

WELCOME BACK!

2025 September



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<p>REMINDER</p> <p>make today amazing</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Labour Day No School</p>	<p>2</p> <p>First day of School</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>X 8</p> <p>Cross COUNTRY PRACTICE BEGINS MONDAYS WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 835-850 AM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PICTURE DAY</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>X 10</p> <p>WEST CENTRAL WOLVERINES</p> <p>Welcome Back BBQ 5-7 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cross COUNTRY Meet at Murray Point Campground</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>X 12</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>X 15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>X 17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Field Trip Gr 3/4 Batoche Cross COUNTRY Meet at W. J. Benesowsky</p> <p>Boston Pizza K-Day</p>	<p>X 19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>X 22</p> <p>SCHOOL COUNCIL</p> <p>SCC Meeting 6-8 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cross COUNTRY Meet at main Park</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>X 24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>X 26</p> <p>Field Trip Gr 5/6 Conservation Learning Centre PM</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>X 29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>EVERY CHILD MATTERS</p> <p>Orange Shirt Day</p> <p>K-Day</p>	<p>Upcoming</p> <p>NEXT MONTH</p>	<p>Cross COUNTRY Extravaganza</p> <p>THURS. OCT 2 AT SPRUCE HOME SCHOOL</p>	<p>CO-OP</p> <p>GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER</p> <p>OCTOBER 6-13</p>	<p>29</p>



WELCOME NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

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Kevin Tait, Principal

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! My own summer was a little different this year. I enjoyed the warm weather, although I did not enjoy the smoke. Despite that, my family and I were fortunate to spend time together with relatives and friends while appreciating the beauty of our province. Most of all, I feel grateful to be part of such a supportive and amazing school community.

I would like to extend a special thank-you to Mrs. Robertson for her dedication in preparing our school for the new year. She spends countless hours making sure West Central is clean, welcoming, and one of the best-looking schools in the division. We truly appreciate her commitment and hard work.

Welcome New Staff

We are very excited to welcome several new staff members to our school this year.

- **Celeste Fortier** will be joining us as our school counsellor. She will be here on Tuesdays.
- **Miss Wilkinson** will be joining us as an educational assistant. She will be here every day.
- **Mrs. King** will be joining us as our new secretary. She will be managing both the front office and the library.

We are thrilled to have them join our school community, and we know they will be wonderful additions to our team.

Important Dates

Our **Back-to-School Barbecue** will be held on September 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All families are invited to attend this event, which is a great opportunity to meet the staff and reconnect with the school community. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Order forms will be sent out soon.

Our school **Picture Day** will take place on September 9. Retakes will be scheduled for November.

We will also observe **Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day** on September 30. Our school is committed to fulfilling the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Throughout the week, students will participate in meaningful activities that highlight the importance of these events.

Sports and Activities

Cross Country will be coached by Mrs. Ethier, and sign-ups are now open.

Volleyball will begin in the coming weeks. Students must attend practices in order to participate in games, and parents will be responsible for organizing transportation.

Academic Goals

This year, our school will continue to focus on literacy as our academic goal. Mr. Byrne and Mrs. Ethier will take the lead in this area. Miss Scragg has moved into her new role as our Inclusive Education Coach. We will continue using UFLI, which incorporates both reading and writing instruction. We also have a special surprise planned for the next few weeks, and we are looking forward to sharing it with you soon.

Fundraising

Our Co-op Card Fundraiser will take place from October 6 to 14. The money raised will support special activities for our students, and students will have the opportunity to earn prizes for their efforts. For every dollar that you donate, you will receive the same amount back in Co-op Cards. This fundraiser is truly a win-win opportunity for families and the school.

Looking Ahead

We are anticipating a fantastic year at West Central School. While challenges and conflicts may arise, we appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to find positive resolutions. Our goal is to help students learn and grow from every experience so they can continue developing into kind, capable, and respectful members of our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. If you have any questions, concerns, or celebrations to share, please feel free to call me at **306-922-8339** or email me at **ktait@srsd119.ca**.

