

Sunrise seeks public feedback for budget

The Sunrise School Division will be getting a jump on the 2024-25 budget process by hosting a public input session prior to the Christmas break.

The school division is asking all interested parties to attend their board of trustees meeting on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Education Centre's multipurpose room located at 344 Second Street North in Beausejour.

Participants will be able to provide feedback regarding the public's priorities and where taxpayers would like the division to spend money as it relates to student education and budget initiatives.

The meeting typically includes a budget presentation and provides opportunity for questions from the public. Stakeholder input will help guide the board's decisions and actions.

Those wishing to make a presentation are advised to email jody.thiessen@sunrisesd.ca by noon on Dec. 1. Those unable to attend the meeting but would like to provide input, please send an email to budget@sunrisesd.ca.

Sunrise will hold a draft budget meeting on the 2024-25 budget next February with the passed budget forwarded to the province for approval by the end of March.

Last March, Sunrise approved the operating expenditures for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$74.4 million; an increase of \$2 million (3.2 per cent).

The area of increases and their portion related to the increase to the budget was insurance (seven per cent), transportation fuel costs (10 per cent), interest costs (19 per cent), salary and benefits (46 per cent).

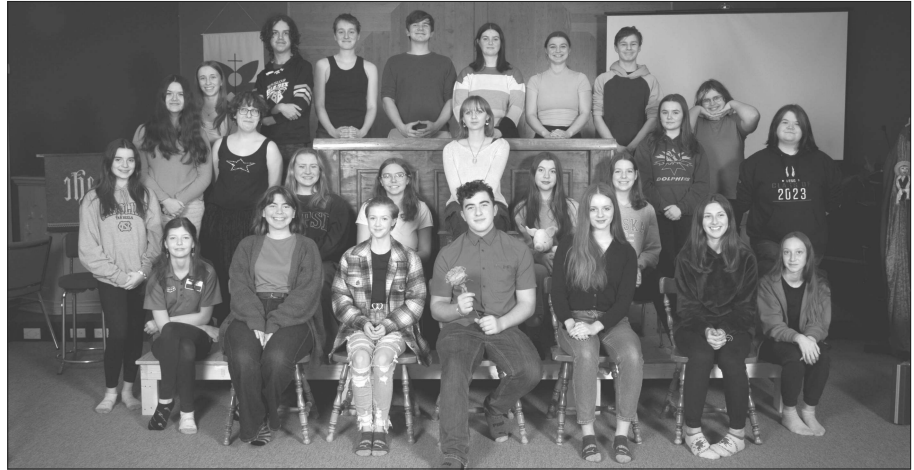


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A cast of 25 will impress in Haystack Productions' Youth Company rendition of *The Trial of the Wicked Witch*.

The Trial of the Wicked Witch

Haystack Production's Youth Company are proud to present their latest production, *The Trial of the Wicked Witch*, at St. Paul's United Church in Beausejour from Dec. 4-9.

The Trial of the Wicked

Witch, book by Craig Sordaro, is a delightful comedy spoof. The Wicked Witch has finally been caught and hauled into the Court of Once Upon a Time to stand trial. She's accused of casting a spell on Sleeping

Beauty, attempting to poison Snow White, kidnapping Rapunzel, and trying to eat Hansel. Red Riding Hood heads up the prosecution with the Evil Stepmother of Cinderella fame serving as the defense attorney.

The Three Little Pigs act as bailiffs, while Jack the Giant Killer is the guard. The judge? None other than the Fairy Godmother.

Trial of the Wicked Witch is a fresh, sassy take on the old folk tales, turning them on their heads. The best part is that the audience is the jury and gets to decide the outcome of the trial in what will be an outstanding evening of community theatre. A cast of 25 very talented actors will wow you with their storytelling and antics on stage.

Trial of the Wicked Witch starts Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Taking Tuesday off, the cast returns to the stage from Wednesday, Dec. 6 to Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. There will also be a Saturday matinee Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and available at Beausejour Co-op Gas Bar and Pennyweight Market. For more information call Lori at 204-268-5767.

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Public Consultation on Budget Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Each year, the Sunrise School Division holds a Public Consultation on Budget. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public about current budget discussions and to invite comment on education and budget initiatives. The meeting typically includes a budget presentation and provides opportunity for questions from public stakeholders.

The Sunrise School Division values your input and relies on community feedback in planning for the programs and services offered. Stakeholder input will help guide the Board's decisions and actions.

This year's Budget Consultation meeting will be held in person at the Sunrise Education Centre (344 - 2nd Street North, Beausejour, MB). Should you wish to present, please email jody.thiessen@sunrisesd.ca by noon on Friday, December 1st, 2023.

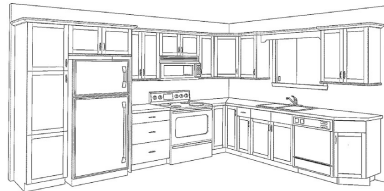
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