

SHAUNAVON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 10, 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



JANUARY EXAMS

An exam schedule is available at this link. [January 2025 Examination Schedule](#). Students will begin writing exams on Monday, January 27. Exam Selection for Grades 10-12 will be posted on Friday, January 24. Grades 8 and 9 will attend classes as usual on Monday, January 27, through to Thursday, January 30.

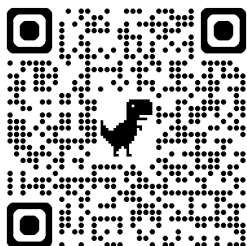
SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLES

Students wanting changes to their timetable for Semester 2 please see Mrs. Allemand or Mrs. Stevenson as soon as possible so that timetables will be ready to be given out prior to exams.

SCHOLARSHIP LINK

[Student Scholarship Link](#)

Or Scan the QR Code below:



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, January 31st - No School.
Report Cards posted

Monday, February 3rd - Semester 2 begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Calendar Link
[SHS Student Calendar](#)

YEARBOOK

The 2021-22 or earlier editions of the yearbook are available for purchase. Please contact Mr. Fahlman or the office.

Later and current editions are still in publication by this years' eager yearbook team. Thank you to the students for their interest in joining yearbook!

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!



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Students and parents are invited to check out the school website at: <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/shvnhs>. The Daily Announcements, the Student Calendar link, the Monthly Newsletters, the Student Handbook, and Chinook School Division Announcements are some of the things that can be found on the web site.

STORM POLICY

Buses will not run when the temperature is -40°C . They will not run when the wind chill is -45°C . It is important to note that if buses do not run, the school remains open. All extracurricular activities will be canceled if the temperature reaches -40°C or -45°C with the wind chill. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school.



HOMEWORK

It is the responsibility of a student to be diligent in their studies. Homework is an essential part of a student's routine as it gives the student continued review of the subject matter taught, a chance to apply the content learned, and the chance to complete work that was not finished in class. It is reasonable to expect a student to have homework on a daily basis.

Students negligent in doing work on a regular basis will be counseled as to possible consequences which may include homework time, detentions, or removal from school activities.

Parents can help promote effective homework completion by providing a specific place, a regular daily scheduled time and by being available for questions.

When family trips occur on student contact days, students are asked to give their teachers fair notice of at least five student contact days to prepare homework. A homework package may not be available for all classes in advance of the trip. It is most likely the student will be responsible for completing assignments and assessments upon return.

NATIONAL ARCHERY IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

NASP will resume practices on January 8 at 7:00 p.m..

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

The SR Boys Basketball team will be selling Purdy's chocolate bars to raise money for new uniforms. Please see Mr. Audette or any of the players if you would like to purchase some chocolate bars or for more information.

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.

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

The school day schedule is as follows:

Warning Bell	- 8:46 a.m.
"O Canada"	- 8:51 a.m.
Period 1	- 8:50 - 9:52
Transition	- 9:52 - 9:57
Period 2	- 9:57-10:59
Transition	- 10:59 - 11:04
Period 3	- 11:04 -12:06
Lunch (Period 4)	- 12:06 -1:06
Warning Bell	- 1:02 p.m.
Period 5	- 1:06 - 2:08
Transition	- 2:08 - 2:13
Period 7	- 2:13 - 3:15

The morning warning bell rings at 8:46 a.m. with class beginning at 8:50 a.m. The afternoon warning bell rings at 1:02 p.m. with class beginning at 1:06 p.m. Students are expected to be in the building before the warning bells ring and then, in their classrooms before the period 1 and 5 bells ring. Many of our Shaunavon High School students need to do a better job at arriving on time.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The Shaunavon High School Community Council and Staff would like to share some important attendance facts with all of Shaunavon High School's families.

FACTS:

- Missing 2 or more days a month is called "Chronic absenteeism"
- 20 absences a year from Kindergarten to Grade 9 adds up to missing a whole year of school by grade 10

Please see [pages 3 and 4](#) for important attendance information (2016).



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED



WE ARE HIRING!
PERMANENT BUS DRIVERS

★ Embrace the journey of a lifetime as a bus driver with Chinook!

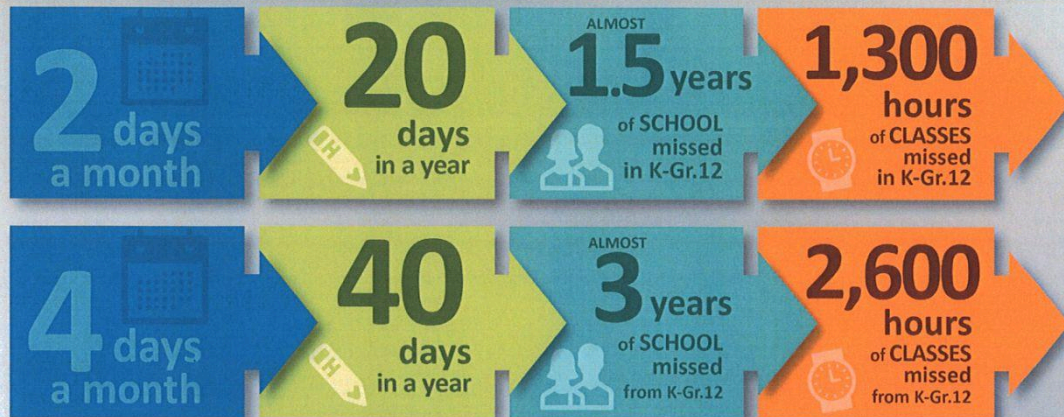
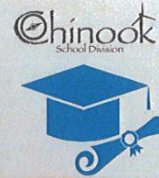
BONUS:

- 4 hours per day (split shift)
- Pension benefits
- Health/Dental benefits
- Paid leaves
- Training provided

APPLY ONLINE:
chinooksd.ca/employment
MORE INFO: email stacher26@chinooksd.ca

Student absences

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



School is better... when we're there together!

