

December 2024 Newsletter



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This year is flying by faster than kids racing to recess at the sound of the bell! We had our first blast of winter this week, and it was quite the storm. With the cold weather and plenty of snow, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor recess and bus rides.

Volleyball season has come to an end, and what a fantastic season it was! Our students represented the school well, enjoying themselves while improving their skills and taking the game seriously. A huge thank you to Miss Scragg, Mr. Milligan, and Miss Blanchard for their dedication. Their time and effort provided a positive experience for the students, and it's important that we continue to support our coaches so they can keep inspiring our teams.

Mark your calendars for our Winter Family Fun Night on December 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We'll kick things off at 6:15 p.m. with a short program in the gym featuring our students. Afterward, there will be fun activities throughout the school, including outdoor events like sliding, sleigh rides, and a bonfire. Our SCC and students have also put together themed Christmas baskets to raffle off, including:

- Craft Basket (Kindergarten)
- Homemade or Local Items (Grade 1/2)
- Red and Green Baskets (Grade 3/4)
- Movie Basket (Grade 5/6)
- Reading Basket (Grade 7/8)

We're excited to attend the play *Willy Wonka* on December 6th. The play begins at 10 a.m., so we'll leave the school shortly after 9 a.m. Please note we have tickets only for our students. Recently, we've noticed more students requesting extra food at lunch. Students have a snack before morning recess and 20 minutes for lunch at noon. While we do have emergency lunch items available, please check in with your child to ensure they have enough food for the day.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the school at 306-922-8339, send an Edsby message, or email ktait@srsd119.ca.

Thank you,

Kevin Tait

DECEMBER 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 BP Orders due	3 (K)	4	5 (K) BP Lunch	6 (K) All used items for Christmas Shop/Family Fun Night deadline Play at EA Rawlinson 9:00am- 11:30 am	7
8	9	10 (K) Christmas Holiday Gift Shop Open	11	12 (K) Family Fun Night 6-8pm	13	14
15	16	17 (K)	18	19 (K) SCC Hot Meal At MacDowall Lions Hall	20 (K) Last day of School	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31	Jan 1 	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4
Jan 5	Jan 6 School Resumes	Jan 7 (K)	Jan 8	Jan 9 (K)	Jan 10	Jan 11

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 1 – Christmas in MacDowall
Dec. 5 – Boston Pizza
Dec. 6 – Christmas Play in Prince Albert
Dec. 6 – Final day for holiday gift shop donations
Dec. 6 – All new items for Family Fun Night Baskets due in
Dec. 10 – Holiday Gift Shop
Dec. 12 – Family Fun Night
Dec. 19 – SCC Hot Lunch (at MacDowall Lions Hall)
Dec. 20 – Last day of school
Jan. 6 – School Resumes

Dressed for the Season

Students must dress appropriately for the weather. They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometer walk in case of an emergency. Our bus drivers have the authority to warn/educate a student on a first offense, and refuse transportation on the second. Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division's complete Board Policies, Administrative Procedures and Transportation Manual can be reviewed on our website at www.srsd119.ca.

Clothing and Board Games Needed



The school is looking for gently used clothing such as mitts, toques, bunny hugs, ski pants. These items will be helpful in those small emergency situations. The school would also appreciate age-appropriate, dealing with math and English, board games. Please contact the school for more information.



Also, we are looking for a small children's table and chair set and a children's recliner/sofa, that could be donated for use in the library for our little people. If you have a table chair set or furniture that you would like to donate please contact the school.

SCC News

Holiday Gift Shop - December 10, 2024

A reminder to please have gently used donations in by December 6th.

If able, please send a reusable grocery bag to school with your child for the Christmas Shop. This will ensure they have something to carry their gifts home in if they do not fit in backpacks.

A reminder for after Christmas this year: We will be collecting gift bags, gently used bows and tissue paper. If you would like to get it out of your house, send it to school with your child after the Christmas break and we will store it for next year's Christmas Shop!

Family Fun Night Baskets - December 12, 2024

A reminder to please have new items in by December 6th.

Tickets for baskets will be sold and drawn for at the Family Fun Night.

Basket Themes: Kindergarten - Crafts

Grade 1/2 - Homemade or Local

Grade 3/4 - Red and Green

Grade 5/6 - Movie Time

Grade 7/8 – Reading

Christmas Meal Celebration – December 19, 2024

Join us for our Christmas Meal Celebration on December 19, 2024, at 12:00 PM, MacDowall Lions Hall, as we mark the nearing completion of our kitchen renovation. Everyone is welcome—parents, grandparents, and community members are encouraged to celebrate with us. Activities will follow the turkey meal.

