



ÉCS February 2025 Newsletter



Admin Message



We've had a wonderful start to 2025, and I want to thank you for your continued support of our school community. It's been a busy time around here with report card season in full swing. Our teachers and students have been working hard, and I couldn't be more proud of their dedication and effort.

Your involvement and encouragement make all the difference, and together, we're creating an environment where our students can thrive. As we move forward, let's keep the momentum going and make the remaining year a fantastic one for everyone.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school family.

- Mr. Reiter, Principal

Kindergarten Registration is around the corner.

We will share the details of the time and location at a later date for French and English Kindergarten registration. If you know of a person that is interested in French Education for Kindergarten here is a link to a video that has been created to provide more information. <https://youtu.be/wfz-ijVFAVg>

Please feel free to contact Mr. Siemens or Mr. Reiter if you have any questions about our Kindergarten programs in English or French.

- Mr. Siemens, Vice Principal

Dates to Remember

February 2-8: French Education Week

February 3: **Grade 8** school visit from SCCHS; Registration at SCCHS at 6:30 pm

February 4: Innovation Federal Credit Union's iRead Program with the Broncos (**grade 2**)

February 3-6: Swimming lessons (M. Rasmussen's **grade 2** class)

February 5: **Grades 6-8** ÉCS / All Saints Valentine's Dance from 7-9 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm / close at 8 pm)

February 7: Time to shine

February 9-15: Staff appreciation week (Theme: Heroes of Education)

February 10-11 and 13-14: Swimming lessons (Mme. Wanjiru's **grade 2** class)

February 12: Early dismissal at 2:05 pm

February 17-21: School break

February 25: **Grade 8** Immunizations

February 26: Pink shirt day / Pizza Hut meal day (**grades K - 5**)

February 27: Pizza Hut meal day (**grades 6-8 and Kindergarten odd**)

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 French Education Week	3 - Day 4 Gr. 8 visit fr SCCHS Swimming Lessons	4 - Day 5 Gr. 2 iRead M. Rasmussen's gr 2	5 - Day 6 Gr. 6-8 dance 7-9 pm	6 - Day 1 Rasmussen's gr 2	7 - Day 2 Time to Shine	8
9 Staff Appreciation Week	10 - Day 3 Swimming Lessons	11 - Day 4 Mme. Wanjiru's gr 2	12 - Day 5 Early Dismissal @ 2:05	13 - Day 6 Swimming Lessons	14 - Day 1 Mme. Wanjiru's gr 2	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK						
23	24 - Day 2	25 - Day 3 Gr. 8 Immunizations	26 - Day 4 Pink shirt day Gr. K-5 meal day	27 - Day 5 Gr. 6-8 & K meal day	28 - Day 6	



French Education Week

Feb. 3-7

Discover the *cool* side of French!

Monday

Bonjour

Let's kick off French Week with a taste of **sucre à crème**.



Tuesday

Day 1 of Grade 3-5 French Immersion Improv Battle.

Wednesday



Hayley Wickenheiser-Virtual Presentation
Hockey Jersey Dress Up Day

Thursday

The Will's Jams Band- Virtual Presentation
Day 2 of Grade 3-5 French Immersion Improv Battle

Friday



French Bingo- Period 7
2:30pm-3:00pm

Throughout the week, French Immersion students will have the opportunity to participate in francsaskois cultural workshops! Each day, all students will enjoy French songs on the announcements!



Semaine de l'éducation française

Fév. 3-7

Découvrez le côté *cool* du français!

Lundi

Bonjour

On débute la semaine de l'éducation française avec un **sucre à crème!**



Mardi

Jour 1 de la Compétition d'Impro (3e à 5e année).

Mecredi



Présentation virtuelle de Hayley Wickenheiser!
Porte ton gilet préféré!

Jeudi

Jour 2 de la Compétition d'Impro (3e à 5e année)
Présentation virtuelle de The Will's Jams Band.

Vendredi



BINGO français
Période 7
14h30- 15h00

À chaque jour, les annonces vont avoir des chansons en français!
Pendant la semaine, les classes d'immersion vont avoir des ateliers francsaskois.



