

ÉCS NEWSLETTER

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October 2024



Important Dates:

- Oct. 4th - Time To Shine & MY Pizza orders due
- Oct. 7th - Edge Imaging Due
- Oct. 7th - 11th - Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 8th - Outdoor Ed - Water Treatment Plant
- Oct. 9th - MY Pizza
- Oct. 10th - School Messenger (busing) Test Day
- Oct. 15th - Pizza Hut Orders Due
- Oct. 16th - Early Dismissal
- Oct. 23rd - MY Pizza
- Oct. 24th - Student Vote
- Oct. 25th - Pizza Hut Meal Day
- Oct. 28th - No School, Teacher Convention
- Oct. 29th - Retakes and Pre K Photo Day
- Oct. 30th - MY Pizza
- Oct. 31st - Halloween Dress up in PM
- Nov. 1 - Time To Shine
- Nov. 8th - No School, Day in lieu of PTC
- Nov. 11th - No School, Remembrance Day
- Nov. 21st - Stars Choir at Christmas Tree Lighting
- Nov. 24th - 29th - Education Week
- Nov. 27th - Early Dismissal
- Nov. 29th - Stars Choir at Bronco Game

Grow Together

Please consider donating, no matter the amount! \$5, \$10, \$20, it all adds up....

We would love grass!!!

The above projected picture is what we hope our grounds can look like. Please email Mr. Reiter for more information at mreiter@chinooksd.ca

Information Letter:

<https://bit.ly/3znARtW>

My School Bucks Donation Page:

<https://bit.ly/3Zs7iC9>



Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support!

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ADMIN MESSAGE - MR. REITER

Thank you for a fantastic first month! We're thrilled with how well the students have settled into the new school year. Our school is buzzing with energy, and a variety of activities have already begun, including cross country, Student Leadership Council (SLC), volleyball, choir, Dungeons and Dragons, and Outdoor Education, just to name a few. We always encourage students to get involved in a club or activity because of the many positive benefits they bring, from building friendships to developing new skills.


This year, our focus is on bringing the joy—both for students and staff. We want to foster an environment where everyone feels excited to learn and grow every day.

Parents also play a big role in bringing joy to their children's school experience. Here are a few ways you can help.


1. Encourage a Positive Mindset: Talk with your child about what they're excited about at school and celebrate their successes, no matter how small. A positive attitude at home can boost their enthusiasm for learning.
1. Support Participation in Activities: Encourage your child to join clubs, teams, or extracurricular activities. These experiences can make school more fun and help them connect with peers who share similar interests.
1. Maintain Open Communication: Regularly check in with your child about their day. Ask them what they enjoyed, what they're learning, and if there's anything they need support with. Being involved in their daily school life shows them that you care.
1. Create a Joyful Morning Routine: A smooth, positive start to the day can set the tone. Make mornings less stressful by preparing the night before, ensuring they get enough sleep, and sending them off with a smile.
1. Be Involved in School Events: Attend school functions, volunteer when possible, and show interest in the school community. Your involvement strengthens the connection between home and school and fosters a positive environment for everyone.


These small actions can make a big difference in helping your child feel supported, joyful, and engaged at school. Thank you for your continued support!

Early Dismissal Days



To help families plan ahead and make arrangements, students will be dismissed **ONE HOUR EARLY** on the following five Wednesdays:

ÉCOLE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL	October 16, 2024	 <p>Each early dismissal allows teachers to participate in 2 hours of professional development to support student learning and assessment.</p>
OUR REGULAR DISMISSAL TIME IS 3:05 SO OUR EARLY DISMISSAL TIME IS 2:05	November 27, 2024	
	February 12, 2025	
	April 30, 2025	
	June 4, 2025	

 Buses will also depart the school one hour earlier than the regular time.



To: All families registered for a City bus.
From: Andrea, Transportation Administrator
Date: Sept 24, 2024
Subject: **Thurs. Oct 10th/24 Test of School Messenger Call System**

****** Chinook School Division City Transportation, is performing a SchoolMessenger notification test to ensure that all families who are registered to a city bus will receive important transportation updates and notifications. ******

Please be advised that we are doing a phone test of our School Messenger Notification system on **Thurs. Oct 10/24**.

This notification system will be used to advise families of important time-sensitive transportation information such as cancellations or delays.

No action is required if you receive an automated phone call test message on Thursday, October 10th.

Please call your school Office Manager the next day, if you **DID NOT** receive any call by 6:00 p.m. If you did not receive a call that may indicate that your contact information needs to be updated.

Thank you.



ORDERS DUE:

October
7th

RETAKES:

October
29th

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER



TOTAL RAISED: \$6,365

ÉCS REMINDERS...

LABEL ALL ITEMS! When the weather starts to turn please send your child in warm outside gear (toques, mitts, scarves, ski pants, boots). It is important that everything is LABELLED! We want our students to wear suitable winter jackets as well as hand and ear protection coming to and from school including those students who travel to school by bus.

Morning Emergency - Bussing Back-Up Plan - 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 its morning route.

