



## Administrator's Message

January 31st marked the halfway point in the school year. Although we have had challenges with COVID protocols, construction interruptions, and weather events, the students and staff have been adapting remarkably well thus far. We can assume that the second half of the year will continue to provide challenges in at least these three areas. We thank you for your patience, flexibility and support as we continue to adjust to the ever-changing challenges of this school year. The beginning of the new semester, at the halfway point in the years gives us all an opportunity to re-evaluate our progress towards our goals for that we set at the beginning of the year, and to renew our efforts towards achieving them.

We can again celebrate the learning that has taken place over the last couple of years that has allowed us to pivot so quickly to online learning for events like the January 31st storm and the subsequent mandated learning from home on February 1st. We recognize that access to technology hardware continues to be an issue for many of our families, and the availability of reliable high speed internet access is also a challenge for many.

As you are no doubt aware, it is very rare that the school division cancels classes – even on the coldest days. Although we celebrate our ability to pivot to online instruction, we recognize the challenges and therefore, are often unable to proceed at the same pace as in-person learning. We appreciate the efforts of families, neighbours and friends to drive students to school on days when buses are unable to operate. This is particularly important when students are participating in quarter classes – missing a couple of classes is almost like missing a week of semestered instruction. It is essential for success that these students make every effort to either attend class in person, or through their Google classrooms.

I hope you will have a chance during the upcoming Family day and week off to spend some quality time with your family and enjoy a different pace of life – at least for Family Day



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tracy.fitzsimmons@spiritsd.ca)

## WINTER RECESS GUIDELINES



Clavet School has established the following temperatures as a guideline for winter recess time. We would like all students to 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 indoor



## **ATTENDANCE**

A friendly reminder to please call the office with any student absence, in the event that your child's teacher is away we will have the information at the office. Please note this includes snow days and vacations. Thank you!

## **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](#).

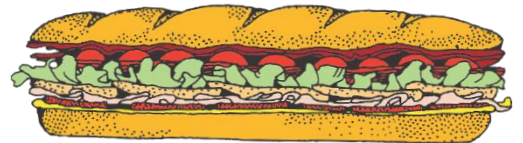
### ***From the Bus Garage***

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.

## HOT LUNCHES – [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca)

Almost every last day of the week, our school offers a hot lunch from a local vendor. We use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party website called Healthy Hunger, [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), to set up all the orders and to collect all the money. These hot lunches are not a fundraiser for the school and we do not receive any profit from them. We decided to do this because we had numerous parent requests to set up a lunch program to help alleviate the burden of making school lunches every day. If for any reason a student is not here on the day of a hot lunch and is unable to receive their lunch we try to give it to a sibling or try sell it to another student. If we are able to sell it, we are then able to refund the student that is not here. Orders can be made, cancelled, or changed up to 5 days before the scheduled hot lunch (Sunday at midnight for a Friday lunch) by contacting Healthy Hunger directly through their website: [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), by phone: [1-800-818-6260](tel:1-800-818-6260), or by email: [support@healthyhunger.com](mailto:support@healthyhunger.com).

If you have any other questions or concerns about hot lunches please contact the school:  
[clavet@spiritsd.ca](mailto:clavet@spiritsd.ca)



## DATES TO NOTE

<b>FEB. 16</b>	<b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b>
<b>FEB. 21</b>	<b>FAMILY DAY – NO CLASSES</b>
<b>FEB. 22-25</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK – NO CLASSES</b>
<b>MARCH 7</b>	<b>NO CLASSES – TEACHER PREP DAY</b>
<b>MARCH 8</b>	<b>Q3 Gr. 10-12 PARENT/TEACHER INTEVIEWS 3:30-6:10</b>
<b>MARCH 22</b>	<b>K - Gr. 9 TERM 2 REPORT CARDS</b>
<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>K - Gr. 9 PARENT /TEACHER INTEVIEWS 3:30-6:10</b>
<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>K - Gr. 9 PARENT /TEACHER INTEVIEWS 3:30-6:10</b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **FOOTBALL**

I apologize for the delay, but with all the wonderful snow that we have gotten I have been quite busy. Hopefully COVID/Omicron can be a winter issue and come football season everything will be full steam ahead. Clavet Minor Football again will be offering a variety of programs this spring. All registration is completed through [saskatoonminorfootball.com](http://saskatoonminorfootball.com).



Flag football will be offered to children ages Kindergarten to Grade 4. Team codes have been created to ensure everyone who wants to be a Cougar will be a Cougar. SMF has teamed up with NFL Flag to take the program to the next level. Fees have risen to \$185, which will include two game shirts, team shorts and referees for all games.

The team codes are as follows:

Grades K-Grade 2 (Colts) y3m6

Grades 3-4 (Stamps) r7n2

Games are always on Saturdays and generally there is one weekly scheduled practice time, but that will be determined by coaches.

Spring 6-person football is available for children Grades 5-8. This is a developmental league where the goal is to teach the new aspect of contact to players and have them fall in love with the game. This program has been the building block for our extremely successful Kinsmen Tackle football program in the fall which is more competitive. There are no team codes for this, but your family account history with SMF will almost certainly lead you to Clavet's team. Practices will be Sundays and Tuesdays at Clavet School with games Thursday nights at SMF Field. Fees are \$400.

Finally, if you hurry there are still openings for SMF Spring Academy for players Grades 8-12. This is more of a specialized identification camp, where children can hone their skills of their preferred position. Practices are throughout the week and the season ends with mini tournament style play games. Fees are \$450. Clavet Minor Football had 3 graduated players make the North Sask All Star team last spring, so if interested sign up quickly as it's 80% full.

If there are questions, please do not hesitate to message or call Chad (306)281-5225. Go Cougars, I am excited already!!! Early bird registration ends February 15th at which time fees will go up \$50.



## PSSD Parent Engagement Initiative presents



### Teens and Depression

Thursday, February 17th from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.



How to recognize signs and support your teen with low mood, low energy, lack of motivation and procrastination.

- Live Q & A to follow
- Door Prizes

Facilitated by PSSD counsellor Joanne Ziola

To attend this one hour event, please [Click here](#) or scan the QR code below to register. A Zoom link will be provided to your email address the day of the event.

Thank you to Warman High School SCC for providing zoom link and door prizes.



Please contact Peggy Mattila-Bains, Coordinator with any question ([peggy.mattila@spiritsd.ca](mailto:peggy.mattila@spiritsd.ca)).



# URGENT NEED FOR SPARE BUS DRIVERS



**Spare Bus Drivers  
needed in your community**

***A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:***

- Receives free training, with licensing fees covered
- Once licensed, is reimbursed for any personal travel
- Could take their young child along on route
- Is well supported by the school division
- Follows the school calendar
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community

*Call the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at  
**(306) 374-2496**  
to learn more about this flexible opportunity*



**PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
SCHOOL DIVISION**

# Provincial Home Games

**FEB 4th: Puck Drop 7PM**

**Edam @ Clavet U15**

**FEB 6th: Puck Drop 2:15 PM**

**Naicam @ Clavet U13**

**FEB 13th: Puck Drop 2PM**

**Unity @ Clavet U18**



**\$5/person - 12 and under free**