West Central Students can enjoy the meal for the typical \$5, which will be collected with the usual hot meal forms at the school. Others who are attending can contribute to our silver collection.

We need volunteers for kitchen prep and serving on the morning of the 19th. We could also use some help after folks are done eating so our team can enjoy the meal with their own families. If you can assist, please contact Karla Ethier or Melissa Robertson. Your support will make this celebration special as we thank everyone involved in our project.

Thank you, SCC

Holiday Gift Shop

Last year, we had a lot of positive feedback about the Holiday Gift Shop. We are excited to announce that we will be setting this up for kids to shop again!! The Holiday Gift Shop is your child's chance to do their own Christmas shopping for parents/guardians and siblings. This year's gift shop will be held on December 10th. Items will be priced from 25¢ to \$5.



If you are ready to do some purging to make room for holiday gifts, now is the time! Gently used items for all ages from babies, toddlers, children, teen, to adult. Some examples include games, toys, picture frames, ornaments, tools, sports equipment, craft supplies, gardening supplies, stationery, etc. Please note that we are asking for gently used items only – so no need to head out to the store and buy anything. It is just a chance to get rid of items you would normally take to the thrift store!

Any surplus grocery/gift bags, tissue paper or wrapping paper can also be donated as well. Items can be dropped off at school anytime until December 6th.

Leftover items will be saved for next year or donated to a school or non-profit organization in need.

Family Fun Night

The Family Fun Night is rapidly approaching. It will be held on December 12th from 6 to 8pm. We will have a short student program in the gym from 6:15 to 6:45pm. There will be other activities in the gym from 7 to 8pm. There are activities planned for outside as well. We will have sleigh rides, sledding, and a bonfire. Families can bring their own sleds for the hill. There will also be Hot Chocolate. Please come and join us for some fun and memories.

Family Fun Night Baskets

Family Fun Night will be held on December 12th at the school. Families buy tickets for the baskets at Family Fun Night and some lucky winners will take home their prizes!

Unlike the holiday shop, we are asking that the items donated for the baskets are new/unopened. We are asking families to donate a new item that coordinates with your child's classroom's theme.



These can be dropped off at school or sent to school with your child. Final day for donations will be Friday, December 6th. This fundraiser is something families look forward to each year and we couldn't pull it off without your support. Thank you so much!

Wolverine News



All three of our West Central volleyball teams rocked this season! Our grade 5/6 girls' team may not have had the finish they hoped for, but they learned a lot and can't wait for next year! Our 5-8 boys' team and 7/8 girls' team both made it to the semi-finals in Extravaganza. They played their hardest and developed their skills tremendously over the course of the season. Thank you to all our parents for your support this season. We couldn't have done it without you!

Miss Blanchard

Mr. Milligan

Ms. Scragg



Basketball Season

Get ready – basketball season is just around the corner! Practices kick off in December, and the action-packed games begin in January!



West Central Public School
invites you to our

Christmas Dinner

19 December, 2024
Time: 12:00 pm - Activities to follow
MacDowall Lions Hall

Everyone Welcome!

RSVP is not necessary. However, to assist us in planning
if you plan to attend, please let us know by Dec 12.



Mobile Early Learning



December Fun Factory Workshop

When: December 17th

Where: MacDowall (West Central School)

Ages: 0-5 years

Time: 10:30-12pm

Cost: FREE

Our Theme...

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Join us for some family fun!



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CENTRE**

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**ELF ENDORSED
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
12-4 PM
ADMISSION \$10
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE

gateway mall

SASK LOTTERIES Prince Albert

PROGRAM GUIDE

Prince Albert
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Public Library

November & December

Visit <https://princealbertlibrary.ca> for program details!
Check it out! ALL PAPT programs are free!



Drop-In Gingerbread Story Time and Decorating
Saturday, December 14, 2:30

Would you like to catch a gingerbread man? Join us for gingerbread stories and fun! Decorate gingerbread just the way you like! Everyone welcome! First come, first served. Supplies are limited.

Christmas Break Movies - 2:00
Friday, December 27 - *Despicable Me 4* (95 min., G)
Saturday, December 28 - *If* (104 min., G)
Monday, December 30 - *Inside Out 2* (96 min., G)

Drop-In Adult Board Game Night - Thursday, November 7, 7:00
Would you love to take a break from your everyday activities? Then bring some friends or come on your own to enjoy some chill time at our Drop-In Adult Board Game Night! A selection of games will be available to play, or you can bring your own! Enjoy a fun and relaxing evening! Meet some new friends! Everyone welcome!