- * What would your child do if his/her 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 neighbor home to assist?

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

Severe Weather and Student Transportation - In the event of severe winter conditions, Swift Current city bus runs will be cancelled pending consideration of the following factors:

- If the morning temperature is -40 degrees Celsius or the wind chill is -45 degrees Celsius or below
- Adverse road conditions
- Limited visibility because of fog or blowing snow

When a decision is made to cancel buses it will be made by 6:30 a.m. Information will be relayed to the public through local media on all radio stations. If buses do not run in the mornings, you will need to provide transportation for your child before and after school.

STUDENT VOTE - GRADES 3-8

Our school is doing Student Vote again this year <https://studentvote.ca/sk2024/>. This is a parallel student vote which runs in conjunction with the provincial election on October 28, 2024. The purpose of the program is to help increase student learning of our electoral process and build engagement in our students for the democratic institutions in our nation's democracy. It also helps support families to have conversations with their children about the political process and our hope is that it is a tool to strengthen our democracy.

Many of our students will cast a ballot in this parallel election and province wide results are shared after the last day of voting of the provincial election. Classes for grades 3- 8 are invited to participate in the student vote.

We have done several of these student votes over the last 10 years and we are excited about this one. Our vote at Centennial is scheduled for October 24. We are thankful that our grade 7 Social Studies students in Madam Strain and Mr. Frase's classes are willing to help support our student vote at Centennial by fulfilling the roll of election workers on our vote day. If you have any questions about the student vote feel free to reach out to Mr. Siemens or your child's teacher.

MIDDLE YEARS
PIZZA \$20

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HEY GRADES 6-8,
THE SR SLC IS EXCITED TO SHARE...
ECS MIDDLE YEARS PIZZA IS
BACK!
\$20

4 individual Pizza Hut pizzas for \$20.
Pepperoni, cheese, or hawaiian!
Gluten free options.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

Pizzas delivered each week in October.
Sign up and pay with the SLC or
homeroom teacher by Friday, October 4!

October

Senior Lady Stars

The Senior Girls Volleyball team is excited to announce our 2024-2025 athletes. The girls on the senior team this year are: Aspen Thingvold, Saylor Cuthbert, Macey Tuplin, Emmerson Wiens, Jacey Fauser, Brooke Larson, Kamryn Kozun, Ava Carlson, Helena Lebruno and Saydee Carlson. Coaches are: Ms. Taylor and Travis Cuthbert. The girls have begun their busy schedule, which includes quite a few road games and tournaments. They are looking forward to the busy October grind! Go Stars Go!

Tournaments

Sept.27-28- Weyburn
 October 5th- Davidson
 Gr.9 Tournament
 Oct 18-19 Swift City
 Wide Tournament
 Oct.26- SWAC
 subsections



League Schedule:

Sept.26 vs Irwin (home)
 Oct-10 vs All Saints (away)
 Oct-17 vs Fairview (away)
 Oct.24 vs Herbert (away)
 Oct.31 vs Fairview (away)

Tournament Results:

The first tournament that the girls attended was September 21st in Cabri. They went undefeated in round robin play. In the final, they faced the Consul team and took them down in a dominating two straight sets to win the Cabri tournament. The girls then travelled to Weyburn for a two day tournament on Sept.27 & 28th in Weyburn. They got off to a quick start, defeating the hometown Weyburn A team in two straight sets. The Lady stars stayed undefeated in round robin and playoff play, not even dropping a set. As expected, they were tested once again by coming up against the Eagles A team. This time, with a close, yet thrilling two set defeat to capture gold from the well represented grade 9 team. They are excited to get back on the road for another short trip, this time heading to Davidson for the weekend.



STARS VOLLEYBALL



October Senior Boys Volleyball



Note from Coach Lehmann & Coach Strain

The Senior Boys Volleyball team has hit the ground running. The first week of school involved two try-outs where the boys showed their skill and Mme. Strain and Mrs. Lehmann were very impressed with all the boys! Ben R, Blake S, Carson U, Carter W, Damon J, Deagan H, Gray T, Nixon C, Nixon F, Reid C, Simon A, and Toby P came together to make up our 2024-2025 Stars Team!!!

The boys have been practicing up a storm and they are loving the hitting machine that was offered for us to use. The main skills we are learning to start our season include passing the ball while making sure our platform is angled towards the target, thumbs face each other after our sets and ensuring our arm swing is giving us the best success to hit the ball!!!

After a few practices learning serve receive, defense, how to rotate and switch, the boys travelled to Cabri where they ended up 2nd in their pool. A hard fought semi that went to three sets ended in a loss. We went back to the drawing board and worked on our serve receive which helped us to defeat Fairview in our first league game of the season.

The boys will take on Central School next week in league play and then host an 8-team tournament on Saturday, October 5th. Come out to watch our Stars battle teams from the southwest!!!