Missing 20 days or more of school each year is called chronic absenteeism. 24% of Chinook Gr. 10-12 students are chronically absent.

Chronic absenteeism year after year creates large gaps in student learning. This leads to:

- a loss of confidence in school work
- being overwhelmed, resulting in anxiety and a disconnect from school
- less involvement in extra-curricular activities
- a loss of connections with friends and social groups
- most importantly... failed classes

Failed classes can lead to not having enough credits to graduate.

In Canada, 40,000 high school students drop out each year ...

[In Saskatchewan](#), that's 1 out of 4 students who don't graduate.

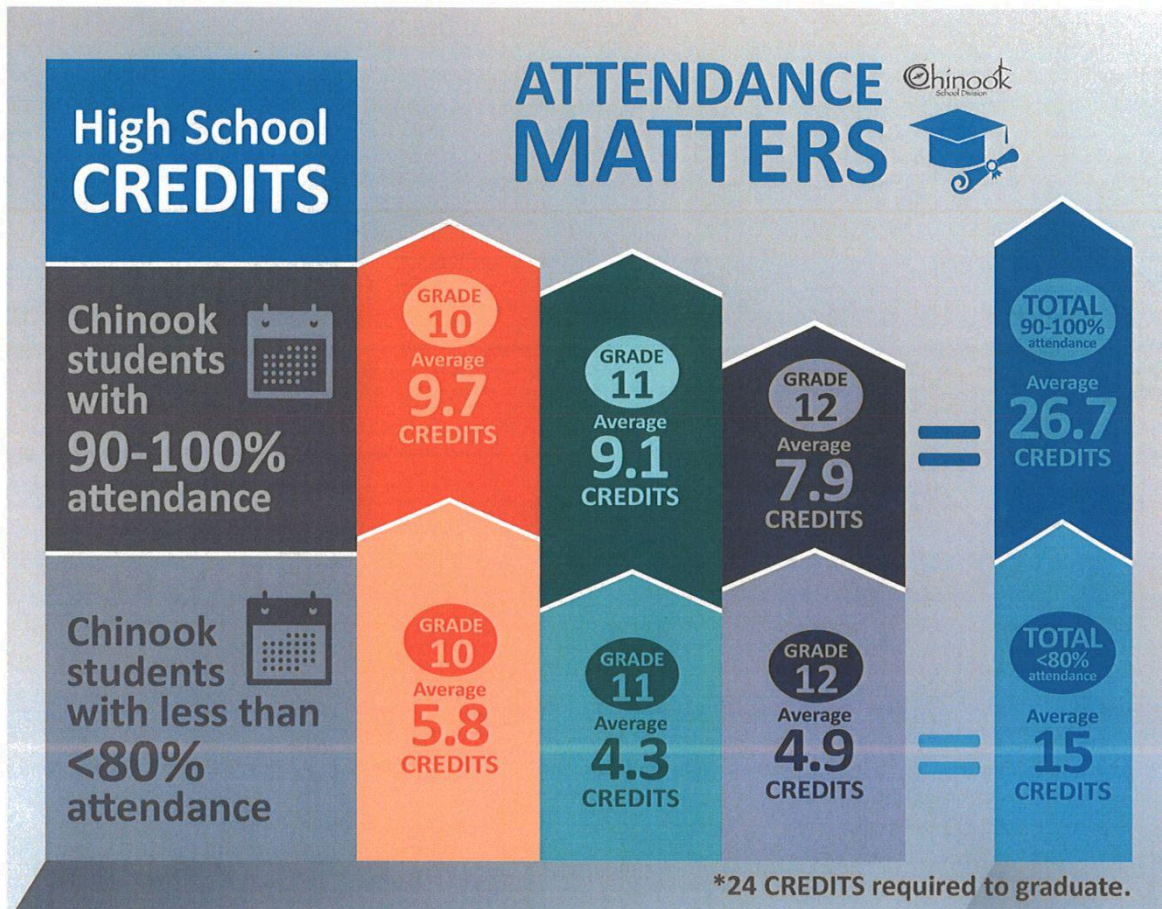
[In Chinook](#), that's 1 out of 8 students who don't graduate.

Every day counts...

Students who drop out of high school:

- Earn 15-20% less than high school graduates, and that gap grows each year.
- Are 2 1/2 times more likely to be unemployed.

But it doesn't have to be this way... research shows improved attendance leads to improved academic success.



What can you as a parent do?

- Talk to your teen about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation. Research has shown that some students have a difficult time transitioning to a new and very different high school setting.
- If your teen doesn't want to go to school or complains of a stomachache or headache, that can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay at home.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Make sure your teen is aware of the school's incentives and policies around attendance.
- Contact your school regularly to stay in touch about their academic progress, and their feelings toward school and their friends. Peer pressure can greatly influence your teen's decisions.
- Encourage their involvement in extra-curricular programs and activities.
- Try to schedule your teen's appointments outside of school hours.
- Avoid extended family trips when school is in session.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your teen be successful in school and at work.