#### **PRIORITIES**

### **Black History Month**

February is Black History Month. Activities, learning and classroom based lessons were planned throughout the month to honour and celebrate our the rich and diverse black history in Canada. A student committee led the kick off assembly on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We havd a spirit week planned last week and students shared stories and music on the morning announcements. We will have a film day at the end of the month. Please see the February calendar below for the dates of these events.

## Festival du voyageur

Festival will be celebrated at EGM from February 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. We will have daily music, a concert, a Bannock brunch and a friendly "compétition des meilleurs" with all students.

#### **Trauma Assumed Practice**

On February 2nd, staff engaged in learning around trauma and how to create trauma assumed classroom environments. This aligns with our school goal to reduce student reported feelings of anxiety and depression. It also aligns with our work towards fostering inclusive classrooms and teaching practices.

### **Engagement in French**

On February 2nd, staff also worked on aspects of engaging student in speaking French. Staff broke out into working groups to explore a variety of strategies to support students as they learn to express themselves in French. One working group worked specifically on assessment and identified assessment criteria to support reporting student engagement in French on the report cards.

# **Grade 8 Transition to CJS**

We are already starting to plan for the grade 8 transition to high school. The grade 8 students will be transported by divisional bus on February 26th for a presentation and school tour. This visit will take place from 9:00-10:30am. Students will receive their registration package on this day.

CJS will be hosting their Open House on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 pm. All prospective grade 9 students and their families are invited to attend.

Registration packages are to be returned to EGM no later than Thursday March 14th.

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR**

Grade 7 and basketball season has begun, with games having started the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The grade 6, ,7 and 8 girls ringette tournament will be held April 22-28.

The next grade 7 and 8 sports are badminton and then track and field.

#### **MUSIC PROGRAM**

The school choir sang the national anthem at the Moose game on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

The Festival of families was cancelled and has been replaced with a spring festival. More details to follow.

## **GRADE LEVEL/SCHOOL OUTINGS**

- Grade 8 visit to CJS on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 6 students will be visiting the Manitoba Museum to support their social studies curriculum. The costs for this outing are covered by the school.
- The entire school will be going to see the CJS musical Mama Mia! on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Students have received their permission forms. We are asking parents for 10\$ to offset the ticket and transportation costs
- The grade 7 students went to Assessippi Ski Resort February 6-7<sup>th</sup>. The trip was a success.
- The grade 8 students will be going to Camp Stephens (Lake of the Woods) June 19-21
- The grade 6 students will be going to Camp Manitou for the day on June 10<sup>th</sup>.