O'Canada/Announcements

8:43

Period 1

8:45 – 9:24

Period 2

9:24 – 10:03

Break/Recess

10:03 – 10:18

Period 3

10:18 – 10:57

Period 4

10:57 – 11:35

Lunch

11:35 – 12:25

Period 5

12:25 – 1:04

Period 6

1:04 – 1:43

Break/Recess

1:43 – 1:58

Period 7

1:58 – 2:37

Period 8

2:37 – 3:15

Dismissal

3:15



# O.M. Irwin School

## September Events:

- Sept 5 - City Wide Connection
- Sept 6 - Welcome Back Assembly - Periods 7&8
- Sept 13 - Terry Fox Kick-Off assembly
- Sept 17 - SCC Meeting
- Sept 19 - School Photos (K McWillie-Grade 8)
- Sept 20 - School Photos (K Robson 9:00 a.m.)
- Sept 20 - Toonies for Terry Hat Day
- Sept 23 - Active Play Program begins
- Sept 27 - Orange Shirt Day - Irwin School
- Sept 27 - Toonies for Terry Hat Day
- Sept 27 - Family Movie Night (Terry Fox Fundraiser)
- Sept 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Days  
*No School for Students*

- Oct 1 - Music OSAC Presentation
- Oct 4 - Terry Fox Run
- Oct 16 - Early dismissal 2:15 p.m.
- Oct 17 - Kids in the Kitchen (first session)
- Oct 28 - Teacher Convention - *No School for Students*
- Oct 31 - Halloween



# O.M. Irwin School Reminders



- If you arrive late to school in the morning and your designated entrance door is locked, please come to the front main doors of the school and check in with Mrs. Painchaud and Mrs. Hanson.
- If you need to drop something off for a student, please bring it to the main office. If there is no one in the office, please be sure your child's name is on the item and we will deliver it to them.
- **Please remember to call (306-778-9270) or email the school when your child is absent.** If you email your child's teacher, please include Mrs. Painchaud ([hpainchaud26@chinooksd.ca](mailto:hpainchaud26@chinooksd.ca)) and Mrs. Hanson ([mhanson11@chinooksd.ca](mailto:mhanson11@chinooksd.ca)) in the email. We will not assume your child is staying home if they were home sick the day before. We appreciate your help with this!
- To ensure of your child's safety, please do not drop-off or pick up your child in the staff parking lot area. We are asking that you please use George Street for all drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Emergency Lunches - If a student forgets their lunch, they first phone home to see if someone is available to bring them lunch. If this is not possible, as a last resort, we will have items on hand for an emergency lunch to be made.
- The Ice Hut (school store) is now open for Grade 5 & 6 students on days 1, 3, and 5, and for Grade 7 & 8 students on days 2, 4, and 6!
- We are now using the **front east door to enter** our school, and the **front west door to exit**.

# Pick-Up and Drop Off Guidelines For Parents and Caregivers



- ★ O.M. Irwin School is using the same pick-up and drop-off guidelines as last year, with the exception that parents may wait in the main foyer to pick-up their child(ren).
- ★ Please drop-off and pick-up your child(ren) outside of the school at the designated entrances. The designated entrances are :
  - North East Entrance - Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.
  - South East Entrance - Grades K, 1, 2, 7 and 8.
- Please access the school via George Street to drop off and pick up your child(ren). Use the crosswalk and crosswalk lights when crossing George Street.
- ★ Parents and Guardians, please refrain from dropping off or picking your child(ren) in the staff parking lot and Chinook SD bus layover.

*Thank you!*



# Kids in the Kitchen

Kids in the Kitchen is an after-school cooking club for grade six students. It is a fun and interactive way for students who are interested in cooking to learn a few basic skills. It takes place on Tuesdays after school from 3:30-5:00 and there are three 8-week sessions available for students to choose from. There are a limited number of spaces in each session.

**FALL Session is Oct 15-Dec 3 , WINTER Session is Jan 14- Mar 11 (excluding Feb 18) SPRING Session is Apr 1- May 27 (excluding April 22)**

Click the link to the Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/QS1nxfofiNbaHtyBA>

