

# Écs September 2024 Newsletter

École Centennial School Bulletin de Septembre 2024

Our school year adventures begin...



# Welcome/Bienvenue



## Our strategic Intent:

We are excited to learn and play together. We belong in a safe and welcoming community. We are innovative and successful.

## At École Centennial School...

- ★ We believe that literacy is a valuable lifelong skill for all learners.
- ★ We believe that it is critical to develop confident and competent literacy skills.
- ★ We believe a bilingual environment creates a rich environment for learning literacy.
- ★ We believe literacy nurtures thinking, imagination and creates connections with others.
- ★ We believe students learn literacy through exposure and experience with diverse and relevant texts.
- ★ We believe that teachers should model a love for literacy and use engaging research-based literacy strategies.



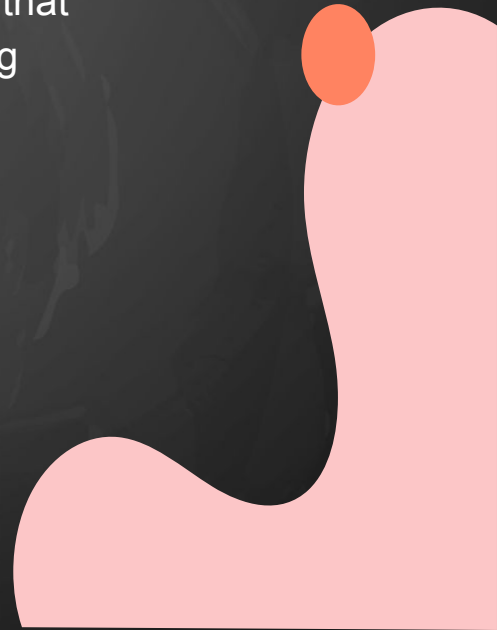
# Admin Message by Mr. Reiter



Welcome back to a new school year! I am thrilled to be returning and to embark on this exciting journey with all of you. Our theme for this year is **"Brillez De Joie/ Shine with Joy,"** and it reflects our commitment to embracing every moment and cherishing the time we have together.

As we dive into new experiences and opportunities, let's focus on finding joy in our daily interactions and celebrating the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Together, let's make this year a memorable one by shining brightly and supporting each other.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!



# ÉCS Dates to Remember:

Sept. 3rd - First day of school  
- Girls Volleyball Tryouts Grades 6-8 @  
3:15 - 5:15 PM

Sept. 5th - Girls Volleyball Tryouts Grades 7-8  
athletes are invited back for 2nd day of  
Senior Girls tryouts @ 3:15 - 5:15 PM  
- Boys Volleyball Tryouts Grades 6-8 5:15  
- 7:15 PM

Sept. 9th - Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:15 - 5:15 PM

Sept. 17th - Kindergarten Photos

Sept. 18th - Grade 1 - 8 Photos

Sept. 25th - Terry Fox Walk at 2:05 PM

Sept. 27th - Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30th - No School, PLC

Oct. 16th - Early Dismissal @ 2:05 PM

Oct. 28th - No School, Teacher Convention

Oct. 29th - Photo Retakes Day, Pre K Pictures

Oct. 31st - Halloween - Dress up in PM

Nov. 8th - No School, Day in lieu of Parent Teacher  
Conferences

Nov. 11th - No School, Remembrance Day

Nov. 25th - Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Nov. 25th - 30th - Education Week

Nov. 27th - Early Dismissal @ 2:05 PM

Dec. 22nd - Jan. 5th - Christmas Break  
(first day back is the 6th)



# Early Dismissal Dates:

**Early Dismissal Time: 2:05  
PM**

Early dismissal days will be used to facilitate professional development regarding student assessment and development.

Busses will be scheduled for early pickup on these days.

