

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL

January 2025 Update

No School for Students on, Friday January 31, For Report Card / Semester Turn Around Day

Upcoming Events: Tuesday, January 28 SCC Family

ary 28 SCC Family Games Night—6 to 8 pm in the Fairview Gymnasium

Thursday, January 30 Report Cards go home

Friday, January 31 No School for Students. Semester Turn Around Day

Report Cards available on the MSS Portal

Friday, February 14 Grade 6-7-8 Winter Activity Day

February 17—21—Winter Break

First Term Report Cards

Students will receive a printed copy of their Report Cards on

Thursday, January 30th

Report Cards will also be available on MSS Family Portal on January 31st

On Friday, January 31st, we will be publishing the first term report cards. Please log in to your MSS account **as soon as possible**, to ensure you have access to your MSS account. If your login does not work, use the "Forgot Password" button rather than trying incorrectly and getting locked out of your account. If your password needs to be reset, please connect with Mrs. McKenna for support.

We will be publishing report cards for all Kindergarten - Grade 12 students on **Friday, January 31.** We are requesting that you try logging in to your account **PRIOR to January 31st** to allow us time to fix up any login errors prior to report cards being published.

*Note that you will not yet see a published report card for your child in MSS until it is published on January 31.

Please login at https://myschoolsask.ca/aspen/logon.do

Once there, you will use the Login ID and password that was provided to you.

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If this is the **FIRST TIME** you are logging in to the MSS Family Portal, you <u>must</u> use a <u>desktop or a laptop</u> <u>computer!</u>

Your cell phone will not work.

Need help logging in?

Check out this video!

If you do not remember your Login ID, you can try the **Trouble logging in?** button for support, or connect with the Office Manager for support.

If you do not remember your password, **PLEASE** use the "I forgot my password" option in the **Trouble logging** in? link to ensure that you do not get locked out of your account for trying incorrectly too many times.



From Mr. Boss' Desk:

Our goal these first couple of weeks back from the Christmas break has been to settle into our academics and review our routines and expectations. We work very hard to ensure that the best academic programming is in place for every child at Fairview and that students continue to make gains, both academically and socially. We do our very best to make Fairview School an inviting and engaging place for students to come each day. The virtue we are promoting for the month of January is **Perseverance**.

Report Card season is almost upon us. Parents will be receiving an email near the end of the month, once the reports are finalized and accessible. For parents with students in grades 6, 7 and 8, you should be able to access your child's marks, using your username and password for the portal. In addition, we will be printing and sending home report cards for all students at the end of the month. Thank you for your continued support!

<u>Dress for the Weather!</u> Parents—please discuss with your child the importance of wearing suitable winter wear now that winter temperatures have arrived, and it is expected to be very cold over the next few weeks. Students should wear suitable winter jackets, (snow pants for younger grades) boots, hand and ear protection while coming to and from school and for going out at lunch and recess.

Morning Emergency Bussing Back-Up Plan

It is important to develop a backup plan, in the event your child's bus does not pick them up or is late, especially in the event of stormy or cold weather. If parents are not at home, does your child have access to their home and would they know who to call? Is there a neighbor at home to help them out if need be? Please take some time to put a plan in place and share it with your child/children.

Chinook City Schools Severe Weather Policy

In the event of extreme cold temperatures, or adverse road conditions, it may be necessary to cancel bussing. The **Swift Current City School busses** will not run when the morning when the *temperature is –40 degrees Celsius, or when the wind chill is –45 degrees below, based on Environment Canada*).

Bus cancellations will be communicated to parents, by the school division, using the **School Messenger** system. We also encourage you to keep an eye on the weather conditions for the potential of bus cancellations during the day, where you might have to pick up your child after school.

In the event of division wide bus cancellations, Chinook will announce this information using the local radio stations also,. Please note <u>only</u> the busses will be cancelled, **city schools will remain open**, including the Comp High School. Parents always have the right to keep their children home during severe weather conditions, if they feel their child's safety may be in jeopardy.

Grade 6-7-8 Winter Activity Day Friday, February 14th.

Grade 6-7-8 Winter Activity Day, will take place on Friday, Feb. 14th. Options are a Ski Day at Hidden Valley or Curling at the Iplex & Amazing Race activity in the afternoon at the school.

Students were given a letter with both permission forms on Jan. 15th. Parents, please complete and sign the form for the activity your child will participate in, and return it with the payment to the school by <u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 30th</u>.

Optionally, parents can pay online with a credit card or a debit Visa/Mastercard using this School Bucks QR code.

If parents have any questions regarding either activity, please contact Mrs. McKenna.



The Sports Scene

Basketball season has begun!. This year's coaches are: Senior Knights Girls - Mr. Bell Senior Knights Boys - Mr. Boss & Mrs. Deobald Intermediate Boys - Ms. Caswell & Mrs. Collier Intermediate Girls - Mrs. McKenna

Weekly game schedules are posted on our web-page in Announcements. Senior boys & girls Basketball Tournament are on Jan. 24 & 25th. **Senior playoffs** will be held during the last week of February. There are no playoffs for the intermediate leagues. Good luck Fairview teams!