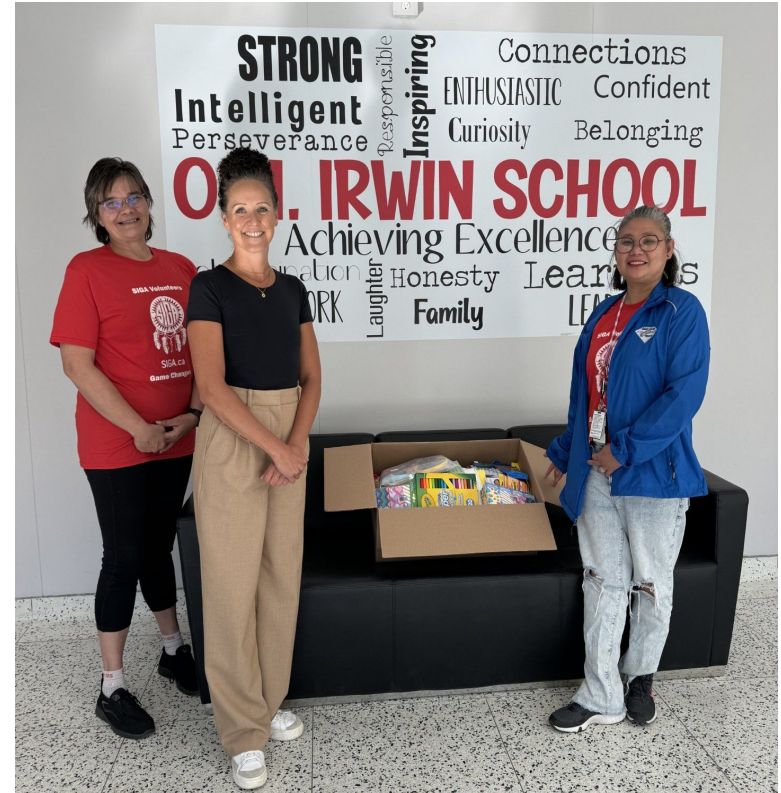
Registration forms are due Wednesday, October 9. Students are placed in their sessions based on space availability. Register early to ensure your child gets a spot in the session of their choice. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Thompson at the school, or email [cthompson@chinooksd.ca](mailto:cthompson@chinooksd.ca)



# Thank You!

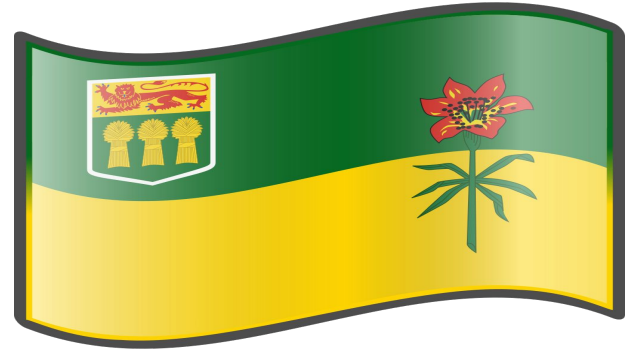
O.M. Irwin School  
would like to thank  
SIGA for their  
generous donation of  
school supplies.

Your donation is  
greatly appreciated!





# Saskatchewan Flag



**The Government of Saskatchewan’s recent amendment of The Education Act, 1995, requires the Saskatchewan flag be flown at all Saskatchewan schools. The provincial flag is an important part our history and culture, and the development of attitudes, understandings and skills that support active and responsible citizenship is foundational to Saskatchewan curricula. The province directed schools “You may fly the Saskatchewan flag under the Canadian flag at schools.”**

# Band Memo from Ms Jersak

**Here are a few reminders regarding transporting band and instruments on the bus:**

**Small instruments (Flute/Piccolo, Clarinet, Oboe) are to be held on your lap or placed in your backpack.**

**Medium Instruments (Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Sax, Trumpet & Trombone) are to be stored under the seat in front of you.**

**Large instruments (Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, French Horn, Guitars, Electric Bass) are to be placed securely in the space in front of the seat as close to the front barrier of the bus as possible.**

**Transportation of equipment to and from school is allowed following the guidelines outlined within, as long as capacity on the bus exists. Priority is given to the transportation of children to and from school and if room is unavailable for large carry-on items, they may not be transported on the bus.**



# TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** this year!

Once again, Irwin was the top fundraiser for K-8 schools in Saskatchewan last year, and we are so excited to celebrate our fantastic fundraising efforts! In 2023 our school community raised **\$9424.83** for cancer research! We are hoping to meet or beat this record-breaking total with this year's campaign. Our fundraising page is already active and ready to accept pledges. Visit <https://schools.terryfox.ca/OMIrwin> to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation today!

Toonies for Terry Hat Day will be Friday, September 20th and Friday, September 27th. Bring a toonie or other cash donation and wear your favourite hat to school for the day! Our September meal day will be a fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation- details are coming soon. Terry Fox Run t-shirts will be available for purchase. Youth sizes are \$20 and adult sizes are \$25. Order forms will be sent out after our campaign kickoff on Sept. 13th. We will be hosting a family movie night on Friday, September 27th, so stay tuned for more details!



#DEAR TERRY  
TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN



# Messages from Michelle M & Michele G:



8 WAYS ROUTINES BENEFIT KIDS	
Cooperation	Less Power Struggles
Expectations Are Established	Consistency
Confidence & Independence	Stronger Family Connections
Time Management Skills	Stability & Security