DATES:

October 16th

November 27th

February 12th

April 30th

June 4th

Other Calendars Links: [6 Day Cycle Calendar](#)  
[Public School Calendar](#)

# ÉCS 2024-2025 STAFF

Principal  
Vice Principal

Mark Reiter  
*Chris Siemens*

School Counselor  
Facility Operator

*Marla Foster*  
TBA

Office Manager  
Secretary

*Misty Shotter*  
*Heather Rijvers*

Pre-K  
Eng Kindergarten

*Audrey Sikat*  
*Shantel Blanke*

FI Kindergarten

*Roxanne Snyder*

Eng Grade 1

*Tanya Hansen*

FI Grade 1

*Stephanie Barber*

Eng Grade 1/2

*Crystal Horn*

Eng Grade 2

*Nicole Voth*

FI Grade 2

*Ruth Wanjiru*

FI Grade 2

*Jeremy Rasmussen*

Eng Grade 3

*Brooke Wagner*

FI Grade 3

*Esther Bernard*

FI Grade 3/4

*Ashley Wagner*

Eng Grade 4

*Melissa Squires*

Eng Grade 4

*Taylor Kinch*

Eng Grade 5

*Emma Robertson*

FI Grade 5

*Kim Thomliston*

FI Grade 5

*Amanda Ruel*

Eng Grade 5/6

*Kellie Garland*

Eng Grade 6

*Terry Pavely*

FI Grade 6

*Coreen McIntyre*

Eng Grade 7

*Ricki Banford*

Eng Grade 7

*Stephanie Wiens*

FI Grade 7

*Hillary Strain*

Eng Grade 8

*Cam Frase*

FI Grade 8

*Jaclyn Reaves Jacobson*

SST

*Nancy Anderson*

SST

*Kendra Lehmann*

SST

*Michelle Vavra*

Band

*Lundy Holmes*

Music/Art

*Amy Collins*

PE/Core Eng

*Madison Biem*

PE/Core Eng

*Alyssa Taylor*

PAA

*Steve Dyck*

PAA

*Jaclyn Reaves Jacobson*

Library

*Marion Dueck*

Math Coach

*Janelle Davey*

Intern Teacher

*Jolie Munteanu*

Intern Teacher

*Indika Oberding*

Intern Teacher

*Trinity Hemsworth*

## Educational Support Staff

Angelica Roxas, Brandi Roosen, Carla Bollinger, Scarlet Smid, Cecilie Beaudoin-Kwan, Sheila Christopher, Collin Nyabadza, Jeanne Myers, Connie Pearce, Laarne De Jesus, Brenda Denis, Trisha Paula Serrano, Raeanne Stenerson, Cathy Erfle, Teena Mohandas and Lyn Knox.



# ÉCS Bell Schedule 2024-2025

8:35 AM	Bell to go to class
8:42 - 8:50	Attendance & Announcements
8:50-9:33	Period 1
9:33-10:16	Period 2
10:16 - 10:31	RECESS BREAK
10:31-11:14	Period 3
11:14-11:57	Period 4
11:57-12:40	LUNCH BREAK

## Lunch break:

K-grade 5 - Eat 11:57-12:22 / Break 12:22-12:40

Grade 6-8 - Break 11:57 - 12:22 / Eat 12:22 - 12:40

12:40-1:23 PM	Period 5 (Homeroom attendance)
1:23-2:06	Period 6
2:06-2:21	RECESS BREAK
2:21-3:05	Period 7
3:05	DISMISSAL

Check out our [Student Handbook](#) to learn more about ÉCS.

# Student Permission Forms



\* \* First homeroom to have ALL verification forms completed, signed and returned to the office, will WIN a PRIZE!! \* \*



## Verification Forms:

Verification forms will be handed out at Unpack your Backpack, but if you are unable to make it we will send it home first day of class. Please have forms filled in and signed, returned to homeroom teacher ASAP.

- Be sure to make any necessary changes and sign the back (even if there are no changes).
- Due: Friday, September 6th

## Chinook Forms:

Chinook Permissions Forms will be emailed out to families.

- There are separate forms for grades K-6 and grades 7-8.
- Please make sure to use the correct form google form.
- One per student.
- Due: ASAP as students need permission to use chromebooks and internet at school for projects.





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**Student Information** - Within LAFOIP (Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act), the school division is able to use student information in the following ways:

- Once a record is received by the school division, the record can be used and shared within the school division without consent of the parent or student for the purpose for which the information was obtained and for a use that is consistent with that original purpose.
- Only persons requiring access to the records to perform the duties of their employment are allowed to access and use the records based on the need-to-know principle. The record may be placed within the student's cumulative file.

*A great place to go to school and go to work!*



## Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment FAIR NOTICE

**Chinook School Division is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.**

### What is a threat?

- an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture

### Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours to the school principal.

