



2025

December



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NOVEL STUDY  READ pages 77-89 this week	2 Matilda Jr Play Grades 5-8 10 am	3 Christmas BASKET DONATIONS UNTIL DEC 8	4 Matilda Jr Play Grades K-4 10 am	5	6
		K-Day		K-Day		
7 Christmas In MacDowall @ 6 pm	8 NOVEL STUDY  READ pages 90-105 this week	9	10	11  Family Fun Night 6-8 pm K-Day	12	13
		K-Day		K-Day	K-Day	
14	15 NOVEL STUDY  READ pages 106-120 this week	16	17	18 SCC Christmas Hot Meal  K-Day	19 Last Day of School Classes Resume Jan 5th	20
		K-Day		K-Day		
21 Happy holidays	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27
			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	
28	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School	Jan 1 No School  2026	2 No School	3  SCC Meeting Jan 7 @ 6 pm
			New Year's Eve			

DECEMBER 2025

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NEWSLETTER

Kevin Tait, Principal

The school year is speeding along faster than a kid on an icy playground slide—hang on, everyone! As we see more snow on the ground and the temperatures continue to drop, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess and bus rides. Winter is here... even if none of us were emotionally prepared.

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 and Mr. Milligan 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. (If coaching were easy, everyone would do it—but only our staff can spike enthusiasm like that!)

Mark your calendars for our **Winter Family Fun Night on December 11th 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 activities throughout the school, including outdoor fun like sliding, sleigh rides, and a bonfire. (The bonfire will be supervised—so no, we won't let anyone try to "cook" their snowpants this year.)

Our SCC and students have also prepared colour-themed Christmas baskets to raffle off, including:

- **Blue and Silver (Kindergarten)**
- **Red, Black and White (Grade 1/2)**
- **White and Purple (Grade 3/4)**
- **Pink and Gold (Grade 5/6)**
- **Red and Green (Grade 7/8)**

We're excited to attend the play Matilda on **December 2nd** (Grades 5–8) and **December 4th** (Kindergarten–Grade 4). The play begins at 10 a.m., so we'll leave the school shortly after 9 a.m. Please note that we have tickets only for our students. (Don't worry—your kids will give you the full plot summary when they get home... whether you asked for it or not.)

Recently, we've noticed more students requesting extra food at lunch. Students have a morning snack 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 and that they're eating what you provide. If this becomes a consistent concern, we will reach out to families to support. (As always, we're happy to help—our goal is full stomachs and full hearts.)

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

Thank you,
Kevin Tait

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West Central School
306-922-8339

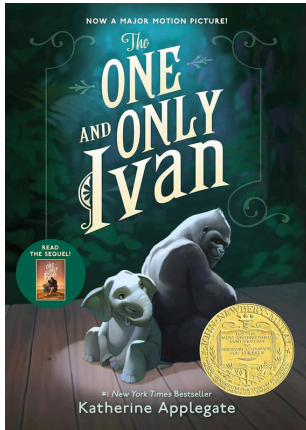
NEWSLETTER

Mr. Tait, Principal

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL NOVEL

STUDY CONTINUES

of The One and Only Ivan !



Each week there will be a special activity for our students to take part in.

READING SCHEDULE:

Dec. 1-5 - pgs. 77 - 89
Dec. 8-12 - pgs. 90- 105
Dec. 15-19 - pgs. 106 - 120
Jan 5-9 - pgs. 121-134
Jan 12-16 - pgs. 135-147
Jan 19-23 - pgs. 148-165
Jan 26-30 - pgs. 166-183

Good luck, everyone on the challenges
— and happy reading!

Each week you can find the challenge on
Edsby & Facebook!

FAREWELL MRS. ABBEY-DER

We would like to wish all the best to Mrs. Abbey-Der as she leaves West Central School in the new year. Over her time here, she lent her experience to the Science Fair, Christmas Concert, and Track and Field, helping things run smoothly. We'll miss having her around and wish her all the best in whatever comes next.

WELCOME MR. MAUVIEUX

We would like to welcome Mr. Mauvieux to the Grade 3/4 classroom. It's great to have you as part of our team. Welcome to our school!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun night is on Thursday, December 11th this year from 6 pm - 8 pm. Please join us for the Christmas concert at 6:15 pm, sleigh rides, Christmas Basket Draws, Family Bingo, and Great FUN!

MATILDA JR PLAY

The students have the opportunity to go to the Broadway North Matilda Jr. Play this year.
Tuesday, December 2nd - Grades 5-8
Thursday, December 4th - Grades K-4

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The weather is getting colder so please make sure that your child(ren) are dressed warmly including headwear and mitts.

