



# COUGAR NEWS



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Clavet School

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE**

Coming back to school in the month of January gives us one of many chances in the school to have a fresh start. Many of our staff and students are fresh off the holidays which included an opportunity for New Year's resolutions. I know many of the classes have included activities where the students have been able to either make or review their resolutions and some have talked about making vision boards to keep their new goals in focus.

At our most recent administrator's meeting, we looked at our attendance trends. After seeing the data, one of my hopes is that we have a renewed commitment to school attendance as a part of new year's goals and resolutions. We understand that there are a number of commitments that keep students from attending school. These include outside clubs, sports and activities; family trips; illnesses and a range of other reasons. It's difficult to argue against the value in missing school for many of those reasons, but research is clear that poor attendance does create challenges for success in school.

Over the past few years, staff have put a concerted effort into making their classes more engaging for students and focusing on forming stronger relationships with them to attempt to improve their connections to the school. We have seen this work translate in improved attendance, along with better scores from the Our School survey in the areas of anxiety, self-regulation, sense of belonging, and feeling of safety at school. We hope these trends continue to reflect in increased attendance, and ultimately increased success at school.

Since coming back from the winter break, we have definitely seen an increase in the number of students and staff who have fallen ill which is consistent with the national trend of dramatically increased cold, flu and virus infections. As always, we recommend anyone who is sick to stay home in the hopes of preventing further spread.

Take care,

Brian Matisz

Principal

Clavet School

306-933-1022

## CLAVET PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The Clavet Pre-Kindergarten program for three and four year old children runs Monday to Thursday 9am-12pm. Families will be able to apply for the 2025/26 Pre-kindergarten program starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, via the Prairie Spirit website. Please ensure applications are submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 2025-2026 School Year



Registration is now taking place for any child who will be turning five (5) by December 31, 2025. Forms can be found online using this link: [PSSD Student Registration Form](#). **Please pass this information on to your neighbours and friends.** There will be an open house in the spring.

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). Additional information regarding Kindergarten can be found in the [Kindergarten Manual](#).

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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



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to keep your family contact information up to date especially as we are heading into the winter weather season. Parents can update through Edsby anytime. Please contact the office if you need assistance.



## Student Pick Up & Drop Off



**Students should not be dropped off at school before 8:35 to ensure we have the appropriate supervision. Please inform the office before 2:00 pm** if you are picking your child(ren) up before the end of the day as we need time to find students who may be outside or in gym class.

## DATES TO NOTE

<b>JAN. 24 - 30</b>	<b>Gr. 10-12 EXAMS</b>
<b>JAN. 30</b>	<b>QUADMESTER 2 ENDS</b>
<b>JAN.30</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 ENDS</b>
<b>JAN. 31</b>	<b>PREPARATION DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>FEB. 1</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2/QUADMESTER 3 BEGINS</b>

## HOT LUNCH SWITCH



We had to make a date swap with two of our hot lunches. Clavet Cafe will now provide us with lunch on Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> instead of Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Agar's Corner will provide us with lunch on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Please know that you do not need to do anything as this switch will be done automatically.

Sincerely,  
Clavet Administration

## 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 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 Jan. 30th when there will be no scheduled classes for any grade 10 – 12 students.

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

### Exam Schedule 2024/25, Semester 1 Updated Nov. 28/24

	<b>Friday January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup></b>
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## **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 will be offering a variety of programs this spring;**

Flag football will be offered to children ages Kindergarten to Grade 5. Team codes have been created to ensure everyone who wants to be a Cougar will be a Cougar. Fees are 195 dollars, which will include reversible NFL game jerseys and shorts. Also all games are officiated by high school students. If interested in officiating flag football just message me below.

The team codes are as follows:

Grades K-1 (Colts) NDPL6114  
Grades 2-3 (Stamps) PDGR9660  
Grades 2-3 (All Girls) IBBU8667  
Grades 4-5 (Hilltops) XOAZ6973  
Grades 4-5 (All Girls) AQID5466  
Grades 8-9 (All Girls) KZMS7048

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 460 dollars. Clavet Minor Football will be attending the Prince Albert jamboree this spring which is optional to all players. Again season is over at the end of June.

All registration is done through [saskatoonminorfootball.com](http://saskatoonminorfootball.com) and the prompts are quite easy to navigate.

