



January 2025 Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to kick off the 2025 school year!

December was a fantastic month for our school community. The play Willy Wonka was a tremendous show — our student performers did an outstanding job. Family Fun Night was equally enjoyable, with a great performance followed by engaging activities. A huge thank you to Michelle for selling tickets, Rivers North Ranch for the sleigh rides, and the Ethiers for tending to the fire. It was wonderful to see everyone come together on a chilly evening, showcasing the commitment and spirit of our school community.

The turkey hot meal at the MacDowall Hall was another highlight of December. It was heartwarming to see so many community members and families come together. A big thank you to our School Community Council for their hard work in sourcing the food, organizing the event, and serving everyone. Their dedication makes events like this possible. Thanks also to all the other organizations and individuals who contributed to its success.

We're thrilled to see more volunteers coming into the school to support our students. Currently, volunteers are working one-on-one with students on their reading skills, which is incredibly valuable for their progress. The more opportunities students have to practice reading, the better equipped they are to stay on track with their grade level. If you're interested in volunteering, please let us know—we'd love to have you join us!

Basketball season is now underway. Mr. Byrne is coaching the girls' team, and Mrs. Dugan is coaching the boys' team. Schedules have been shared, and we are grateful for the time and effort our coaches put into providing these opportunities for our students. We also appreciate our dedicated parents for ensuring students make it to games and practices.

Wishing you all a wonderful January!

Warm regards,

Kevin Tait

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 <i>Welcome Back</i>	7 (K)	8 Girls Basketball @ Vickers – 5:00 p.m.	9 (K) Boys Basketball @ Queen Mary - 3:55 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14(K)	15 Girls Basketball @ Queen Mary – 3:55 p.m.	16 (K) Boys Basketball @ West Central versus St. Louis – 3:55 p.m.	17 (K) BP Lunch	18
19	20	21 (K)	22	23 (K)	24	25
26	27	28(K)	29 Girls Basketball @ Birch Hills – 3:55 p.m.	30(K) BP Lunch SCC Movie Night Report Cards Boys Basketball @ Muskoday – 3:55 p.m.	31 PLC Day No Classes	

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

January 6	School Resumes
January 17	Boston Pizza Lunch
January 30	Boston Pizza Lunch
January 30	Report Card Go Home
January 30	SCC Movie Night
January 31	PLC Day (No Classes)
Feb. 5 – 13	Extravaganza
Feb. 7	Wapiti Ski Trip- Gr. 5-8



Inclement Weather-Busing News



As we move further into winter, we want to remind families about the division's procedures for extreme weather conditions.

- Buses will not run if the temperature is at or below -40°C.
- Buses will also not run if the temperature is at or below -35°C and the wind chill is at or below -45°C (as per Administrative Procedure 710).

On no-bus days, the school will remain open, and staff will provide a range of activities, including revisiting outcomes, enrichment, and/or new instruction. Attendance on these days is at the parent's discretion.

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- 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.

Basketball News

The basketball season is underway, with the girls' first game being hosted at Ecole Vickers on Wednesday, January 8th at 5:00 p.m. and the boys' first game being hosted at Queen Mary on Thursday, January 9th at 3:55 p.m.



Good luck to our Wolverines!

Basketball Practices

Boys practices will be Mondays after school (3:30 – 5:00) and Wednesdays at noon hour.

Girls practices will be Tuesdays after school (3:30 – 5:00) and Thursdays at noon hour.

University Student Staff

Welcome to West Central, Miss Nik!

Darienne Nikolaisen is a First Nations University Social Work student who will be doing her practicum with Mrs. Kaley Spigott from January - April 2025 at West Central. Miss Nik will be spending time in classrooms, running some small groups and getting to know our students. Welcome, Miss Nik!

SCC News

The SCC would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Shop, Gift Baskets and Turkey Meal an astounding success. These events are not possible without the contributions of the families and community members surrounding our little gem of a school. We look forward to more memorable events throughout the year!



The SCC will be hosting a movie night on Thursday, January 30th, additional information will be sent home.

Community & School Announcements



Exciting Opportunity: Prince Albert and North East Regional Science Fair 2025!

Is your child curious about science, technology, or engineering? We are thrilled to invite students to participate in the Prince Albert and North East Regional Science Fair on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Science Centre in Gateway Mall, Prince Albert.

Many parents may think their child can only participate if their entire class is entering – but that's not the case! Students can enter the fair individually, and it's a fantastic way to showcase creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills.

What to Expect: Participating in the Science Fair is a fun and rewarding experience. Students in grades 5-12 can showcase projects in various categories, such as math, physical science, life science, computers, and engineering. Projects should follow the fair's safety and ethics guidelines, and students will need to present their project to a panel of judges who will evaluate their understanding and creativity. It's a great way to learn presentation skills and dive deeper into subjects that fascinate them.

For students in grades 7-12, there's an exciting chance to move on to the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick, from May 31 - June 7, 2025. While only these grades are eligible for nationals, all students from grades 5-12 are welcome to join in the regional fun!

Whether your child is fascinated by math, life sciences, or engineering, there's a place for their ideas at the Science Fair. Let's get creative and have fun with science!

For more information on how to register, contact:

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