Attendance

We appreciate parents and guardians notifying the school when a student will be late or absent. This can be done either by calling the school at 306-778-9240 (leave a voice message if you are calling outside of school hours) or by emailing centennial_school@chinooksd.ca . Our teachers do their best to pass along messages sent directly to them regarding student attendance, however, these things do occasionally get missed if there is a substitute or if messages are sent during instructional time. Information regarding attendance cannot be over communicated; we encourage notification of both the classroom teacher and the office.

- Mrs. Shotter & Mrs. Bazin



Cold Weather Policy

BEFORE SCHOOL:

- When the temperature is **colder than -15 °C** (including windchill) **all students** will remain indoors until 8:20 AM
- At 8:20 AM if it is **warmer than -25 °C** K-5 students will go outside
- At 8:20 AM if it is **colder than -25 °C** K-5 students can proceed to their classrooms; **6-8** students are to remain in their classroom, upper floor hallway, or in open gym

RECESSES and NOON HOUR:

- If it is **-25 °C** or warmer students will go outside.
- If the weather is **between -26 °C and -40 °C** students will run to the fence and back
- **-40 °C or colder** students will stay indoors in their classrooms

AFTER SCHOOL:

- Second run bus students stay in their classrooms until 3:15 pm
- Second run bus students go outside if it is **warmer than -25 °C** at 3:15 pm
- Second run bus students go to the carrefour if it is **colder than -25 °C** at 3:15 pm

If **wind gusts are exceeding 70 KM** we may do a run to the fence or an indoor recess

Cold winter weather requires children to be dressed in warm, outside gear (toques, mitts, scarves, ski pants, boots). Students should wear suitable winter jackets as well as hand and ear protection coming to and from school. This includes students who travel to and from school by bus.

*It is important that all items including toques and scarves are **labelled!***

ÉCS Procedure for Bus Service Disruption and Cancellation

Ensuring the safety of all our students is our top priority, particularly with severe cold and wind chill.

If you need to pick up your child **before the school day ends (3:05 pm)**, please note the following guidelines:

- **Kindergarten to Grade 5:** For students in these grades, we require that parents or guardians come into the school to pick them up. You may go directly to your child's classroom to check them out, but please notify the office as well.
- **Grades 6-8:** For older students, parents can call the office **when they arrive**, and we will send the student out to you. **Please note, we only send students out when you arrive, as we cannot have children waiting outside or in the halls due to the large number of students we are managing. Things can quickly become chaotic when there are no busses running and the weather is poor. To ease the flow of traffic, both inside and outside of the school, we ask that you wait to call the office until you are parked in front of the school.**

In the event of bus cancellations, the office does not require advanced notice of early pickup, only at the actual time of parent/guardian arrival.

If your child will remain at school **until the school day ends (3:05 pm)**, dismissal will occur as usual. There will be supervision on the playground to assist anyone who is unable to locate their parent/guardian and students will be brought indoors if no one has yet arrived for them.

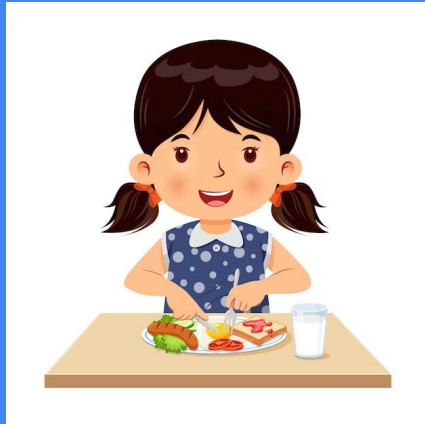
We encourage you to discuss with your children what the plan is in the event of early pickups or bus cancellations, so they know what to expect.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work together to keep all our students safe.

Breakfast Program

ÉCS Breakfast Program is back up and running! It is located in the kitchen and is open from 8:05-8:40am daily. Students are welcome to come and enjoy some food during this time if they could use some extra nutrition in their day. If students are later arriving at school, they can grab an item or two and head to class!

