



COUGAR NEWS



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No. 05

Clavet School

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Two years ago I don't think there was anyone who would have predicted that we would be celebrating the beginning of 2022 with COVID still playing as large a role as it currently is. In fact, with the rise in the Omicron variant, COVID is a major factor in our planning. We continue to work to put procedures in place to keep our students safe. It is imperative that you reinforce these measures with your children. At the high school end of the school, I continue to see a number of our students who struggle with the expectation to wear a mask properly throughout the day. The most dangerous time for students is when they are eating. Students should avoid eating in the halls and need to minimize their interactions while they eat. Every effort needs to be taken for students to remain within their cohorts. This includes in the halls and the gyms and on the playground. We have defined our cohorts to be the grade levels. It has also been suggested as good practice to rapid test once a week. If you require rapid tests, please contact your elementary homeroom teacher, or direct your high school student to come to the office.

With our recent cold snap, we have had a few days when the buses were not running. Our hope is that buses will be able to run for the remainder of the school year, but we recognize that this is still Saskatchewan. We have noticed a few gaps in our school procedures that would make it safer for all. When dropping students off in the morning, we are asking all parents to enter the parking lot using the east entrance. Elementary parents should use nose-in parking in front of the elementary entrance and high school parents should parallel park in front of the high school entrance. Nobody should park in the middle of the parking lot or in the south staff parking stalls. Our goal is to avoid students crossing the paths of vehicles when loading or unloading. Once unloaded, all vehicles should exit using the west exit. Please use the same process when picking students up at the end of the day.

Stay warm and stay safe,

Brian Matisz

Principal

Clavet School

306-933-1022

306-227-4895 (Cell)

CLAVET PRE-KINDERGARTEN



The Clavet Pre-Kindergarten program for three and four year old children runs Monday to Thursday 9am-12pm. The open house date and times for Pre-Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year will be posted on our website and in upcoming newsletters. Applications will be available at the open house or at the office after the open house date. Children must be three years old by September 1st. Please call the office at 306-933-1022 or email christine.findlater@spiritsd.ca for more information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the 2022-2023 School Year

Registration is now taking place for any child who will be turning five (5) by December 31, 2022. Please call the Clavet School at **306-933-1022** to enroll your child for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration is important for an accurate class count.

Please pass this information on to your neighbours and friends.

There will be an open house in the spring, watch upcoming newsletters and/or the website for more information.

If you have questions/concerns about your child starting kindergarten please call or

e-mail Tracy Fitzsimmons at 306-933-1022 or tracy.fitzsimmons@spiritsd.ca



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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Thank you to all of you who donated to the Christmas Hamper Program this year! The families who received the hampers were very grateful!! Your donations made a significant difference to several families' holidays. We hope all of you had an enjoyable holiday season and that 2022 holds good things!



WINTER RECESS GUIDELINES



Clavet School has established the following temperatures as a guideline for winter recess time. We would like all students be dressed properly (winter jacket, ski-pants, toque, mitts, boots etc.) as we try to go outside as much as possible. Many students ask to go outside even when temperatures dip low. The combined temperature is based on Environment Canada's temperature of Saskatoon.

At the time of the recess break:

- -26 °C and warmer – everyone outside
- -27 °C to -39°C – All students dress up and run to football shack and back or be a part of Polar Bear Club
- Polar Bear Club - only those dressed properly will have the option to stay outside with teacher supervision
- - 40 °C and colder – everyone is to be indoors

EXTREME COLD WEATHER AND WHEN THE BUSES DO NOT RUN

AP805 – Bus Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather

A bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold **will run in the afternoon, if conditions have improved**. In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning due to cold weather, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day.

Bus routes cancelled at 6 a.m. due to cold weather will operate on their regular routes at the end of the school day, provided that temperatures reported at **12 noon** are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).

Families will receive notifications through the [Versatrans My Stop app](#) and the update will be posted on the Division's [website](#) and phone hotline (306-683-2805) by 1 p.m.

Please see the Division's updated [Admin Procedure 805 - Bus Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather](#).

- from the Bus Garage

For your information, the Prairie Spirit School Division Bus Garage makes the decision based on the 6 am combined temperature (air temperature and wind chill) if the buses will run for the day or not. They use Environment Canada's weather conditions for Saskatoon to make this decision and post their official decision on the PSSD website bus cancellation page, <https://www.spiritsd.ca/buses/>, shortly after 6 am. We also want to make it clear that if parents feel that it is unsafe for them to come to school at any time, they have the right to keep their child(ren) at home. We support the decisions of the parents and the bus drivers in making decisions that they feel are necessary to keep their child(ren) safe.