### What is the purpose of a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

- to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- to understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behaviour
- to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- to promote the emotional and physical safety of all

*The information in this brochure reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.*

**The complete Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol may be found on Chinook School Division's website at [www.chinooksd.ca](http://www.chinooksd.ca).**

### What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- verbal/written threats to harm or kill others (clear, direct, and plausible)
- online threats to harm or kill others
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- fire starting
- sexual intimidation or assault
- gang related intimidation and violence

### What Parents and Students Need to Know

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigation may involve the student services counsellor, the police of jurisdiction, or other community agencies
- investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- threatening behavior may result in disciplinary action
- an intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats


# School Photos

September 17th - Kindergarten Photos

September 18th - Grade 1 to Grade 8

October 29th - Pre K & Retake Day for K-8





# **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**


## **SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE TRYOUTS**

**SEPT 3 & 5 (3:15-5:15)**

Get ready to dig deep and compete in our Girl's Volleyball tryouts. If you are unable to make one of the tryouts, please touch base with Ms. Taylor and or Mrs. Hansen.

- Sept.3- gr.6-8 girls are invited.
- Sept.5- only gr.7-8 athletes are invited back for the second day of "Senior Girls" tryouts.

The second day of intermediate tryouts will be announced at a further date.



# September

*Senior Lady Stars*



The Senior Girls volleyball team has a busy upcoming schedule this fall. Senior tryouts begin on sept.3rd and the second date is sept.5th. The team will be posted by Friday. The following week, practices will be held on the 9, 10, and 12th. We are thrilled for the start of the season and excited to start the grind of our 2024 volleyball schedule.

### *Tournament Schedule:*

Sept.21- Cabri Home  
Tournament



### *League Schedule:*

Every Thursday after school, the Senior Girls Volleyball team has a game. Home games will be released when the schedule is made. Come support our ECS Lady Stars!



**TIME CHANGE!!!**

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**  
**TRYOUTS**

**SENIOR  
& INTERMEDIATE**

**SEPT.5 5:15-7:15**

**SEPT.9 3:15-5:15**

Get ready to dig deep and compete in our Boy's Volleyball tryouts. If you are unable to make one of the tryouts, please touch base with Mrs. Lehmann and Mme. Strain.

- Sept.5 - Gr.6-8 boys are invited to tryout for the senior and intermediate team.
- Sept.9 - All gr.7-8 boys and gr.6 boys who are invited back by Mrs. Lehmann for the second day of senior tryouts.

**September**

*Senior Boys Volleyball*

*Notes from Mrs. Lehmann*

The Senior Boys volleyball team has a busy upcoming schedule this fall.

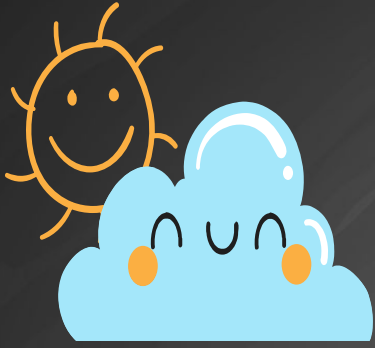
Practices will be Wednesday 3:15 - 5:15 PM and Thursdays 5:15 - 7:15 PM.

*Tournament Schedule:*

Sept.21- Cabri Home  
Tournament

*League Schedule:*

Every Monday after school, the Senior Boys Volleyball team has a game. Home games will be released when the schedule is made. Come support our ECS Boys team!



# Orange Shirt Day

Sept 27 for Truth and Reconciliation Day



# Use of Smartphones



Dear Families and Staff,

As you may be aware, on August 6, 2024, the [Ministry of Education announced](#) that they will require Saskatchewan school divisions to develop administrative procedures that ban the use of personal electronic devices during instructional time in Kindergarten to Grade 12, beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Chinook School Division recognizes the value of educational technology towards improving student learning. In this context, smartphones/personal electronic devices have the potential to be a powerful complement to the learning environment when aligned with responsible use and digital citizenship.