New Provincial Assessment Program for Saskatchewan Students:

Parents & Caregivers - please take a minute to read, on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter, the announcement from the Ministry of Education regarding the new provincial assessment program for students. It is an important part of the Saskatchewan 202-30 Provincial Education Plan, detailing the areas, the grades and the reason for the assessments.

PERSEVERANCE

Family Newsletter



Perseverance Overview

This month is all about
Perseverance. One way to think
about Perseverance is "pushing
yourself through challenges and
obstacles." We all experience
challenges in our lives. We all have
moments when we feel like we can't
do it or that we want to give up on a
big task. It is important to develop
tools that help us work through those
challenges in order to grow in those
moments instead of giving up. How
might you practice Perseverance as
a family
this month?

Perseverance is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Strong**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what it means to have Perseverance?
- When working towards goals, how does Perseverance help us to reach them?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Perseverance. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1

Consistency is hard. Have each person in the family commit to 1 thing they will do each day this week. Maybe it is flossing, drinking a certain amount of water, getting to bed at a certain time, limiting screen time, or exercising. Create a place where each person can tally their progress and see who can keep their streak going the longest!



#2

Review Perseverance as a family! Remember that Perseverance is pushing yourself to work through challenges and obstacles.

Here's a fun challenge: Can you fit your whole body through an index card? While it sounds impossible, with the correct folding and cutting technique, you can make it happen! Give each family member a 4x6 index card and a pair of scissors. Ready for the answer? You can find the directions and solution online by searching: "Fit Your Body Through an Index Card."

GRADE 9 REGISTRATION MEETINGS

BE PART OF THE TRANSITION PROCESS

Addressing Grade 9 programming and course selection for the 2025/2026 school year followed by school tours.

The Events Will Be Held On:

MONDAY



February 3

École Centennial (both FI & Eng) & Central Schools

TUESDAY



February 4

All Saints Catholic and all Rural schools (Stewart Valley, Success, Waldeck & Wymark)



WEDNESDAY



February 5

Mrs. Melanie Arntsen

EVENT START TIME

6:30 pm - CAFETERIA

O.M. Irwin and Fairview Schools



Grade 9 Vice Principal

Parents who can not make the assigned day are welcome to attend on another evening.



New provincial assessment program for Saskatchewan students

Parents and Caregivers:

The Ministry of Education is working with education partners on a new provincial assessment program for Saskatchewan students. This program is part of Saskatchewan's 2020-2030 Provincial Education Plan, developed in collaboration with education partners.

Students, parents, teachers and the public have told us they want Saskatchewan students to:

- be prepared for success with the skills and knowledge they need for the future;
- be supported in their learning; and,
- have an education that is globally recognized and valued.

Saskatchewan Student Assessment will help us work together toward these goals.

Saskatchewan Student Assessment

What is it?

Saskatchewan Student Assessment is a provincial assessment program that will assess student learning in core subject areas.

Which subject areas will be assessed?

- Grades 5 and 9 mathematics
- Grades 4, 7 and 10 English language arts

Will my child have to do any extra preparation for the test?

The assessments will be developed with Saskatchewan teachers and based on the Saskatchewan curriculum students are already learning in class. Sample assessments will be available online for students and families to become familiar with the assessment platform and format.

A Leger poll from 2022 found that 92 per cent of parents in Saskatchewan and Manitoba support fair and objective student assessment.

Will this affect students' grades?

Teachers may choose to use the assessments as part of students' grades as they are aligned with Saskatchewan curriculum.

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Why is this being implemented?

Consistent, fair and objective measures of student achievement benefit everyone in the education system.

The data will be used to identify strengths and areas of opportunity for students, teachers, schools and the province as a whole.

Who will write the Saskatchewan Student Assessment?

All students following the regular curriculum in publicly funded schools in Grades 5 and 9 will participate in a mathematics assessment and students in Grades 4, 7 and 10 will participate in an English language arts assessment.

Students will receive the same accommodations and support on the assessment as they are accustomed to in the classroom.

When will this be implemented?

Assessments will be implemented in stages, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

Will I receive the results from this assessment?

Results from the assessments will be made available to the student, parent/caregiver, classroom teacher, the school and the school division.

Do other provinces have assessment programs?

Every province in Canada currently has a student assessment program.

Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada that does not have a provincial approach to measuring student achievement.

Sask Student Assessment will:

- Be based on curriculum
- Help with understanding of grade-level expectations
- Be developed and validated by teachers

Sask Student Assessment will NOT:

- Require additional teaching and learning
- · Replace classroom assessment

Where can I get more information?

Please visit our website: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/assessment.

What is next?

As the program develops, we look forward to sharing more information with you about this exciting program that will benefit your child's learning experience.

More information will be shared as we get closer to spring 2026 when students will write the first assessments.