DATES TO NOTE

JAN. 27 & 28

JAN.28

JAN. 31

FEB. 1

FEB. 2

Gr. 10-12 SUMMATIVE EVIDENCE COLLECTION

SEMESTER 1/QUADMESTER 2 ENDS

PREPARATION DAY – NO SCHOOL

SEMESTER 2/QUADMESTER 3 BEGINS

Gr.10-12 DIGITAL REPORT CARDS

Community News

Help
Wanted

We are now accepting applications for **SUBSTITUTE CARETAKING help**. In order to maintain our school building to the highest possible standard, we require substitute caretaking help in our school. If you are interested in working on a casual basis, please contact Brian Matisz, Principal at 306-933-1022 or Amy Sawyer, Operations Assistant at 306-683-2918, as soon as possible for more information. **Students**, parents and community members are welcome to apply.



**Spare Bus Drivers needed
in your community**

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

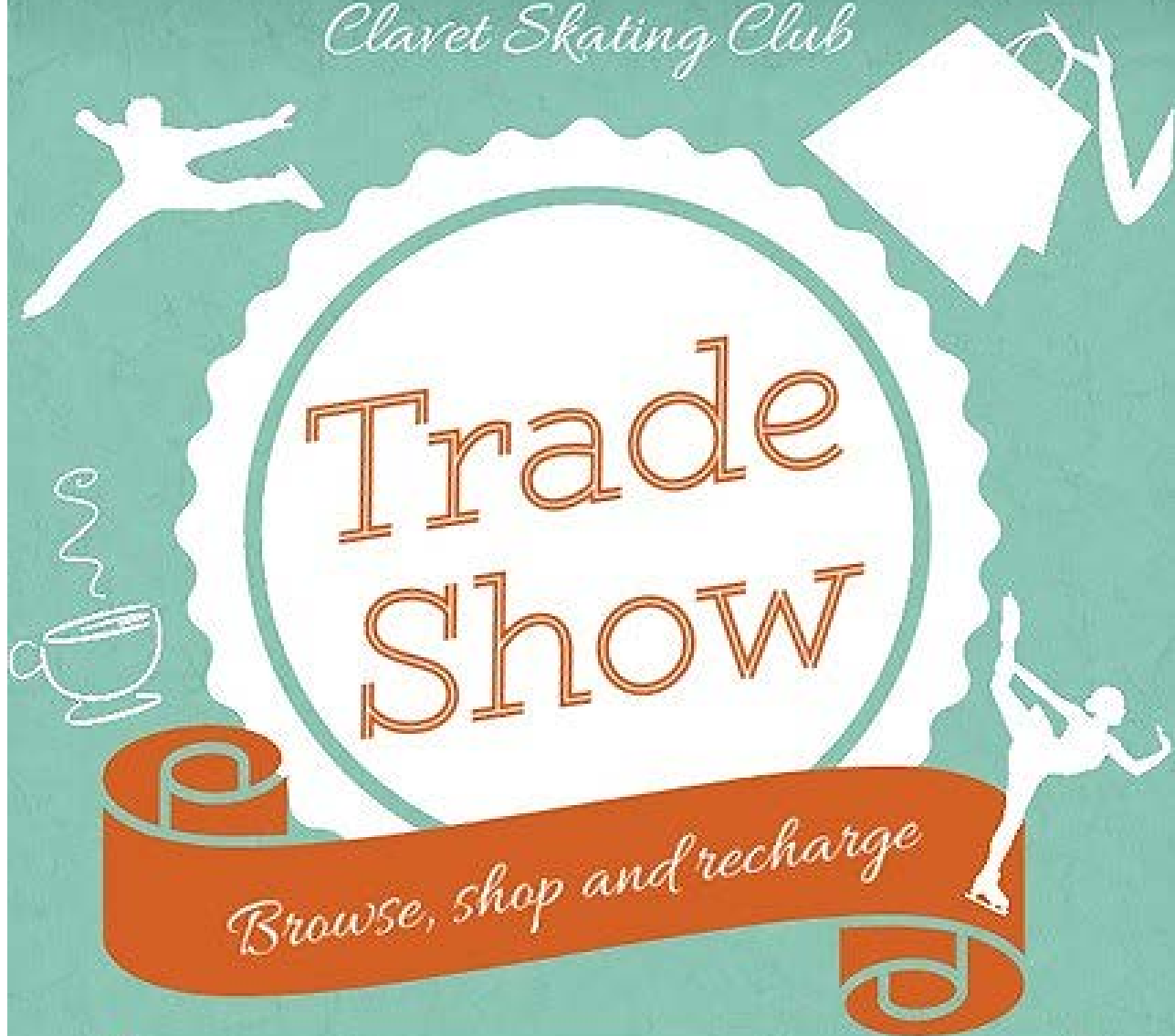
- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Follows the school calendar

For more information about this flexible opportunity,
please contact the Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496;
email: busing@spiritsd.ca or go to spiritsd.ca/careers



**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**

Clavet Skating Club



**During our Regional invitational Competition, come
support our club and local vendors at our trade
show!**

**Also, don't forget to pop in at the rink to cheer on all
the talented skaters!**

29
JANUARY
10AM - 3PM

**CLAVET
COMMUNITY HALL**

**ACROSS FROM CLAVET
ARENA**

**PROOF OF
VACCINATION
UPON ENTRY**