



# MEATH PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Prepare, Engage, Succeed

# November 2021

**ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE**

**Mr. Matt Gray, Principal**

**Mrs. Sheri Gunville, Vice Principal**

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students, and Families

The Spookies and Scaries are behind us, Halloween has come and gone and I am hoping the sugar highs in your household haven't left you running for the hills. For us, our Friday Carnival and Haunted house were a big success and I want to thank our grade 11 and 12 classes for all the work they did pulling off both those feats. Our volleyball teams are finishing up extremely successful seasons and before we know it the snow will fly and Christmas lists will be made.

As we look into November, we will be having our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the same day as our Parent Teacher Interviews. You should have by now received an email to sign up for an interview time. If not, please let your teacher know or call the office and they will set you up a time. Please also remember that grade 1 to 9 physical Report Cards will only be sent out in January and June, so to see your student's progress, please use the Edsby portal that had been emailed out to you. Again if you haven't received that email, or are having trouble logging in or using the app, please contact the school and we will be more than willing to help you out.



Our SCC is having its' Annual General Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and will be voting in new members for the Executive, please let us know if you are interested. The SCC will also be having a Christmas fundraiser selling Poinsettias and Wreaths. All fundraising this year will be dedicated to help build a start-up fund for a preschool/before and after school program in the school.

Speaking of Christmas, Jamie Jensen has graciously agreed to organize our Christmas Dinner this year. If you are willing to help please contact Jamie and she will let you know what you can do.

Our school clothing provider Entripy, has a Black Friday sale, so get your order in now for your gifts under the tree.

Enjoy the last days of Fall!

M. Gray, Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Visitors Entering the School

Due to health concerns, our front entrance door is remaining locked at this time. If you are needing to enter the school, please ring the front door bell and be wearing a mask.

If you are here to pick up your child early, please telephone the office at 306-929-2131. Thank you.



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### Online Cash Payments

We are excited to be able to provide you with an online payment option. While we will still accept traditional payment methods (cash and cheque), we hope this option will make it easier for you to pay for school fees, however, please note that there will be a small transaction charge

that the company charges. For example, for a \$20.00 school fee, you will be charged \$21.00, with that \$1.00 charge going to the company. Please go this website to register. <http://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online>. You may sign up and will still have the option to use the program.

### Gr. 10 - 12 Quad 1 Exam Schedule

	<b>Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup></b>
Grade 10	Classes as Normal	Math Workplace 10 AM
Grade 11	Physical Science 20 AM	Math Foundations 20 AM
Grade 12	Math Foundations 30 AM	Biology 30 AM



### Meath Park Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome you to the school with your mask on November 10<sup>th</sup> for parent teacher interviews. We are also offering phone interviews the same date. Visit <https://signup.com/go/EiJWCeR> to choose your times below and let us know whether

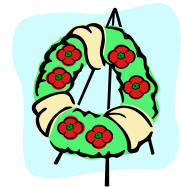
you would prefer an in person or phone interview. There are 10 minute slots available between 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. You will be able to indicate your preference when you pick your time. Start by choosing the teacher you wish to meet with from the list below.

If you have trouble signing up online, or if you do not sign up before November 9<sup>th</sup>, please contact the office and we will accommodate you.

The teacher will phone you at the number you provided when booking your time, unless you choose in-person interviews in which case the teacher will welcome you into the classroom at your time slot. Looking forward to chatting with you!

### Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Poppies are being sold in the school and can be purchased by donation at the office. This assembly will not be open to the public.



### Christmas Meal

We are once again having a Christmas Dinner this year on December the 14<sup>th</sup>. To make sure everyone is here we will be cancelling our **Kindergarten Day on December 13<sup>th</sup> and moving it to December 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in helping with the dinner, please contact Jamie Jensen at (306) 961-4279. Thank you.



### Water Bottles

There are a number of students coming to school without a water bottle. Please be reminded that due to covid restrictions, our water fountains are not available to students. If you would remember please to have your child bring a full water bottle to school daily. We do have a water machine where they can refill their bottles. Thank you.

### SLC

The SLC will be having a little bit different spirit day this month. On Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> we will be having "Anything But a Backpack" day. Which means we want to see how creative you can get with bringing your items to school, without using a backpack. Ask around for some ideas if you need some! \*Please ensure that whatever you bring can still easily go on a bus and not make a mess for the bus or classroom.

