



# September 2021

## West Central Public School

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Kevin Tait, Principal

Welcome Back!

That is a welcome back to students in our classes, to parents/visitors in our building and a bit more normalcy in our school community. It is a new kind of excitement for the school year. There is more to look forward to and begin participating in those activities we took for granted. In June, we had the Kindergarten and Grade 8 celebrations. We were allowed to have parents in the building. It was powerful. To finally have families back was fantastic.

Yes, we are still wearing masks, but that is not stopping us from getting back to normal. We get to be outside and interact without masks and sections. We get to mix with different people in our school. We get to do more activities. This school year will get better and better as the year goes on. We will deal with challenges as they arise because we have proved our school can handle tough situations. We have a strong school.

I would like to say a big welcome to Ms. Eyre. She will be teaching in the 3/4 class. She will also be in the 1/2 class. Ms. Eyre will be replacing Mrs. LeBlanc. Mrs. LeBlanc will be missed. She has done many amazing things for our school and students. She also created many positive relationships with our students.

We are starting with our new reporting program. Edsby will be used by all members of our school community. Parents will be able to access it on their phones. The new reporting system will change how we communicate with our families. There will be more opportunities for continuous communication between the school and families.

Please remember to follow us on Facebook (West Central Public School). If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year please contact me at 3069228339 or [ktait@srsd119.ca](mailto:ktait@srsd119.ca). Let's have an amazing year.

Kevin Tait

## **Times for our School Day**

<b>AM Classes</b>	<b>8:50 a.m.</b>
<b>AM Recess</b>	<b>10:13 – 10:28 a.m.</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:46 – 12:36 p.m.</b>
<b>PM Classes</b>	<b>12:36 p.m.</b>
<b>PM Recess</b>	<b>1:54 – 2:09 p.m.</b>
<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>3:25 p.m.</b>

## **Upcoming Events**

September 6 – no school  
September 8 – Cross country begins  
September 16 – Welcome Back Open House  
September 20 – Volleyball begins  
September 30 – Orange Shirt Day  
September 30 - Walkathon  
October 4-13 – Co-op Card fundraiser

## **Absences from School**

Please call the school at 306-922-8339 if your children will be absent. We will also be starting to use Edsby to communicate between home and school. You are able, and also encouraged to enter absences via the Edsby app. A note will be sent home with instructions on how to create an account.

## **Transportation**

Here is some school bus specific information regarding new procedures. Many of these are set by the Ministries of Health and Education provincially and not by SRPSD itself. All students are required to wear a facemask at all times on the bus. These should be on before the child begins getting on the bus. Students are allowed one pick up location and one drop off, alternates are allowed if on the same bus route and must be approved ahead of time by the bus driver. Alternate stops that require a seat on a second bus are not permitted – guest riders (ie for birthday parties or sleepovers) are not permitted. Attention to these rules will mean a smooth bus ride from day one. If you have any questions please contact your school principal or the transportation department. Thank you.

**Dropping off Students:** Student supervision begins at 8:35 each morning, once the buses dismiss their students. If you are dropping your child off, please ensure they are not here before 8:35 for safety reasons.

**Picking up Students:** If you are picking your children up at the end of the day, please park in the staff parking areas and wait there, or stand at the end of the sidewalks. This will help to keep students safe from any mishaps.

**Please do not park parallel to the buses (on or across from the roadway),** as students are tempted to run between buses to get to their ride. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe!

## **Allergy Awareness**

All Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools strive to maintain nut-alert environments for the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors. We ask that everyone please check food labels to ensure that nut products are not listed as an ingredient when shopping for school food items.

- ✓ Please send nut-free snacks and lunches to school.
- ✓ Cross-contamination is a common cause of anaphylactic reactions. Foods that have come in contact with nut products or contaminated utensils can also trigger allergic reactions.
- ✓ Check packaging labels for peanut/nut ingredients. If a product has “may contain trace amounts of peanuts or nuts” this is NOT safe to bring to school.