They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometer walk in case of emergency. Our bus drivers have the authority to warn/educate a student on a first offense, and refuse transportation on the second. For this policy please review it on our website at www.srsd119.ca.

CHRISTMAS HOT MEAL

This month our
Christmas Hot Meal is on
Thursday, December 18th
and is free for the students.
Please make sure to send a
plate, cup and utensils
to each Hot Meal.

WEST CENTRAL STAFF

Principal **Mr. Tait**
Kindergarten/ **Mr. Byrne**
Dreamcatcher Coach
Grade 1/2 **Mrs. Ethier**
Grade 3/4 **Mr. Mauvieux**
Grade 5/6 **Mrs. Abbey-Der**
Grade 7/8 **Mr. Milligan**
Inclusive Education Coach/ **Miss. Scragg**
Classroom Support Coach
Educational Associate **Mrs. Prytula**
Educational Associate **Miss. Wilkinson**
Caretaker **Mrs. Robertson**
Secretary/Librarian **Mrs. King**
Bus: #99 - **Amy Watt**, #208 - **Michelle Mouro**,
#40 - **Dave Neubuhr**

ABSENCES

Please enter the absence on the Edsby app or call the school at **306-922-8339** if your children will be absent.
If you are having trouble with Edsby please give us a call at 306-922-8339 and we will help you.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Student Supervision starts at 8:35 am

AM Classes	8:50 - 10:13 a.m.
AM Recess	10:13 - 10:28 a.m.
AM Classes	10:28 - 11:46 am
Lunch	11:46 am - 12:06 p.m.
Noon Recess	12:06 - 12:36 p.m.
PM Classes	12:36 - 1:54 p.m.
PM Recess	1:54 - 2:09 p.m.
PM Classes	2:09 - 3:25 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

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NEWSLETTER

WOLVERINE NEWS!

Wolverine Basketball is underway.



For the Girls' Basketball team

- The Girls' team will have games on Wednesdays.
- After school practices will be on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00.
- Noon Hour practices will be on Wednesdays.

For the Boys' Basketball team

- The Boys' team will have games on Thursdays.
- After school practices will be on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:45.
- Noon Hour practices will be on Thursdays.

For both girls and boys please make sure to be at the games at 3:30 pm to warm up as the game will start at 3:55 pm.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The next SCC Meeting will be January 7 at 6 pm at the school.

Happy Holidays from our current members:

Alanna Potter, (President)
Karla Ethier, (Vice President)
Cassie Tenkink, (Secretary)
Melissa Robertson
Deanna Lajeunesse
Amy Watt
Kim Ellis
Mandy Ksyniuk
Pam Autet
Erin King
Celina Ethier
Kevin Tait

LIBRARY NEWS

Our **Cozy Up & Read Challenge** is happening until right before the break! Read five books before Christmas break and earn a small prize or library bookmark. The sign-up sheet is in the library!

ONE-ON-ONE READING INVITE

We're inviting all adults who would like to visit and read with our students. Please spread the word. The more one-on-one reading our students get, the stronger their skills grow—because every page counts! **If you have some time between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., please let us know.** We truly appreciate our community's support—after all, helping kids read is pretty unbe-leaf-able!

OUR DECEMBER BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LIBRARY - I SPY THEME

I spy a gingerbread man, two bears, five snowflakes, a fire place;

I spy a mitt, a snowglobe, two gnomes, and a shiny bow!

I spy a shovel, a coat, a pair of boots and seven presents;

OUR LIBRARY DAYS
KINDERGARTEN - THURSDAYS

GRADE 1/2 - TUESDAYS
GRADE 3/4 - WEDNESDAYS

GRADE 5/6 - MONDAYS
GRADE 7/8 - FRIDAYS

DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

- Nov 28th – Dec 8th – Christmas Basket Donations
- Dec 2 – Grade 5-8 – Matilda Jr. Play
- Dec 4 – Grades K-4 – Matilda Jr. Play
- Dec 11 – Boston Pizza Lunch
- Dec 11 – Family Fun Night
- Dec 18 – Christmas Hot Meal
- Dec 19 – Last day of Classes
- Jan 5th – Classes Resume
- Jan 7th – SCC Meeting
- Jan 15th – BP Lunch
- Jan 29th – BP Lunch

NOVEMBER 28-DEC 8 CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS

Family Fun Night Gift Baskets

The SCC is asking families to please have all donated items to the school by Monday, December 8th. The classroom with the best gift basket overall, will win extra tickets to be used on Family Fun Night! We are looking forward to seeing how great these baskets turn out!