Here's to another exciting and successful school year!

Warm regards,
Kevin Tait



West Central Public School Staff

(from left to right) Mrs. Ethier, Ms. Scragg, Mrs. Prytula, Mrs. Dugan, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Tait, Mr. Milligan, Mrs. King, Ms. Wilkinson, Ms. Fortier, Mrs. Abbey-Der, Mrs. Robertson

BACK TO SCHOOL

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JOIN US ON EDSBY

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is using Edsby as a communication tool and learning management system. Edsby keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school division. If you would like to learn more about Edsby security, there is a lot of information here: <https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/> Edsby makes it easy for parents to observe all of the wonderful things that are happening in our classroom. From time to time, we will post grades, notes, pictures, videos, or audio clips of your child learning at school. This will help you see the progress your child is making in their learning journey.

In the next few days your school will send you an email invitation from Edsby. It will contain the link you will need to create your new account or connect additional children to your existing account. This 2-minute video is very helpful: <https://tinyurl.com/mr26cv4b>

If you haven't joined our Edsby groups yet, please request an invite and we will approve you shortly. There are specific Homeroom Groups, Wolverine Sport Groups, buses, and SCC.

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Please visit www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions.

Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline

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

KEVGROUP
School Cash Simplified



ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please call the school at **306-922-8339** if your children will be absent. We will also continue to use Edsby to communicate between home and school. You are able, and also encouraged to enter absences via the Edsby app.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. King is very excited to welcome back all returning students and a warm welcome to new students to West Central School. 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. The Librarian will do their best to repair the item once it's returned.



TIMES FOR SCHOOL DAY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept 9 Picture Day**
- **Sept 10 Welcome Back BBQ**
- **Sept 11 Cross Country Meet at Murry Point**
- **Sept 18 Cross Country Meet at W. J. Berezowsky**
- **Sept 18 Gr 3/4 Batoche 10 am – 12 pm**
- **Sept 18 Boston Pizza Lunch**
- **Sept 22 SCC Meeting 6–8 pm**
- **Sept 23 Cross Country Meet at Mair Park**
- **Sept 26 Gr 5/6 Conservation Learning PM**
- **Sept 30 Orange Shirt Day**
- **Oct 2 Cross Country Extravaganza**
- **Oct 6–13 Co-op Gift Cards Fundraiser**

SEPT 9 – PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, September 9th is our picture day, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing around 11 a.m. We are pleased to have Genelle Amber Studios taking our students/staff portraits and class pictures. Information will be sent home with your student on picture day regarding how to order pictures.

SEPT 10 – WELCOME BACK BBQ

We will be having a Back-to-School Barbeque on Wednesday, September 10th, to reconnect with our school community. The barbeque will be from 5pm to 7pm. To help with the amount of food needed to be prepared, there will be a form sent home with the students to get a better idea as to how many will be attending. Teachers will be around their classrooms from 6pm to 7pm. Come out for some food and conversations.

WOLVERINE NEWS

Cross Country Running begins September 8th and runs until the Extravaganza on October 2nd. The dates for the meets are Thurs, Sept 11, Thurs, Sept 18 and Tues, Sept 23rd. If you are in grades 5–8 and are interested in joining Cross Country Running, please contact Ms. Ethier.

Volleyball season is coming up fast! Sign-up sheets will be out very soon for students and more information about the season will be coming out in the middle of September. We are excited for the upcoming season! Go Wolverines! –Miss Scragg & Mr. Milligan

SEPT 18 – BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

We sure love our Boston Pizza lunches here at West Central! Starting in September, we will be having at least one a month, with most months including two lunches. With our online payment system, ordering will be easier than ever! Our first lunch will be September 18th.

SEPT 18 – GRADE 3/4 – BATOCHÉ

Grade 3/4 will be going to Batoche on September 18 from 10 am – 12 pm.

