

SHAUNAVON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 4, 2024

OCTOBER CALENDAR

For your information and convenience, there is a calendar on our SHS website and at this [LINK](#).

EARLY DISMISSALS

There will be an early dismissal at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16. The early dismissal allows for teachers to participate in professional development to support student learning and assessment. [SHS Early Dismissal Days 2024-2025](#).

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

There will be two school holidays in the month of October.

There will be no school on Monday, October 14, for Thanksgiving and Monday, October 28, for Teacher Convention.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School pictures were taken at Shaunavon High School on Monday, September 16. Retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00pm.

MY SCHOOL SASK PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL

Parents have the opportunity to access their child's academic performance and attendance record 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This access is provided through the MySchoolSask Portal. If your child is new to Shaunavon High School, both the students and parents have been sent a username and password by email.

SHS INTERIM ASSESSMENT REPORTS & REPORT CARDS

Students and parents are encouraged to access Interim Assessment Reports through the MySchoolSask Portal after 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4. These interim assessments reports are intended to give students and parents feedback on how students are doing in classes.

Grade 10, 11, & 12 report card notifications will be emailed to parents and grade 8 & 9 progress reports will be accessible through the MySchoolSask Portal on Thursday, November 7.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Each student will have a scheduled parent-teacher conference. Parents will choose the method of conference from three options: in-person, phone call or Google Meet.

Please see [Shaunavon High School Parent Teacher Conferences](#) on page 5 for more information.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT LINK FOR PARENTS

Please use the direct link below to access Chinook School School Division's Career Development information. This link also takes you to different scholarships and bursaries offered throughout the year. If you are in Grade 11 or 12, please be sure to check them out.

[Career Development](#)

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are e-mailed to students' families on the first Friday of every month. The monthly newsletter is also posted on the school website at: <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/shvnhs>

LUNCHTIME AT SHS

-LaShoppe is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:06-12:20.

-Students are required to eat in designated areas.



GRAD 2025

Shaunavon High School's Graduation 2025 is on Friday, June 27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the Calendar on our website for all the upcoming events. Or click on the link below.

[Shaunavon High School Calendar](#)

SHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Shaunavon High School Community Council meets on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

ESSENTIAL MEDICATIONS & HEALTH-RELATED PROCEDURES

If essential medications and/or health-related procedures are required at school, parents are required to request the service and/or procedures in writing. Please send this written request and information with your child to be delivered directly to the school office.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR SALE

Mr. Olesen's Construction 20/30 class will be taking orders on projects for the upcoming semester. If you are looking for Garden Sheds, Doghouses, Ice shacks, Benches etc. please contact the Shaunavon High School and place your order.



YEARBOOKS

Those who wish to buy 2021-22 or earlier editions of the yearbook, please contact Mr. Fahlman or the office. Later and current editions are still in publication at this time.

Due to waning student interest, future yearbooks will be taking a more simplistic structure. Students eager to contribute to editing and photography are encouraged to join our Yearbook Team by contacting Mr. Fahlman!

If you have season pictures for SHS sports or club events, please share

them by using the feature below! Thanks to those who have used this feature last year!

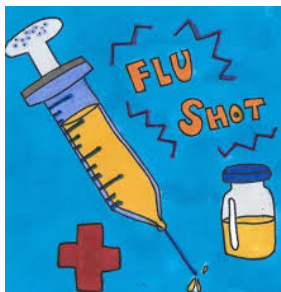


Share your photos!

IT'S INFLUENZA SEASON—GET VACCINATED!

Influenza is a contagious viral disease of the respiratory system. Influenza is spread by coughing, sneezing or direct contact with the viruses in nasal and throat secretions. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever and chills, cough, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, and a runny or stuffy nose.

In most cases, influenza is a self-limiting illness that may result in being home sick for a few days. Influenza can result in hospitalization and death, especially in very young children, the elderly, and those with serious underlying health conditions.



Immunization prevents influenza illness in about 70% of healthy children and adults.

In the Cypress Health Region, influenza immunization clinics will be taking place in October and November. Please visit [Sask Health Authority](#) for a complete listing of all flu clinics being held throughout the region.

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER

SHS students participated in a Terry Fox fundraiser on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Shaunavon High School raised \$115.30. If anyone would like to make a donation above and beyond please click on the link below.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ShاونавонHigh>

LIBRARY NEWS

READ A LATTE - Keep reading and get your logs stamped each month.

