



## Principal's Report to School Council

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### **Information Night:**

We hosted our Information Night on January 15th for prospective parents. We had around 120 people attend with interest in a variety of grades. There was a general presentation about giftedness and our school. This was followed by breakout sessions for each division. Current parents of grade 6 students also attended the Junior High portion as presented by Junior High Staff.

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### **Admissions:**

Admissions have been open since mid December and we continue to have applications submitted each day. We have put an advertisement in the Sherwood Park News that will run until just before applications close. Intake day is March 7.

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### **Stakeholder Forum:**

We hosted our Annual Stakeholder Forum on February 3. This year the topic focused on High School Planning. Despite the cold weather we had close to 40 participants including staff, students, parents, alumni and board members. The information gathered will be used in planning for the board High School Ad Hoc committee. There will be further opportunity to provide feedback including in the annual board survey.

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### **School Clubs**

Basketball season continues into March when we will pivot to handball and then badminton

Our School Reach teams will head to the regional tournament this weekend in Edmonton. We have one team competing at the junior level and one competing at the intermediate level.

To provide more leadership opportunities, we have a number of new clubs created and led by students. Students wishing to start a lunchtime club can come see me for a proposal form and then, once completed we meet to discuss. These clubs range in topics from comics, Rubiks cubes, debate, Harry Potter, art, and Warriors. Some of these clubs have begun and some will begin once some of our other clubs conclude.