



CLOVER BAR KNIGHTLY NEWS

JANUARY 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

January 9	Early Dismissal Health Day
January 10-12	EIPS Junior Basketball Tournament
January 17	School Council Meeting @ 7PM
January 23-25	Wizard of Oz @ Salisbury Composite High
January 29	ELA Midterm Exam
January 30	Social Studies Midterm Exam
January 31	Math Midterm Exam
February 1	Second Semester begins

Click the following links to access the school calendars:

[School Calendar](#)

[Basketball](#)

[Cheer Team](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

Tutoring

Peer tutoring is now available during the lunch hour. As students prepare for mid-term exams they are encouraged to utilize this service to help prepare.

ELA and social tutoring is available Mondays and Wednesdays

Math and Science tutoring is available Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sign-up sheets are located in the library. For further information contact Valerie Ackerman at 780-467-2295 or Valerie.Ackerman@eips.ca.

Mid-Term Exams

Midterms are quickly approaching, and expectations about what is to happen before, during and after each exam are not always clear for parents and students. The following are answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that Clover Bar junior high teachers field from year to year.

What are the days and times of the midterms?

Each midterm is scheduled for only Blocks 1, 2 and 3 (8:48am – 11:15 am) on each of the following days:

Tuesday, January 29 - ELA Midterm Exam

Wednesday, January 30 - Social Studies Midterm Exam

Thursday, January 31 - Math Midterm Exam

Students are provided with ample time to complete the mid-term exams. All students are required to bring a book to read in the event that they complete the exam earlier as they are not permitted to leave until the end of the exam block.

Should students be picked up from school after each exam?

Please do not pick students up from school after each midterm. Regularly scheduled classes resume for the remainder of the day, and student learning continues. Teachers may choose to move on to new concepts, review concepts, involve students in classroom discussions or other activities – and if your child is not present, your child will never fully learn the material that was covered! True learning experiences happen when students are present in the moment.

How can I support my child's success?

Learners of all ages need to prepare ahead of time for assessments; cramming the night before is not effective. Please help your child set aside some time each day to review in each of their four core subject areas. Studying with the proper tools (for example – using a calculator, not a cell phone, for Math calculations) helps build student confidence. A good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and arriving on time – these all reduce student stress and anxiety, which in turn allow students to do a better job of showing what they know during assessments.

Why do students complete midterms?

Midterms are a meaningful way for students and teachers to review concepts that were covered in class from September to the present moment, as a lot of learning has taken place since the beginning of the year. This review gives students an additional opportunity to grasp concepts that perhaps were still unclear, and to strengthen their understandings. Midterm assessments then capture student cumulative understandings of concepts, giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their increased insights and raise their overall grades as they head into the second half of the year – what a positive opportunity for them!

The junior high teachers of Clover Bar Junior High School thank you for the support of their students, your children, in this journey of learning.

Banff Band Trip

Just a reminder that Banff Band tour forms and first payment are due Thursday January 10th. Payment can be made to the business office or online. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Semester 2 Options

Written requests for option changes will be accepted in the office January 9-17. Students require written permission from their parents authorizing their child to make class changes. The requests must indicate the option that the student wishes to withdraw from and enroll into.

The options available for Semester 2 are as follows:

Grade 7

Food Studies
Com Tech
Tech/Computers
Construction
Fashion Studies
Sculpture
Lego Robotics
Fitness and Games
Drama
Cartooning
Snacks and Appetizers
From Books to Movies
Yearbook Design

Grade 8

Construction
Com Tech
Fitness and Wellness
Fashion Studies
Food Studies
Improv
Com Food
Art
Cartooning
Lego Robotics
Drama
Sign Art

Grade 9

Food Studies
Com Tech
Tech/Computers
Rec Fit
Construction`
Com Food
Cartooning
Outdoor Ed
Art
HOLO
Creative Writing
Drama

Every effort will be made to accommodate requests, however due to class size limitations some requests may not be possible. A confirmation email will be sent to students with approved course changes.

No changes will be granted once semester 2 begins on February 1.

CLB Council and Parent Group

Join us Thursday, January 17, 2019 for our monthly Parent School Council Meeting at 6:00 PM. Constable Rick Green will present information on supporting our teens with choices about drug use and abuse in our community.

Clover Bar Parking Reconfiguration

The bus parking and student drop off area will be reconfigured in the spring. Stay tuned for further details.

DISTRICT NEWS

EIPS 2019-20 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2019-20 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2019-20 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2019-20 EIPS calendar include:

- September 3 First day of classes (after long weekend)
- November 11-15 November break
- December 23 to January 3 Christmas break
- January 31 Second semester begins
- February 6-7 Teachers' Convention
- March 30 to April 3 Spring break
- June 26 Last day of classes
- June 29 Schools close for the Summer break

To view the 2019-20 calendar, visit www.eips.ca. Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2020-21 calendar.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit www.eips.ca/calendar and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

Returning Student Registration for 2019-20

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Families of all returning students will need to complete this process to confirm the school their children will attend for the 2019-20 school year, and to request to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. Returning student registration will take place at the same time as all registrations for the 2019-20 school year: **Feb. 1-28, 2019**.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you will need to set one up **before Feb. 1, 2019**.

To create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account:

1. Go to <https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/>.
2. Click the button labelled, "Create Account."
3. Enter the parent or guardian information. Each account must have a unique email address and username—only one parent account is required regardless of the number of children you have attending EIPS schools.
4. Create a username and password of your choice—you'll need both the username and password to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal.
5. You must have an Access ID and Access Password for each student that is added to your account. **Contact your child's school to obtain this information.**
6. Press "Enter."

Stay connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter and Facebook

With 42 schools and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photograph that showcases the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag *#EIPS*.

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

NOTE: The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended when...Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151

Elk Island Public Schools High School Information Evening

All grade 8 & 9 students, along with their parents, are invited to attend an EIPS high school information evening on Monday January 28 @ 7:00 pm at the Sherwood Park Alliance Church (1011 Clover Bar Rd, Sherwood Park). This will be an opportunity to gain insight to senior high instruction, programming, diploma requirements, course offerings, and much more. We hope to see you then!

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Happy New Year to our Clover Bar Families! Staff and students are diligently concluding term 1 with review. Continue to contact teaching staff so we are better able to support our students in their learning. We are a team and look forward to working with our families for student success!