If there are questions please do not hesitate to message or call Chad (306)281-5225. Go Cougars, I'm excited already!!! Early bird registration ends February 16th at which time fees will go up 50 dollars.



# Help us Win Kraft Hockeyville 2025

Our Arena could Win \$250,000 for Upgrades  
We Need Your Help!



## How to Get Involved:

1. Go to Our Arena Rally Page
2. Share Your Story: Answer 3 simple questions about our community, arena, and why upgrades matter.
3. Spread the Word: Share the Rally Page with friends and family to gather support!



## HOW TO EARN RALLY POINTS

Take the following actions to earn rally points for your arena.

<b>SUBMIT A WRITTEN OR VIDEO STORY SUBMISSION</b> <b>10</b> POINTS	<b>ADD PHOTOS OF YOUR ARENA</b> <b>3</b> POINTS	<b>ADD AN ENCOURAGING NOTE FOR YOUR ARENA</b> <b>1</b> POINT	<b>REACT WITH EMOJIS TO STORIES AND PHOTOS</b> <b>1</b> POINT
<small>Limit 1 story per person per arena</small>	<small>Limit 5 photos per person per arena</small>	<small>Limit 1 note per person per arena</small>	<small>Limit 15 reactions per person per arena</small>

## Why It Matters:

Winning Kraft Hockeyville will fund a new concrete floor that will transform our arena to a year-round use facility. Benefits include:

- Support to other sports like soccer, ball hockey, and lacrosse, as well as, community events like fairs and trade shows
- This ensures financial sustainability, helps our community thrive, and will lower the costs for creating and maintaining the ice surface!

# Finding Grace Gymnastics Club



Fall Session- 11 Week Session- January 10 – April 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

Class	Ages	Day & Time	Class Length	Class Price
<b>Fridays:</b>				
<b>Excel Bronze</b> (Pre-competitive/ competitive)	<b>Ages 7-14</b>  Age exceptions available	<b>Friday 6:00 – 8:00pm</b>	<b>2 hrs</b>	<b>\$280</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>				
<b>Parent and Tot</b>	<b>Ages 2-4</b>	<b>Sat. 10:45- 11:30 am</b>	<b>45 min</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Caterpillars</b>	<b>Ages 5-6</b>	<b>Sat. 11:45- 12:45pm</b>	<b>1 hr</b>	<b>\$180</b>
<b>Butterflies</b>	<b>Ages 7-8</b>	<b>Sat 1:00- 2:00 pm</b>	<b>1 hr</b>	<b>\$180</b>
<b>Monarchs</b>	<b>Ages 9 - 14</b>	<b>Sat. 2:15- 3:30 pm</b>	<b>1.25 hr</b>	<b>\$195</b>

*All gymnasts must pay for Gym Sask Membership of \$48. Valid until Aug. 31 2025*

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## **Birthday Parties/ Team Wind-up Parties**

Birthday parties are available on Saturday afternoons and include 1 hour of gymnastics time and 1 hour having cake and presents. Birthday parties are: 1- 8 children (\$135), 9- 15 children (\$165) and 16-20 children (\$195).

Register through google docs with the following link.

**<https://forms.gle/fNeFau5dKcFj3Un9>**

You will need to create a google account if you don't already have one. The registration form also requires a waiver to be signed and uploaded. If this file isn't opening for you then you can sign one in person .

Monthly payments (due at beginning of month) or lump sum payments are the payment options. E- transfer [findinggracegymnasticstreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:findinggracegymnasticstreasurer@outlook.com)

Email [findinggracegymnastics@outlook.com](mailto:findinggracegymnastics@outlook.com) for questions or help with registration.

Facebook: Finding Grace Gymnastics

Thank- You! FGGC



## ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT

Please join us for an Online Safety Family Information Night with RCMP Corporal Rob Fines, (Saskatchewan ICE RCMP).

Corporal Robert Fines will share tips, strategies, and resources for families.

\*February 6, 2025, 6:30p.m.

\*South Corman Park School Library

\* Due to sensitive subject matter, this session is not suitable for children and is intended for parents only please. Thanks!



**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](mailto:busing@spiritsd.ca) or go to [spiritsd.ca/careers](https://spiritsd.ca/careers)



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