Tournament Schedule:

Oct.4-5- Home Tournament
 Oct 18-19- Dawg Pound Tournament

League Schedule:

Tuesday, October 1st ECS @ Central
 Monday, October 7th Herbert @ ECS
 Tuesday, October 15th Irwin @ ECS
 Monday, October 21st ECS @ ASCS
 Tuesday, October 29th ECS @ Central

GR 3-5

CROSS COUNTRY



Great work to all our participants in the annual Riverside Run. Congratulations to Micah S, Emmerson W and Gabby C for winning medals!
Grade 7 Boys - Micah win Silver
Grade 8 Girls - Emmerson wins Silver & Gabby wins Bronze



GR 3-5

CROSS COUNTRY

ÉCS Stars were out in full force for the Riverside Run on September 16th! We had a great turn out with runners and our stars showed true grit. Thank you to all the parent helpers who made the day possible!



OUTDOOR ED CLUB



We had 43 riders (and 10 chaperones) and the goal was to bike 20km on the Chinook bike path. It was a great success! And thank-you to the chaperones who helped us out on the ride!

MRS. DUECK'S LIBRARY NEWS

The school year is in full swing, and the library is once again a busy place. We have 24 different ÉCS classes taking turns in the library, with a similar number from All Saints Catholic School, so there is plenty of activity in the library.

This year the reading challenge is divided into two groups. Every time they read a book, grades K-3 students are invited to add a circle to the caterpillar that will wind its way around the library. Grades 4-8 are in a race to see which grade will read the most books. Students can enter the name of each book they read into the Challenge binder, and the numbers will be tallied on the racetrack.

We are looking ahead to November already, and planning for the Scholastic Book Fair. There will be more information coming later in October and the beginning of November, so watch for announcements.

We look forward to another great year of reading!

JACOBSON'S COOKING CLUB

Cooking club will be held one Tuesday and Thursday each month. Each month there will be a new sign up for either grades 5 & 6 or 7 & 8. Listen for announcements to see which day to sign up for your grade. Sign up sheets will be at the office.





ÉCS Shining Stars

- Living Sky Casino for the very generous donation of extra school supplies for our students.
- Federal Credit Union for the montegary donation of \$10,000 going to our Grow Together Fundraiser!!
- Thank you to our Junior SLC for planning and organizing our Terry Fox Fundraiser!
- Thank you to Mr. Steingart for doing so much for our school. We appreciate you!!!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Parenting the Emotional Child Group



A 4 session In Person Training Event
 October 8, 2024 to October 29, 2024
 Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m

This is a 4 week group for parents of children eligible to be in school from ages 5-12 years old. Parents will be taught strategies to regulate and recognize strong emotions in themselves and their children so they can be role models for their children. Parents will learn information about strong emotions as it relates to anxiety, depression and anger.

Please talk with your Clinician or contact Mental Health & Addictions Centralized Intake at 1-877-329-0005

You will be contacted by the group facilitator prior to the start of group to complete the registration process



ADD/ADHD Information and Parenting Support Group

Please feel free to attend the information group with any ADD/ADHD, learning difference or relationship questions. Or call Laurie at 306-626-3317.

Meeting will be held at The Great Plains College room 119 7:00-9:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this information, please pass this on.

Time to Shine Days at ÉCS

IT'S TIME TO SHINE, STARS!

Wear your ÉCS gear or colours (blue & yellow) to show your school pride.

The first Friday of every month!

Wear your school colors or school gear on the first Friday of every month for Time To Shine days!

School clothing can be purchased here:
<https://bit.ly/3Blb9GS>



in motion™

Physical Activity - do it for life!

Hey everyone! We hope you're having a fantastic first month back at school and staying In Motion! Our goal is for all kids to be active for 60-90 minutes every day, and the benefits are amazing! Being active helps boost your self-esteem, gives you tons of energy, reduces stress, improves your sleep, and makes life more enjoyable overall! If you're aged 7-14, don't miss out on our Welcome to Recreation program! Each month, you can dive into a variety of sports and fun activities designed to keep you moving and engaged. Ready to join the excitement? For more info on our Community Services programs, visit www.swiftcurrent.ca/play. Let's get active, have a blast, and enjoy every moment together!

In Motion - Dwinell Stevenson, City of Swift Current

IN THE COMMUNITY



2024 Spookerama Junior Dance Information Thursday, October 31, 2024 Colonel Clifton Recreation Centre

1. Dance is open to Grades 6-8 in the City of Swift Current, Waldeck, Wymark, Success and Hazlet.
2. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. The dance will run until 11:00 p.m.
3. Students do not have to stay until 11:00 p.m., but if they are wishing to leave early, they **MUST** phone a parent/guardian for a ride. Students will not be allowed to walk home alone.
4. Each student will need to present either their student card or a letter from the principal, with the student's name in order to get into the dance.
5. Pizza and pop will be served at no charge.
6. Coat check will be available.
7. Zero tolerance for behaviour which causes concern. If there are any problems, the students are to report to the nearest Kiwanis Member.

This event is co-sponsored by Swift Current Kiwanis Club and the City of Swift Current.

For more information, please contact:
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