SEPT 22 – SCC MEETING

The SCC will be gearing up for another exciting year ahead. We have a fun, knowledgeable, and motivated group and we are always looking for parents to join us! We meet 5 times a year to provide feedback, assist in making decisions and discuss further plans for the school. If this is something you are interested in, please join us for our first meeting 6–8 pm, September 22nd or reach out to Alanna for more information! If you are not interested in joining the SCC but would like to be more involved within the school, we are always looking for volunteers to help with hot meals or events.

SEPT 26 – GRADE 5/6 CONSERVATION CENTRE

The Grade 5/6 class is going to the Conservation Learning Centre on Sept 26 in the afternoon. They are looking for two parent volunteers to accompany the class. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Abbey-Der.

SEPT 30 – ORANGE SHIRT DAY

By wearing an orange shirt on September 30th, you commit to the enduring truth that EVERY CHILD MATTERS, every day and everywhere. Orange Shirt Day is on September 30.

CO-OP CARD FUNDRAISER

Our annual fundraiser will commence in early October. 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 updating technology, funding special activities and events at our school. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

CELL PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

Students should not have personal devices in the school or on school grounds. If they bring them to school, the devices must be turned off and secured. 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.

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 keep our children safe. Please don't park in the entrances. Thanks!

TRANSPORTATION

Our buses are busy again transporting our students to and from school. Our bus drivers do an amazing job of keeping your children safe. If you need information on bus routes or driver contact info, please check our SRSD119 website and search under Bus Information (near bottom of Homepage) or contact the school.

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.

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, etc.). Thank you!

HATS FOR SCIENCE

Friday Hat Day will continue this year. Everyone who pays \$1 on Fridays will receive a stamp and will get to wear their hat that day. All money raised will support the School Science Fair costs, including sending our students to the Regional Science Fair in April.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Grade 6 Immunizations

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's that time of year again where the Prince Albert Public Health Nurses will be providing immunizations in the school to Grade 6 students to protect them against Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus. Please complete the Grade 6 immunization consent form and have your child return it to school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact

Public Health School Immunization Team
306-765-8719

PAPHSITNE4@saskhealthauthority.ca



Follow Your Child's Heart...
If they love drawing, register them at
Christina's Art School!

We are taking New Student registrations for a few spots that are open for our year-long art classes which start in September. Whether they develop their love of drawing and art into a hobby or it's their launch into a secondary school and a career, the skills they acquire will be with them for life! Many develop portfolios for related fields such as Architecture, Graphic Design, etc.) Classes include a year-end Field Trip as well a Year-End Art Show held at the studio: 625 Branion Drive. Register at www.christinathoen.com & see Christina's Art School on Facebook or Instagram, or phone Christina Thoen, Certified Teacher (Art Major) at (306)961-3350 for more information.

PRINCE ALBERT OPTIMIST TOPPERS PRESENTS

TOPPERS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS 2025-26

Things are just starting to **HEAT UP!**

Sunday, September 14, 21 & 28
Please attend all 3 Sundays
Location & times to be announced

What to EXPECT:

- tiered teams @ all levels 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U
- 3rd party evaluators
- individual jersey sizing before 1st session
- Toppers Coaches in attendance
- encouragement & support
- POSITIVE atmosphere

REGISTER



SCAN QR CODE

FEE \$40

VISIT

<https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/princealbertoptimisttoppersvolleyballclu?cid=54061>

Questions? Email execpatoppers@gmail.com

PRINCE ALBERT GOLF AND CURLING CENTRE

Prince Albert Golf & Curling Centre Junior Curling Program

Juniors Ages 11-19

Monday &/or Wednesdays

4:30 – 5:30 pm

League includes league play and instruction

League runs October 20 to March 4

Cost - \$85 – Sliders and brooms are supplied

For more information, contact Pat Bibby
306-961-5353 or the PAG&CC office 306-765-5201

Registration is available online at
Pagcc.ca – curling – registration
Or at the curling office

Curling Information/Registration Days
Wednesday, September 24 & Tuesday,
September 30
12:00 – 2 pm & 5:00 – 8:00 pm