POETRY and SHORT STORY CONTEST - Canadian Legion drawing and writing contest due October 25. Your entries will be displayed at the museum. Pick up your entry form from the library. Book Spine poetry contest. You could win a Chapters gift Card. Due October 13.

Polar Expressions poetry and short story writing contest - Short stories due November 23 Poetry entries due November 30.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Video cameras are used at Shaunavon High School to promote safety, protect property, detect and deter criminal activity, maintain order and discipline, and ensure adherence to school rules.

Their use is authorized by the Education Act, Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and the Chinook School Division #211.

FAIR NOTICE

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Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment FAIR NOTICE

Chinook School Division is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.

What is a threat?

- an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours to the school principal.

What is the purpose of a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

- to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- to understand the factors that contribute to the person of concern's behaviour
- to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern
- to promote the emotional and physical safety of all

What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- indicators of suicidal ideation as it relates to fidelity (both homicidal and suicidal)
- verbal/written threats to kill others (clear, direct, and plausible)
- the use of technology to communicate threats to harm/kill others or cause property damage (e.g., computer, cell phone)
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- fire setting
- sexual intimidation or assault
- gang related intimidation and violence
- hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to race, culture, religion, and/or sexual orientation

What Parents and Students Need to Know

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigation may involve the student services counsellor, the police of jurisdiction, or other community agencies
- investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- interviews will be held with the person of concern and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action
- an intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

The information in this brochure reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the North American Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.

The complete Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol may be found on Chinook School Division's website at www.chinooksd.ca.



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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

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These actions have been undertaken to help fulfill our Board expectation to provide a safe, respectful learning environment within our schools. Chinook is dedicated to ensuring that students, staff, school visitors, and community members feel safe. Collaboration with families and community protocol partners is viewed as critical to attain our goal.

For more information on the Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol, please visit our website at chinooksd.ca. Information and a brochure that outlines the steps for the Protocol can be found under "Safe and Caring Schools." If you have any questions about the process, please contact your school principal.

We look forward to working with you and our community protocol partners to provide safe and caring schools.

Sincerely,

Mark Benesh
Director of Education
Chinook School Division

A great place to go to school and go to work!



**HAVE A SAFE, POSITIVE,
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

Early Dismissal Days

To help families plan ahead and make arrangements, students will be dismissed **ONE HOUR EARLY** on the following **five Wednesdays**:



SHAUNAVON HIGH SCHOOL



OUR REGULAR
DISMISSAL TIME IS
3:15 SO OUR
EARLY DISMISSAL
TIME IS **2:15**

October 16, 2024

November 27, 2024

February 12, 2025

April 30, 2025

June 4, 2025



Each early dismissal allows teachers to participate in **2** hours of professional development to support student learning and assessment.



Buses will also depart the school one hour earlier than the regular time.

SHS PTC

Shaunavon High School Parent Teacher Conferences

To help promote engagement with families, the Chinook School Division will be providing more options for Parent Teacher Conferences starting in November 2022. The new format will allow parents to have a choice of face to face meetings, phone conversations, or other additional options (arranged with the classroom teacher) that meet the needs of families.

The focus of these conferences is to provide families with the opportunity to have “Learning Conversations” with their child’s teacher and ask specific questions about their child’s learning and social development.

What are Parent Teacher Conferences?

Parent Teacher Conferences are short conversations between you and your child’s teacher to learn about their progress and to find out how your child is getting along in school. Specific times are set aside for these conferences, but you are always welcome to arrange a meeting at any time during the school year. Students are encouraged but not required to attend.

Why are Parent Teacher Conferences important?

By participating in the conference, you show your child that you value and are interested in their learning and school experience. The conferences also provide families with the opportunity to ask questions and learn additional ways that they can support their child’s learning and development at home and at school.

How can families prepare for Parent Teacher Conferences?

Spend some time in advance thinking about what you want to know about your child’s learning and performance at school. Write questions down to get the most out of the conference.

· For families with children in grades 6-12 access your child’s online mark book to find marks and information

Speak with your child before the conference. Find out what they enjoy about school and if they have any worries or concerns that can be discussed at the conference.

Consider any special things you would like the teacher to know about your child. Hobbies, interests etc. This may be helpful for the teacher to spark your child’s interest.

“Parent engagement is one of the strongest predictors of children's success in both school and life.” Global Family Research Project

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