However, a growing body of research points to problematic side effects related to distraction, loss of focus and potential addiction to smartphones. Reflecting Chinook School Division learning priorities of supporting student learning and mental health and well being, the new [Administrative Procedure 139 - Use of Smartphones](#) contends that the presence of smartphones in classrooms during instruction will only be permitted for grades 9 to 12 when supported by a classroom management plan and approved by the principal. Smartphones/personal electronic devices shall not be used during instructional time for prekindergarten to grade 8 students.

Parents/caregivers will be able to contact the school office to communicate messages to their children as per previous practice. School supplied technology will continue to be acceptable for the purposes of student learning and support.

For prekindergarten to grade 8 students, school administration may also limit smartphones/personal electronic devices usage outside of instructional time including recess and the noon hour. Students in grades 9 to 12 will be permitted to use smartphones/personal electronic devices during breaks and during the lunch hour, and must adhere to all guidelines during these times.

Please read through [AP 139 - Use of Smartphones](#) for more details on the division procedure and review our school specific expectations and discipline process below. We value our Chinook families and your cooperation and support of these guidelines is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact school administration.

Below are the specific guidelines for all students at École Centennial School:

## Electronic Devices

We recognize that many students have cellular phones. Grade 6-8 students are to store their phones in their locker after the 8:20 bell. During school hours, they are not to be used for texting or phone calls. During the instructional day we require that they are powered down or put on silent and stored in your locker. Using electronic devices without teacher permission will result in reminders from teachers to put the electronic device in your locker.

**Repeated Disregard for this rule will result in the following:**

Step 1 - the phone will be put in the office and you may collect it at the end of the school day.

Step 2: the phone will be put in the office and your parent will be contacted to come and pick it up.

Step 3: Continued Repeat offenders will be required to leave their device at home or in the office during school hours and be subject to the school discipline plan for defiance.

The school is not responsible for any electronic devices the students may choose to bring to school.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Mark Reiter

Principal





# Entering the School



If you drop off your child during instructional time (anytime after 8:35 am) please have them use the main front doors. If you are picking up your child during the day, have them check out at the office and they can exit the main front doors. Please park in front of the school.

All side doors of school are locked once classes commence (8:42)

Any visitors who are coming into the school to stay for a meeting or classroom helping, please sign in at the front desk.



# Student Medical Safety

## Emergency Plans

If your child has a medical condition that would require emergency planning and intervention, please contact Mr. Siemens ([csiemens@chinooksd.ca](mailto:csiemens@chinooksd.ca)) so that an emergency medical plan can be made.

If any medication or epipens need to be updated, please let Mr. Siemens know to arrange.

## Nut Sensitive

We have students in the school that have extreme allergies including nuts, pistachios and cashews.

Every attempt is made to be a nut sensitive school.



# Emergency Back up Plans



## Morning Emergency Busing Back-up Plan/ Plan de Secours des autobus du matin

It is important to develop and discuss with your children a back-up plan should the school bus be delayed in the event of inclement/stormy weather on the morning route.

- \* What would your child do if their bus did not meet its scheduled pick up time?
- \* Is there someone at home to assist?
- \* If parents leave for work and no one is home, does your child(ren) have access to their home to make a telephone call? If so, who would they call?
- \* Is there a neighbour at home to assist?

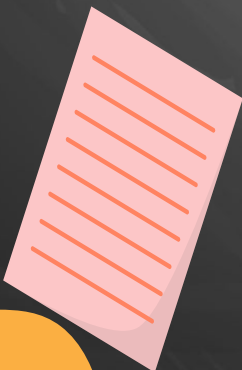
It is better to be prepared than to experience a potentially dangerous situation. Please take a few minutes; think out and arrange your back-up plan and discuss it with your child(ren).




## After School Plans/Plans Après L'école


Please make sure your child knows what their afterschool plan is before school.

Please call our office before 12 pm if you need to change your child's pick up plan to ensure there is no confusion at the end of the day. We do understand emergencies come up and there will be times you need call with changes throughout the afternoon.