Online Book Sale Auction

Thank you everyone for supporting our online book sale auction! Each Monday we post 30 bundles of assorted items on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jmcp1.ca/>

Click on the picture to view, and place your bid in the comments. Bidding closes on Sunday, and winners are notified on Monday. You are encouraged to pick up your purchases at the Circulation desk by the following weekend. Happy shopping!

ADULT

MOVIE TIME

November 6, 2:00 & 6:30 - *The Bikeriders* (116 min., R)
November 13, 2:00 & 6:30 - *Big Night* (107 min., R)
November 20, 1:30 & 5:30 - *Horizon: An American Saga, Chapter 1* (182 min., R)
November 27, 2:00 & 6:15 - *It Ends With Us* (131 min., PG13)
December 4, 2:00 & 7:00 - *A Christmas Story* (93 min., PG)
December 11, 2:00 & 6:30 - *The Proposal* (108 min., PG13)
December 18, 2:00 & 6:30 - *Ordinary Angels* (118 min., PG)

Enjoy great movies
Wednesday afternoons
and evenings! See you at
the movies!

Author Readings

Would you like to meet a local author and enjoy a good discussion? Everyone is welcome to come and listen to readings and purchase a signed copy!

WRITE
EDIT
PUBLISH



Monday, November 4, 7:00
Candis Kirkpatrick - *Crows and Cheesecake*

Saturday, November 16, 2:00
Cindy Koob - *Where Do the Dandelions Go?*

One on One Tech Help

Thursdays: November 14 and December 12, 2:00 to 4:00
Get help with computers, eReaders, tablets, and smart phones!
Call 763-8496 to book an appointment.



November Book Club Discussion - Thursday, November 28, 7:00

The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose
Registration begins on Friday, November 1.

Pick up your book when you register!
Enjoy a great discussion at the library and prizes too!

CHILDREN



Don't miss our Drop-In Saturdays at 2:30! Enjoy some family fun with a craft, Lego, board games and more, or check out a free movie in the Mahon Auditorium! Everyone welcome!

Drop-In Fall Story Times will end the week of Monday, November 11! Check out Bring Your Babies or Preschool Story Time! Our fall session of Just for Fun! ends on Monday, November 4! Kids ages 6 to 9 can enjoy fun crafts, stories, and activities! Get ready for Winter Story Times beginning in January!

Other Programs at JMCP...

Off the Cuff All-Ages Comedy Shows - Thursdays at 7:00
November 21 and December 19 - Bring the whole family for a great little show full of big laughs! Purchase your tickets at the door! For details visit <https://www.otcimpov.ca/>.

Drop-In Stitching with Creative Stitchers - Are you or would you like to be a Creative Stitcher? Have fun with the Creative Stitchers group; knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitch, felting and more!

Join us at the Library in the Gallery every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 1-3 pm. No registration required. Just drop in or call Julie McIntosh at 306-922-6351 for more information.

Check out Grace Campbell Gallery for a variety of monthly art exhibits. If you would like to display your art please contact Bev at 763-8496.

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Library Hours:
Monday to Thursday: 8:30 to 9:00
Friday and Saturday: 8:30 to 5:00
Sunday: 1:00 to 5:00

CLOSED:
Sunday, November 10
Monday, November 11
Wednesday, December 25
Thursday, December 26

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<https://princealbertlibrary.ca/>



Feeling crafty? Check out our monthly Adult Crafts and have a relaxing evening!
Drop by at 7:00 and design your own Small Diamond Art on Tuesday, November 19, and enjoy creating Wooden Snowman Ornaments on Tuesday, December 17!

First come, first served. Supplies are limited.

TEEN



Love Anime drawing, crafts, and movies? Come in at 7:00 and have fun making a D.I.Y. Comic Book on Tuesday, November 5 and a Origami Stars Ornament on Tuesday, December 10. Recommended for ages 9 to 15. Space and materials are limited.



Tween and Teen Writing Group
Drop by the library and enjoy some writing and crafting on Monday, November 25, 7:00 - Pinecone Door Hanger Craft and Christmas Decorating Ideas, and Monday, December 16, 7:00 - Steampunk Christmas Ornament Craft and What is Steampunk? For ages 12 to 18. Materials are supplied. First come, first served.



Tween and Teen Crafts
Come down to the JMCP at 7:00 and chill out making a Let It Snow Sign on Monday, November 18 and a Felt Christmas Tree on Monday, December 9! We'll see you there! Suited for ages 9 to 15. Space and supplies are limited.

Teen Crafts

Hey teens! Are you feeling creative and need a break from school? Drop by the library and enjoy some crafting on Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 - Winter Scenery
Bring a friend!
For ages 13 to 18. Materials are supplied.
First come, first served.

