



January 2024 Newsletter

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Hello 2024!

Where did the first half of the school year go? We had an amazing start and look forward to some highlights in the new year. The Family Fun Night was so awesome. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our school. The students did an amazing job at the concert. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work and flexibility. We are lucky to have Michelle Mourot selling the SCC organized Christmas Baskets. Thanks to the Eithers for the wood and the great fire. A big thanks to Hugo and Amy Watt for helping in many different ways. The sleigh rides, by Rivers North Ranch and Kristal, were a huge hit.

We are heading into the basketball season. Mr. Byrne coaches the girls and Mrs. Dugan coaches the boys. The schedules are out. It takes a great deal of effort and extra time to coach a team. We appreciate our coaches and the opportunity they give our students. The coaches will be giving out the “West Central Athlete Expectations” guidelines. Please review that with your child.

Even though we had a mild start to winter, we are heading into that time of the year when the weather can hamper transportation to school. Our division has set procedures to safely transfer our students to school and back. When the temperature is at or below -40o C, bus runs will be cancelled. When the temperature is at or below -35o C and the wind chill temperature is at or below -45o C, bus runs will normally be cancelled (AP 710 – Bus Cancellations: Cold or Extreme Weather Conditions). During these no-bus days, the school will be open. Our staff will provide instruction for those students who are at the school. This may include revisiting outcomes, enrichment activities and/or new instruction. It is at the parent’s discretion to send their children to school on these days.

Have a great January,

Kevin Tait

Upcoming Dates:

January 8	School Resumes
January 18	Boston Pizza Lunch
January 22	SCC Meeting
January 26	Report Cards
January 29	PLC Day (No Classes)
February 7	Basketball Extravaganza Begins



INCLEMENT WEATHER-BUSING NEWS

Now that we are feeling the winter weather, we would like to make sure all parents are aware of our Cold/Inclement Weather Procedures. These procedures are in effect for both rural and urban bus routes.

The Transportation Office has two methods of communicating delays or cancellations of our buses:

- Notifications will be placed on our website www.srsd119.ca. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find a 'Daily Bus Report' link. Click on the bus report to check for a list of bus cancellations.
- Transportation also uses 'Remind' to inform parents and guardians about any transportation changes – cancellations/delays. You can find information on how to sign up for 'Remind' on our website www.srsd119.ca. Scroll down on the home page to Transportation and you will find 'Bus Notification Sign Up' link.

We do not phone individual homes to report bus cancellations.

We ask that you do not call the Transportation Office as we will be very busy managing the routes and ensuring the safety of the children on the buses.

Basketball News



The basketball season is underway, with the first girls' game being hosted at Arthur Pechey on Wednesday, January 10th.

The boys will play Thursday, January 11th, at East Central. Games will continue every week all through January, with the extravaganza starting on February 7th.

Good luck to our Wolverines!

SCC News

The SCC would like to thank the school community for all their efforts in making the SCC events a success in December! We had our second annual Holiday Shop. Thank you so much for the donations! As always, you impressed us with your generosity. We hope your children enjoyed the opportunity to shop for their loved ones and we hope you enjoyed the presents that were thoughtfully selected for you.

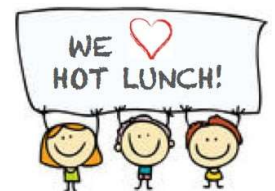


Thank you to the parents and grandmas who came to help wrap presents and help students shop. It takes about 8 adults to run the shop effectively, so we appreciate the extra hands we had this year! If you have used gift bags and tissue paper that we could use for next year, please send it to the school and the SCC will find a place to store it!

We also want to thank all the parents and students for donating items for the Family Fun Night Baskets. As always, the school community has come through for our kids in a big way! Congratulations to the Grade 1/2 class who brought in an impressive amount of basket items! The class received a little treat for their efforts! Thanks to everyone who attended the family fun night and supported our fundraising efforts by buying tickets for the raffle. We feel that the fundraiser was a great success and is enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the people who won! Thank you to the staff for putting on a wonderful Christmas concert and to those who helped organize events for the evening. It brings so much joy to the community to see our kids participate in song and public speaking!



Thanks so much to the SCC members who have been working and planning hot meals and events in the last few months. A special shout out to Melissa Robertson for her efforts in organizing and shopping for the last couple of meals! The turkey dinner was amazing and enjoyed by all!



Our next SCC meeting is January 22, 2024, at 6 PM. We are a small group who puts on all the events for the school, and we have a big fundraising goal for 2024. If you can help us in any way, please let us know.

Community News



Little Bookworms Literacy Roadshow



In celebration of Literacy month....

PA Regional KidsFirst in collaboration with the PA Literacy Network is excited to offer the Little Bookworms Literacy Roadshow.

Little Bookworms is an early learning traveling roadshow.

Our Aim: is to promote the importance of early literacy in children between the ages of 0-5 years.

Where: West Central Public School

When: January 30th at 10:30 am

What to expect: A fun family workshop

Duration: 1.5 hrs (depending on the size of the group)

Cost: free

Call your library to register!!!

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Prince Albert

Literacy Network

JANUARY
is Literacy Month!



PRINCE ALBERT
GOLF AND CURLING CENTRE



Junior Curling

Mondays &/or Wednesdays

4:30 - 5:30 pm

January 8 - March 4

Ages 11 & older



Register online at pagec.ca
or contact the curling office 306-765-5201

PRINCE ALBERT **Royals** MINOR BASEBALL



13U TLS ROYALS 2023 WESTERN
CANADIAN BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

ROYALS BASEBALL

BASEBALL FOR ALL AGES AND
LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE

AGES
5-18

BOYS
&
GIRLS


2024 SEASON

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TO REGISTER
PAMINORBASEBALL.COM



January 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

31	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Welcome Back!	9(K)	10	11(K)	12(K)	13
14	15	16(K)	17	18(K) BP Lunch	19	20
21	22 SCC Meeting 6:00pm	23(K)	24	25(K)	26(K) Report Cards	27
28	29 PLC Day No Classes	30(K) Kids First 10:30am	31	Feb 1(K)	Feb 2	Feb 3
Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6(K)	Feb 7 Basketball Extravaganza begins	Feb 8(K)	Feb 9(K)	Feb 10

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