As students and staff visit other buildings, for a variety of events, all schools try to keep everyone safe. Our School Division hopes to establish and maintain, but cannot guarantee: schools, school environments and buses free of peanuts and nut products. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety matter.

**Kiwi is out too!** We do have at least one student with a severe allergy to Kiwi.

## **Cell Phone Use at School**

We understand the need for students to have cell phones outside of school hours as a means of communication. However, when at school we ask that students keep their cell phones powered off and in their backpacks, unless directed by staff to use in their classes. Students should not have their phones outside at recess. If these guidelines are not followed, a student may lose privileges. If you need to contact your child during the school day please phone 306-922-8339. If they need to contact you they may use a school phone, with staff permission. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

## **I Forgot My Lunch!!**

It happens! Busy households, rushing for the bus etc. Don't worry about it - we have a few items at the school, which we can supplement for the odd lunch or snack here and there. *If you would like to donate a few items to this stash of food it would be greatly appreciated. Non-perishable, quick fix items can be dropped off anytime (ie. Granola Bars (nut free), Fruit Cups, Single serving KD, etc.). Thank you!*

## **Water Bottle Reminder**

The water fountains at school are not in service at this time, so please remember to send your child with a labelled refillable water bottle. We do have a filling station they are able to use to refill their water. Feel free to tell your child to leave their bottle at school during the week so it's one less thing they need to bring with them every morning.

### **Library News**

Welcome back, everyone! Mrs. Guidinger is very excited to be able to have the whole class in her library at one time this year. Please remember to have your child bring their books back on time, so they can continue to check out books each week. If a book gets lost, please do your best to find it, as you may be charged a fee to replace the lost item. If a book gets damaged (accidents happen), please do not attempt to repair it at home. Mrs. Guidinger will do her best to repair the item once it's returned.

### **Wolverine News**

Extra-curricular activities are back, and we could not be more excited! Cross Country begins September 8<sup>th</sup> and runs until the Extravaganza on October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are in grades 5-8 and are interested in joining Cross Country, we will announce your first meeting next week. Volleyball begins September 20<sup>th</sup>, and runs until November 10<sup>th</sup>. Go Wolverines!!!

### **Boston Pizza Lunches**

We sure love our Boston Pizza lunches here at WC! Starting in October we will be having at least one a month, with a few months including two lunches! With our new online payment system, ordering will be easier than ever! Our first lunch will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Co-op Card Fundraiser**

Our annual fundraiser will run from October 4-13. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we always appreciate how much time and effort you put in to helping out our school. This year the proceeds will go toward new jerseys and special activities. More information will come as we get closer to the fundraiser dates.

### **New Online Payment System**



Make online payments with  
**SchoolCashOnline**

- ✓ **Field Trips**
- ✓ **Sports Events**
- ✓ **Activity Fees**

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**Registration for School Cash Online is now available!** Please visit [www.srsd19.ca/school-cash-online/](http://www.srsd19.ca/school-cash-online/) for instructions.

**Community Events**

Plan to attend the...



# **Lily Plain Fall Market**

## **Saturday, October 2, 2021**

**9 AM - 4 PM**

**@ Lily Plain Co-Op Hall (Hwy 302W)**

**Table Rentals: \$30 each**

**To book a table or for more info please call 306-940-7919**  
**(only one representative from each direct sales company will be accepted;**  
**all vendors will be asked to donate an item to the hall raffle table)**

**Canteen on Site**

**All proceeds will support the Lily Plain Co-Op Hall's operational and maintenance costs**

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2(K) First day of school	3	4
5	6 No school	7(K)	8 Cross Country begins	9(K)	10	11
12	13	14(K)	15	16(K) Welcome Back Event	17(K)	18
19	20 Volleyball begins	21(K)	22	23(K)	24	25
26	27	28(K)	29	30(K) Walkaton Orange Shirt Day		

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