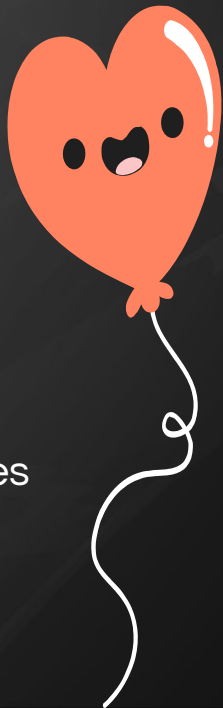


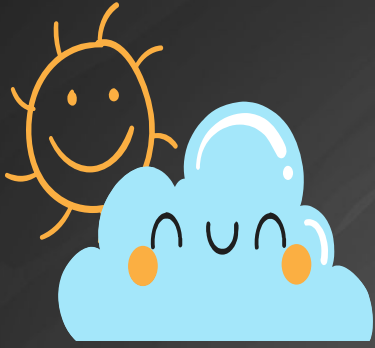
# Busing Safety and Guidelines/ Directives et Sécurité des autobus



The Bus Driver and school admin work together to ensure student safety. The Bus Driver is in charge of the bus. Students will follow the Bus Driver's instructions and the Bus Safety Guidelines for riding the bus.

1. Students will sit in their assigned seat and only leave their seat with the Bus Driver's permission.
  2. When unloading, please stay seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
  3. Students will keep the center aisle clear (no arms, legs, bags or equipment).
  4. Students will keep their hands, arms or other body parts inside the bus at all times.
  5. Students may not eat or drink on the bus. Sunflower seeds are not allowed.
  6. Students will follow the instructions of the Bus Driver at all times.
  7. Students will help the Bus Driver by keeping the bus clean.
  8. Students will use a "talking" voice and will show respect for themselves and others by using appropriate and respectful language.
  9. Students will treat the Bus Driver and other students with courtesy and respect.
  10. Students are responsible to the Principal for their behavior on the bus. The Principal has the authority to suspend bus privileges for students who are not able to self-regulate their behavior.
  11. When the bus driver puts the lights off inside the bus, students voices are off!
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# Snack Shack

Snack Shack is available during the morning recess for grades 6-8 students.  
Snack Shack is located across from the gymnasium.



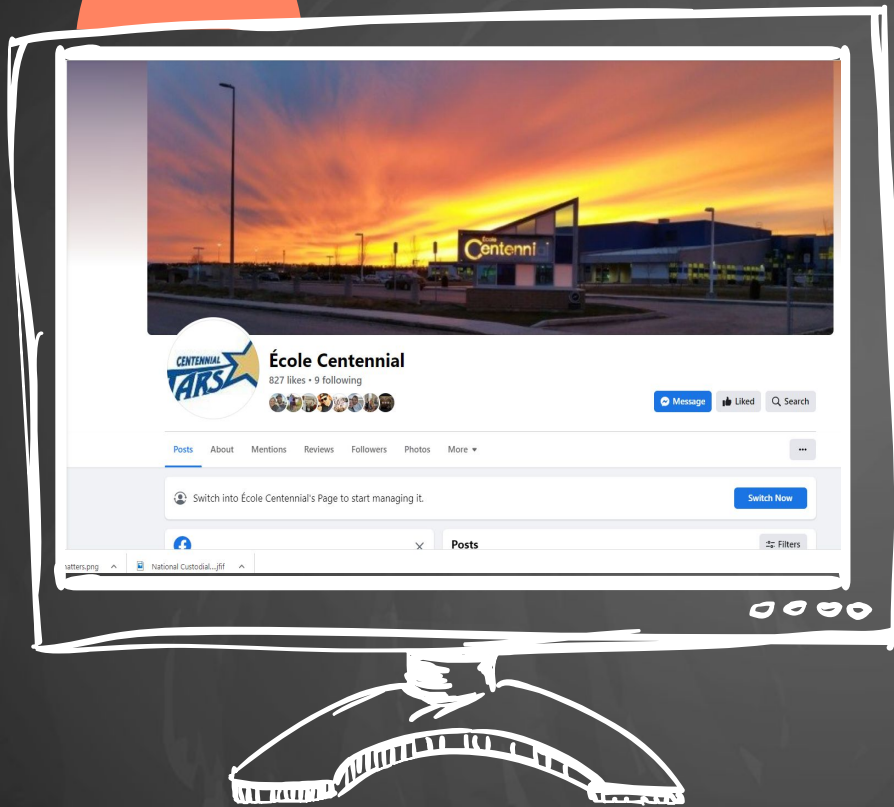




Flags - In 2023, the province updated the education act 184.1 to have schools display the Saskatchewan Flag.

