



COUGAR NEWS



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Clavet School

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we continue to shift out of the COVID and construction upheavals that we've had over the last 3 years, we are provided with opportunities for us to re-evaluate our policies and practices. As a staff, we are working through our expectations of students and we are consulting with our School Community Council for feedback. Most recently, we have looked at our expectations around cell phone usage at the school. Cell phones are ubiquitous in modern society and schools are not exempt from their impact. We continue to look at digital literacy instruction, but we are doing this in the shadow of COVID instruction that had a high reliance on digital access. Our recent elevated absence levels continue to place a reliance on digital options for students to stay caught up with school work when absent, and we continue to adjust to the capabilities of Edsby to provide some of this support. However, the cell phone usage in the school does not reflect this need.

Our legacy cell phone policy indicated that from kindergarten through grade 9, students were not to use cell phones in the school, unless under the direct instruction of a teacher for the purposes of instruction in their class. This expectation will not change for students from kindergarten to grade 6. Although we have a number of students in grades 4, 5 and especially 6 who have cell phones, it is still our expectation that they are not used during the school day. Teachers at this level do not expect students to have access to cell phones for instruction. We have a number of mobile computing options (iPads and Chromebooks) that students can use. If parents wish to contact these elementary students, they are encouraged to send messages through the teachers or through the school office personnel.

Students in grades 7-9 will have a slight change in expectations. These students will now have access to their cell phones before and after school, and during their breaks. We continue to encourage our students to interact socially, and engage in physical breaks during these times, but we will no longer monitor or control student use of cell phones during these non-instructional times. Students in grades 7-12 will still have the expectation that they will not use cell phones during instructional time.

Next on our list is a review of our student driving expectations. Currently, students are only allowed to drive to school and home. They are not to use their vehicles during the school day, including at lunch and during breaks. We are the only school that I am aware of that has this restrictive a policy. Unfortunately, we are not staffed to be able to adequately monitor its adherence. We have had numerous complaints from local residents about speeding and stunting during the noon break that would indicate that students are not following these expectations. We continue to encourage concerned residents to contact the RCMP with their witness accounts. We also continue to work with our RCMP liaison officer to increase their presence during these times. We are currently contemplating a change in our school policy that would put more reliance on the students and their parents for monitoring driving habits during the noon break. Please let us know if you have any feedback on this issue.

Good luck to the high school students who are writing final exams this week and next.

Brian Matisz
Principal
Clavet School
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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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 School Year

Registration is now taking place for any child who will be turning five (5) by December 31, 2024. 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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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 Clavet.

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

DATES TO NOTE

JAN. 24 - 30

JAN. 30

JAN.30

JAN. 31

FEB. 1

Gr. 10-12 EXAMS

QUADMESTER 2 ENDS

SEMESTER 1 ENDS

PREPARATION DAY – NO SCHOOL

SEMESTER 2/QUADMESTER 3 BEGINS

Semester 1 Final Exams – Grade 10 – 12

Semester 1 Final Exams for Grade 10 – 12 students are taking place from Jan. 24 – Jan. 30 this year.

Our exam schedule and expectations are different compared to past years and require all grade 10 -12 students to be present at school for the entire day, regardless if they have an exam that day. Attendance will be taken in the morning and afternoon for all students, every day. The exception is the afternoon of the last day when there will be no scheduled classes for any grade 10 – 12 students .

The schedule is below but follows the following pattern:

- Day 1 of Exams – period 1 class for the entire morning and period 2 class for the entire afternoon.
- Day 2 of Exams - period 2 class for the entire morning and period 3 class for the entire afternoon.
- This will be the pattern for all 5 days of exams.

In the morning, students will either complete a Final Assessment for the course or be present for another learning opportunity. In the afternoon, students will be required to be in class reviewing for their next day's Final Assessment or engaging in another learning opportunity. If you anticipate your child being absent for any of the half days, please excuse their absence on Edsby.

Sincerely,

Clavet School Administration

	Wed. Jan 24 th Day 3	Thurs. Jan 25 th Day 4	Fri. Jan 26 th Day 5	Mon. Jan 29 th Day 6	Tues. Jan 30 th Day 1
Grade 10 AM	French 10 – Blum Communication 10 - Lundquist	IA 10 – Oleksyn Home Ec 10 - Walchuk Art/Photo 10 – Dyck	Workplace Math 10M – Malainey Science 10Y - Price	ELA A10M – Hamm Foundations Math 10Y - Hrynewich	History 10M - Lundquist ELA A10Y – Hamm
Grade 10 PM	IA 10 Review – Oleksyn Home Ec 10 Review – Kemp Art/Photo 10 Review – Dyck	Workplace Math 10M Review – Malainey Science 10Y Review – Price	ELA A10M Review – Hamm Foundations Math 10Y Review - Hrynewich	History 10M Review - Lundquist ELA A10Y Review – Hamm	No Classes