- Mrs. Voth



Lost & Found

Help us ensure lost items are returned to their rightful owners by labeling all student belongings



Athletic Achievements



Senior girls' basketball is off to a good start! So far, they have played in Medicine Hat, Shaunavon, and Moose Jaw. They have won some games and lost some games and are showing improvement each week! Keep up the good work and good luck in the Speedy Creek Classic.
- Mme Wagner



The ÉCS girls, boys and open curling teams participated in a Fun-Spiel in Morse. Everyone had a fantastic time!
- Mrs. Horn



Athletic Achievements

Our **senior boys basketball** team is off to a good start to the season. We had an excellent showing in the Speedy Creek Hoops Tournament. We have had games in Leader, Herbert as well as our City League to start the year. Our team works really hard and we have a lot of speed. Shooting is also a strength of our team. We are looking forward to building on a good start and having an excellent finish to our season.

- Mr. Siemens



Library Lowdown

February is off to a great start with World Read Aloud Day on Wednesday, February 5. Get a book, find an audience, and celebrate the power of reading aloud! You can find a variety of activities and reading suggestions on this site: LitWorld

<https://www.litworld.org/worldreadaloudday>

The month of February is Black History Month, a time when we celebrate Black Canadians' many contributions to Canada's history and culture. It is also Indigenous Storytelling Month. For Indigenous people, storytelling is both a gift, and a very old custom to teach, entertain and remember. Keep on the lookout for books that acknowledge and celebrate these cultures and contributions.

Winter isn't quite over yet, so take advantage of the cold days and early evenings to enjoy a book. If you need any ideas, we are happy to help you find something you will love to read!

- Mrs. Dueck, Librarian



I would love to share about the **Pre-K's** first time visiting the Library. Mrs. Stan read us two books. All of the students enjoyed them, and they all sat so well!

- Miss Sikat

Notes from Chinook

The Saskatchewan Student Assessment (SSA) program is a new provincial initiative designed to provide consistent, fair and objective measures of student achievement. This program is part of Saskatchewan's 2020-2030 Provincial Education Plan and will benefit students by offering valuable insights to support their learning and future success.

Implemented in stages beginning in the 2025-26 school year, the assessments will be developed with Saskatchewan teachers and based on the Saskatchewan curriculum students are already learning in class. The SSA program will not require additional learning or replace classroom assessment. Please review the [SSA Family Fact Sheet](#) for additional details.

Get ready to dive into the vibrant world of agriculture with the Chinook Board of Education... once again! We are excited to announce the CHINOOK BOARD AGRICULTURE CONTEST will run for the second year.

Join us as we celebrate the rich heritage and boundless potential of agriculture. Students can submit entries in an individual or classroom category for a chance to win great prizes! [Check out contest details on the Chinook website.](#)



The poster for the Chinook Board of Education Agriculture Contest features a vibrant background of a cornfield. At the top, the text 'Chinook Board of Education' is written in a cursive font, with 'AGRICULTURE CONTEST' in bold, white, sans-serif letters below it. A small logo is in the top right corner. On the left, three green checkmarks are stacked vertically. In the center, three orange buttons with white text read: 'Choose a category', 'Submit a short video', and 'Win great prizes!'. On the right, a smartphone displays a photo of a farmer in a field. At the bottom, two circular icons are shown: a hand holding a seed and a person with a pitchfork. Text next to the icons reads: 'The Chinook Board of Education is dedicated to honouring the invaluable role agriculture plays in shaping our lives.' and 'Let's cultivate a deeper appreciation for agriculture and inspire a new generation to carry its legacy forward.' The bottom of the poster has an orange background with the text 'Submission deadline: May 2, 2025' and 'Contest details: www.chinooksd.ca'.

In Motion Commotion

From The City of Swift Current

Staying active during the winter months can be more challenging, but there are many fun activities to do in the winter such as snowshoeing, tobogganing, skating, building a snowman, or going for a walk. What about trying Crokicurl at Riverdene Park? Also, here are some events going on in Swift Current during the month of February that can help you stay active and have fun!

- Family Fun Week – February 17-23 will have many family friendly activities to participate in during the February break such as skating, swimming, curling, reading, and cross-country skiing. Learn more at www.swiftcurrent.ca/familyfunweek
- Free Swimming during Public and Family swim times at the Aquatic Centre for ages 14 and under, in the month of February. Sponsored by the SC Kiwanis Club.

Have fun, stay safe, and be active!