- a. The Government of Saskatchewan's recent amendment of The Education Act, 1995, requires the Saskatchewan flag be flown at all Saskatchewan schools. The provincial flag is an important part of our history and culture, and the development of attitudes, understandings and skills that support active and responsible citizenship is foundational to Saskatchewan curricula. The province directed schools "you may fly the Saskatchewan flag under the Canadian flag at schools."





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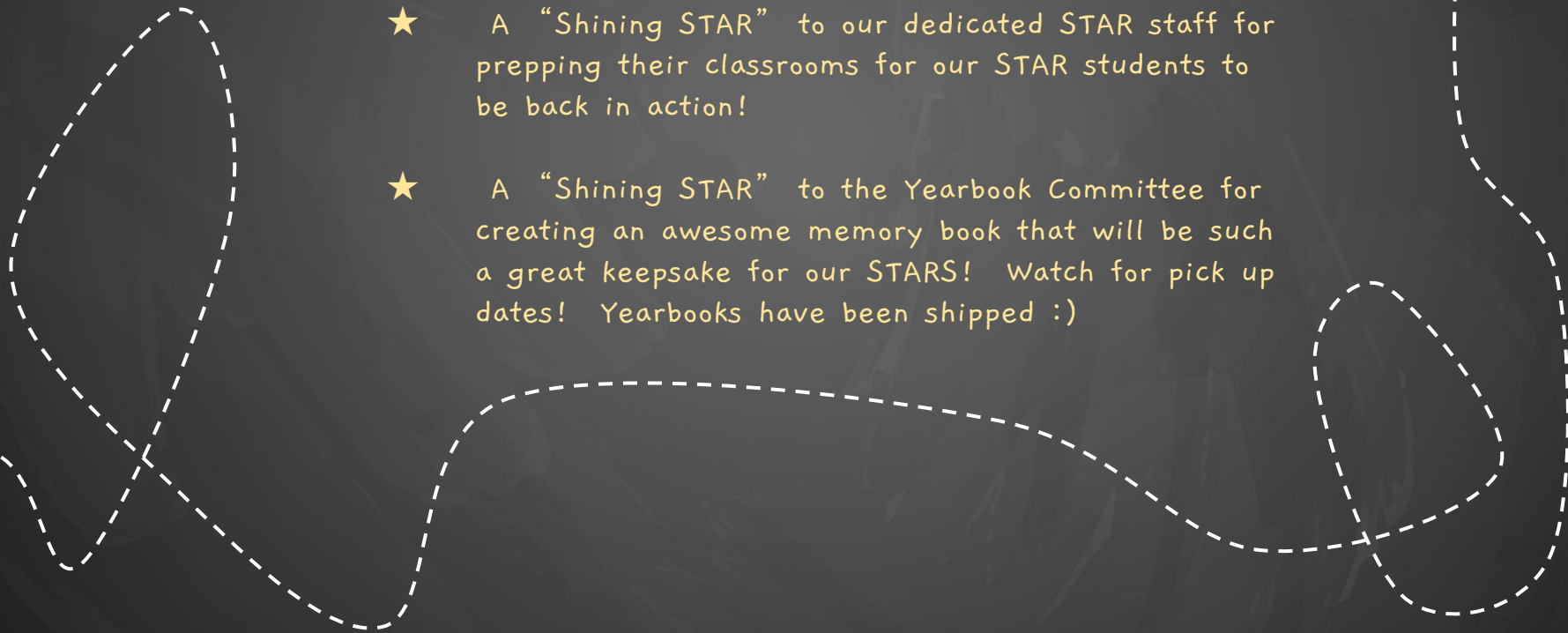
Announcements are posted each day,  
event details, and pics of what's  
happening here on the daily :)

Check it out!

ÉCS WEBSITE: [www.chinooksd.ca/school/centennial](http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/centennial)



- ★ A “Shining STAR” goes to our awesome caretaking team for their hard work over the summer! The halls of the school are ready for us!
- ★ A “Shining STAR” to our dedicated STAR staff for prepping their classrooms for our STAR students to be back in action!
- ★ A “Shining STAR” to the Yearbook Committee for creating an awesome memory book that will be such a great keepsake for our STARS! Watch for pick up dates! Yearbooks have been shipped :)





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