Basket Themes:

Kindergarten – Blue and Silver

Grade 1/2 – Red, black and White

Grade 3/4 – White and Purple

Grade 5/6 – Pink and Gold

Grade 7/8 – Red and Green

DEC 2 – MATILDA JR – GR 5-8

The Grade 5-8 students will be going to the Broadway North Matilda Jr Play at the EA Rawlinson. The play starts at 10 am so please make sure students arrive to school on time. We would like to congratulate Sienna Ladouceur in Grade 8 for being part of the Matilda Jr. Play.

DEC 4 – MATILDA JR PLAY GRADES K-4

The Kindergarten – Grade 4 students will be going to the Broadway North Matilda Jr Play at the EA Rawlinson. The play starts at 10 am so please make sure students arrive to school on time.

DEC 11 – BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, December 11th. **Order forms will go home on Tuesday, December 2nd and will need to be returned by Monday, December 8th.** Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

DEC 11 – FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mark your calendars for December 11 from 6 – 8 pm —our Family Fun Night is back, and it's going to be snow much fun! We'll kick things off with a short program that will start at 6:15 pm (don't worry, it won't be too long... unlike your relatives' holiday stories), followed by sleigh rides and other festive activities. The SCC will be running their famous Christmas Basket Draw—because who doesn't love winning a basket full of holiday cheer? Even if you haven't been to our school in a while, we'd love to see you again.

DEC 18 – CHRISTMAS HOT MEAL

Our Christmas Turkey Hot Meal will be on Thursday, December 18th and will be free for the students. The SCC has been continuing to notice a large number of students forgetting to bring their own plate, cutlery and cup to hot meal. We are no longer using disposable plates and are cutting out disposable cutlery and cups as well. When students do not bring their own, we allow them to borrow reusable ones from the kitchen. We understand that mornings get busy and sending these items can be easily overlooked. However, this adds a lot of work for the volunteers at the end of hot meal, who then have to wash all of the borrowed plates, cups and cutlery. **We would greatly appreciate your help in sending these items to every hot meal. Thank – you! If you can help at hot meal please contact the school.**

DEC 19 – LAST DAY OF CLASSES



The last day of classes is Dec 19th. Christmas Break is from December 20th – January 4th. Classes resume January 5th. We wish you a safe and fun holiday season. See you in the new year!

JAN 7 – SCC MEETING

The next SCC meeting will be on Jan 7th.

WEST CENTRAL 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 grassy centre area. Please remind your children to look both ways and please make sure to drive slowly away from the school. This will help to keep students safe from any mishaps.

**** Please do not park at or near the entrances/exits.** Thank you for helping keep our children safe. 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.**

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.

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM



We accept online payment through the School Cash app for many things including Boston Pizza lunches, sport events, activity fees, etc. Please visit

www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions on setting up your account.

CONNECT WITH US!



If you haven't joined Edsby or our Edsby groups yet, please call the school at 306-922-8339 or request an invite and we will approve you shortly. There are specific Homeroom, Sport, buses, and SCC Groups.



Please follow us on **Facebook - West Central Public School.**

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
CHRISTMAS
in MacDowall

DECEMBER
SUNDAY **7** 06:00 PM
MACDOWALL HALL

KICK OFF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH A BONFIRE,
SLIDING, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND SLEIGH RIDES FROM
RIVERS NORTH RANCH!
SURPRISE GUEST & TREATS FOR KIDS



MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF THE COMMUNITY,
MACDOWALL LIONS CLUB, AND MDRF
CONTACT MICHELLE MOUROT FOR MORE INFO
306 961 8908

M.D.R.F

MACDOWALL & DISTRICT
RECREATION FOUNDATION

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*Interested in becoming a
member?*

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MacDowall and District Recreation Foundation



For the community,
In the community.

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Join us!

We are currently looking for
two community members who
would like to become part of
our board.
MDRF meets once monthly, and
provides opportunities for
volunteering in our community.

Contact Devon Neudorf, Jordyne
Semenoff, or any MDRF member
for more information.

LILY PLAIN CO-OP HALL PRESENTS



2026



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN THE PLAIN FAMILY DANCE

A HOUSE PARTY FEEL WITHOUT THE
FUSS OR THE MESS!

DECEMBER 31, 2025

ADVANCE TICKETS BEFORE DEC. 24 @ 6 PM:
ADULTS - \$25, CHILDREN \$15, 3 & UNDER FREE;
FAMILY - \$60

LILY PLAIN CO-OP HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

7:00 - 9:30 PM - ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS (& KIDS AT HEART!)

PASTA BUFFET SERVED AT 9:30 PM

CASH BAR

For tickets contact Jodi @ 306-940-9250

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I ♥ READING

one-on-one
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