

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

At SPS we practice many drills including fire drills, tornado drills, hold and secure drills, etc. All students are given instructions and are prepared by their teachers ahead of time.



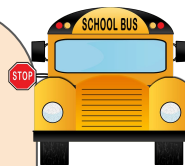
Students in grades 4-7 will be provided with a locker and a school lock. Students are required to use the locks provided and are reminded to please keep their lockers locked. Locks must be returned at the end of the school year.



Please ensure you complete and sign all forms and submit student fees by **September 29th**. Copies of all forms are sent home with students on September 5th. Please review the Student Information Verification Form and note any changes right on the form. If there are no changes, please sign and return the form to your child's homeroom teacher.

Please take a moment to review the Transportation Handbook that is linked below. This information applies to all students who ride the bus either daily or as part of any school function.
(sports, field trips, etc.)

[Transportation Handbook](#)



SPS would like to send a warm welcome out to all the new students and families who have joined SPS this year. We look forward to getting to know you all.

What's happening at SPS?

- **Kindergarten Day Switch Sept. 12th & 13th**
- **Picture Day Sept. 12th**
- Tentative SCC Meeting Sept. 18th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Terry Fox Run Sept. 22nd
- Muffin Morning Sept. 27th
- Orange Shirt Day Sept. 29th
- All forms and fees due Sept. 29th
- No school: Monday, Oct. 2nd

Meet our Staff

Mr. Ross	Principal
Ms. Leslie	Vice-Principal
Mr. Wheeler	Student Services Teacher
Jade McGuire	Student Counsellor
Mrs. Davis	Prekindergarten
Miss Casat	Kindergarten
Mrs. Phair	Grade 1
Mr. Michelson	Grade 2
Mrs. Lundsten	Grade 3
Miss Hastings	Grade 4
Mrs. Beauchamp	Grade 5
Mrs. Mokolki	Grade 6
Mrs. Stevenson	Grade 7
Mrs. Venter	EA
Mrs. Envik	EA
Mrs. Groenewald	EA
Miss Maddess	EA
Mrs. Conradie	EA
Mrs. Hardin	EA
Mrs. Poppy	EA
Mrs. D. Tetrault	EA
Mrs. Oberle	EA
Mrs. Perron	EA
Mrs. Sheldon	EA
Mr. Wallis	Facility Operator
Mr. Sonen	Custodian
Mrs. G. Tetrault	Librarian
Mrs. Cote	Office Manager

Kindergarten Day Switch!
 September 12th and 13th
 Please see the September calendar for Kindergarten Days.
 This switch was made to accommodate school picture day on September 12th.



If your child has any medical conditions, please inform the office as soon as possible.

School Picture Day is Tuesday, September 12th!

Please take a moment to read the student planner for information about school rules, bell times, etc. The planner can be found at the front of your child's agenda book. For our grade 6 & 7 students, copies of the student planner will be sent home on the first day of school.



SPS will host a Muffin Morning on Wednesday, September 27th from 8:30-9:00 a.m. All students and families are welcome to attend.

During the week of September 18th - 22nd we will be collecting Toonies for Terry to be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Students will participate in the school-wide Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 22nd.

Town students are expected to go home for lunch each day if at all possible.



Since 2013, September 30 has been known as Orange Shirt Day, a day to recognize the tragic history and long-standing effects of residential schools. SPS will be honouring Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th.

8 WAYS ROUTINES BENEFIT KIDS

Cooperation	Less Power Struggles
Expectations Are Established	Consistency
Confidence & Independence	Stronger Family Connections
Time Management Skills	Stability & Security



Feeling Happy - Feeling Safe - Learning Together - We Celebrate!

At SPS, our families all have access to **My School Sask. (MSS)** which is the program you will receive your child's report card in. Report Cards go home twice each school year and will be published to the MSS Parent Portal for you to view and print if you wish.

If you are new to SPS, you would have received a username and password via email. If you do not know your username and password, please contact Mrs. Cote. She will be happy to help you.

The following links give instructions on how to access the report card in MSS:

[Logging into MSS from a Phone](#)

[Logging into MSS from a Computer](#)

[Video - Logging into MSS from a Computer](#)

Safety Patrol

Safety Patrol for students in grades 4-7 will begin again this September. Forms will be sent home with students the first week of school, and should be returned by **Monday, September 11th**. Being a Safety Patroller is an important role at SPS and helps to keep our students and families safe as they come and go from school. Students who sign up for Safety Patrol are expected to commit to their duties for the full school year, and participate in the Patroller Training Day that will be offered this fall. Patrollers have the opportunity to gain leadership skills, earn Safety Patroller of the Month awards, and participate in Patroller-only activities throughout the school year.



Attention Parents/Guardians of Grade 1 and Grade 7 Students:

Pursuant to section 28(2)(n)(ii) of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LAFOIP), eligible Grade 1 and Grade 7 student contact information will be shared with the Saskatchewan Health Authority for the Enhanced Preventative Dental Services program.

If you do not want this information to be shared with SHA, please contact the school by September 20, 2023.

The SHA's Enhanced Preventative Dental Services team will visit every school and colony in Chinook to do a dental screening on all Grade 1 and Grade 7 students, in coordination with the provincial Oral Health Program Committee. The dental screening gives SHA a chance to monitor the oral health of kids and determine the oral health needs of each school and community. **The SHA will request parent/guardian consent for the screenings.**



CHINOOK SCHOOL DIVISION
 2100 Gladstone Street East, Box 1809, Swift Current, SK, S9H 4J8
 Phone: (306) 778-9200 Toll Free: 1-877-321-9200
 Website: chinooksd.ca Email: info@chinooksd.ca



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.

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

Chinook School Division, Holy Trinity Catholic School Division and Great Plains College have collaborated with community protocol partners across the southwest to develop the "Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol." This Protocol allows community protocol partners to share information and use their expertise to implement the appropriate support for students and their families. Furthermore, Chinook Schools have also established School Threat Assessment and Support Teams including the principal, school counsellor, and police to work with the Protocol.

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

**PLEASE
 READ**

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 fluidity (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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>Please note: There is no school on <u>Monday, October 2nd.</u> October 4th will be the first Kindergarten day in October.</p>			<p>1 No school</p>
<p>4 Labour Day No School</p>	<p>5 Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL Kindergarten Day 1</p>	<p>6 Day 2</p>	<p>7 Kindergarten Day 3</p>	<p>8 Day 4</p>
<p>11 Kindergarten Day 5</p>	<p>12 School Photo Day  Kindergarten Day 1</p>	<p>13 Day 6</p>	<p>14 Day 2</p>	<p>15 Kindergarten Day 3</p>
<p>18 SCC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Tentative) Day 4</p>	<p>19 Kindergarten Day 5</p>	<p>20 Day 6</p>	<p>21 Kindergarten Day 1</p>	<p>22  Day 2</p>
<p>25 Kindergarten Day 3</p>	<p>26 Day 4</p>	<p>27 Muffin Morning!  Kindergarten Day 5</p>	<p>28 Day 6</p>	<p>29  Kindergarten Day 1</p>