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Grade 11 AM	ELA 20 – Hamm Physical Science 20 - Price	Workplace Math 20/30– Malainey Financial Literacy 20 - Lundquist	Foundations 20 – Hrynewich History 20 - Lundquist	Health Science 20 – Price IA 20/30 – Oleksyn	Environ Science 20 – Lalonde Pre-Calculus 20 - Hrynewich

Grade 11 PM	Workplace Math 20/30 Review – Malainey Financial Literacy 20 Review - Lundquist	Foundations 20 Review – Hrynewich History 20 Review - Lundquist	Health Science 20 Review – Price IA 20/30 Review – Oleksyn	Environ Science 20 Review– Lalonde Pre-Calculus 20 Review- Hrynewich	No Classes
	Wed. Jan 24 th Day 3	Thurs. Jan 25 th Day 4	Fri. Jan 26 th Day 5	Mon. Jan 29 th Day 6	Tues. Jan 30 th Day 1
Grade 12 AM	IA 20/30 – Oleksyn Pre-Calculus 30 - Hrynewich	Chemistry 30 – Price ELA B30 – Hamm	ELA A30 – Hamm Personal Fitness 20/30 – O’Reilly	Canadian Studies 30 – Lundquist Physics 30 - Malainey	Psychology 30 - Malainey French 20/30 – Blum
Grade 12 PM	Chemistry 30 Review – Price ELA B30 Review – Hamm	ELA A30 Review – Hamm Personal Fitness 20/30 Review – O’Reilly	Canadian Studies 30 Review – Lundquist Physics 30 Review - Malainey	Psychology 30 Review- Malainey French 20/30 Review– Blum	No Classes

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 or -45 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).

Families will receive notifications through the Bus Cancellations on the Transportation page of the Division website after 6:00 a.m.

- 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.

Community News



Clavet Minor Football is ready for 2024 spring football programming registration.

Flag football will be offered to children ages Kindergarten to Grade 5 and due to the success of the fall team an all girls team is available for Grades 6-7. 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 and TeamLinkt to take the program to the next level. Fees are 185 dollars up until February 16th which will include two game shirts, team shorts and referees for all games. Late

registration will begin directly after February 16th with no exceptions.

The team codes are as follows:

Grades K-Grade 1(Colts) NPDI4802

Grades 2-3 (Stamps) CLGU5652

Grades 4-5 (Hilltops) SOJD4592

Grades 6-7 (All Girls) IEHJ9200

Games are always on Saturdays and generally there is one scheduled practice time weekly, but that will be determined by coaches. Season finishes at the end of June before school year is completed.

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 have increased to 450 dollars. Again season is over at the end of June.

Unfortunately there is no need to mention SMF Academy as registration has already been sold out since yesterday afternoon.

All registration is done through saskatoonminorfootball.com and may be new this year slightly due to the partnership with TeamLinkt. The prompts hopefully are quite easy to navigate.

If there are questions please do not hesitate to message or call Chad (306)281-5225. Looking forward to the 2024 spring season, go Cougars!!!.



Clavet Youth Art & Photography Travel Group

EF Tours

*Please Join Us for an informational
meeting*

Tuesday, January 23rd at 6pm at Clavet

School in the Art Room

Dear families of youths in the community that will be in Grades 10-12 next school year (2024/2025), that are interested in travelling to France and Spain during the Easter Break of 2025, please come out for an informational meeting. If you can not make the meeting but are still interested in travelling, please contact Crystal Dyck (tour leader) at twinkle_toews@hotmail.com.

All Fitness Levels Welcome

New Year Boot Camp

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Clavet Composite Highschool Gymnasium

Class Length: 60 Minutes

Coach: Diane Kukurudza, CPT

January Dates Offered:

- January 10th
- January 17th
- January 24th
- January 31st

Clothing: Please come prepared with good running shoes, water bottle and work-out clothes.

Equipment: It isn't necessary to bring equipment with you. However, if you own booty bands or resistance bands, you are welcome to bring them for your class.

Age Range: 14+

Drop-in: \$22.50

Bundle (4 classes) \$80.00

Cash or E-Transfer (femalestrongbody@gmail.com)

To hold your spot, please email:
femalestrongbody@gmail.com




Diane Kukurudza
Female Strong Body

Standard First Aid CPR/C Course and Recertification February 17th 2024.

Shaun Parfitt of XANIC Safety Training will be instructing a Standard First Aid CPR/C Blended Course with the in-person session on Saturday, February 17th 2024 at the Step It Up Dance Studio in Clavet. This course is open to anyone interested in obtaining their First Aid Course for workplace, school or personal interest or for anyone wishing to recertify their existing certificate. Part of the course must be completed online before the in-person session that will start at 9 am on Saturday, February 17th at #5 Main Street Clavet, Sk.

Course is \$160.00 with GST included. Please email stepitupdanceco@gmail.com to register. Coffee, snacks and a light lunch will be provided. February 10th will be the deadline for registration.



**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



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