### Canteen

The Canteen is back up and running by your SLC! **A t this time, the canteen will only be available to students in grades 5-12.** The first day of canteen will be Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The canteen will be open from **12:25-12:45 p.m.** Please find a list of the items being sold in the canteen this year below:

Items	Price
Pepperoni Sticks	\$2.00
Beef Jerkey	\$2.00
Chips	\$1.50
Crispers	\$2.00
Nutrigrain Bars	\$1.00
Corn Nuts	\$2.00
KD Cup	\$2.50
Chef Boyardee	\$3.00
Noodle Cup	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$1.00
Vitamin Water	\$2.50
Water	\$1.50

The SLC is also excited to announce that we have a mini school clothing shop in the canteen as well. We have limited sizes and colours available, but will have a small selection of school gear for our students. If you would like to see something in the store, please let your SLC members know and we will see what we can bring in. If you see something you like but want to change the colour or personalize with a name, please visit the school clothing website at: <https://meathparkpublicschool.entripyshops.com/> A list of items and prices for the clothing can be found below:

Crew neck sweater *Adult sizes only*	\$50
T-Shirt *Adult and Youth Sizes available*	\$15
Toque	\$25
Cinch Carry Sack	\$25

The SLC will have members at Parent-Teacher Interviews with sizing for reference and computers open with the clothing website if anyone would like to try on for sizing before ordering.

### School Clothing Orders

Our school clothing provider, Entripy, is having a Black Friday sale. You can get 15% off for a limited time and be able to get your Mustang gear early enough to put under the tree! Just use the code Earlybf15.

<https://meathparkpublicschool.entripyshops.com/>

BUY NOW, SAVE MORE

**BLACK FRIDAY DEALS**

<b>20%</b> off	<b>Oct. 6 - 31</b> Pre-Early Black Friday Best Offer!
<b>15%</b> off	<b>Nov. 2 - 14</b> Early Black Friday
<b>10%</b> off	<b>Nov. 16 - 28</b> Black Friday

### **Home Economics Classroom**

The Home Economics classes are looking for donations of fabric and yarn. If you or someone you know are looking to clean out your craft room, the students would really appreciate any donations you may have so that they can learn new skills and continue to make projects.

If you have donations, you can contact Mx. Laewetz at the school or drop off your donations to the office. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

### **School Motto**

***Prepare, Engage, Succeed:*** Our motto encompasses our mission, vision and values. We honour diversity, and embrace continuous learning here at Meath Park, while at the same time providing a safe and caring learning environment. This year our school goal of having 100% of students achieving at meeting or excelling levels in reading will be supported by teachers focusing on high effect strategies and implementing those strategies with a trauma informed lens. As we learn together again we are dedicated to preparing our students for future success.

### **School Community Council (SCC)**

The Meath Park Public School, School Community Council (SCC) is now looking for interested members to be a part of the council. The SCC consists of parents of K-12 students, administration of the school, school staff and a student representative. The council meets five times per year to discuss school progress, school initiatives and school concerns. The council provides advice to the administration of the school and to the division Board of Education on policies, programs, and school operations. Members of the council provide a vital link of communication between the school community and the school itself. This year SCC's focus will be to support and create a daycare/ before and after school program for Meath Park Public School.

Our SCC will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be seeking nominations for President/Chair and Vice Chair. If you are interested in attending or being nominated, please contact Mr. Gray at the school.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

Even though the weather has been very cooperative over the last few weeks, this is Saskatchewan and changes are bound to occur. Here is some information from the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division board policy on inclement weather. More information can be found at <http://www.srsd119.ca/boardpolicyfiles/>.

The Board of Education (the Board) believes that a priority of student transportation services is to ensure student safety. On occasion, weather conditions and/or road conditions may be such that safe transportation services



are put at risk. The Board, therefore, authorizes the cancellation of bus operations in accordance with guidelines and administrative procedures of this policy.

Guidelines:

A. BUSSING:

1. ***When the temperature is at or below -40 degrees Celsius, bus runs will be cancelled. When the temperature is at or below -35 degrees Celsius and the wind chill temperature is at or below -45 degrees Celsius, bus runs will normally be cancelled.***

2. Bus run cancellations, as determined by the Supervisor of Transportation, can apply to the entire Division, to clusters of school attendance areas, or to individual schools.

3. Regardless of temperatures or wind chill conditions, bus runs may be cancelled if severe storms or road conditions make travel dangerous.

4. Weather information used for purposes of decision-making, shall be as reported by the Weather Information Office of Environment Canada at the Prince Albert Airport, the Melfort Weather Station or a bus driver survey of on-site temperatures.

5. Bus cancellations should normally only be made in the morning before bus drivers begin their route or at noon if weather conditions deteriorate during the day.

6. Decisions regarding Division-wide closure of schools do not in any way detract from the authority and responsibility of individual drivers to cancel their own run should local conditions warrant.

7. Meath Park Public School will always remain open regardless of bus cancellations or the weather.

B. COMMUNICATION:

1. The school's web page, the Remind Bus App as well as CKBI and CJVR radio shall be the School Division's main communication medium with regard to decisions relative to this policy.

2. During inclement weather, staff, students and parents are asked to take extra precaution in terms of communications. ***Please call the school if your child is not attending that day because of the weather.***

### **Sharing the Road with School Buses**

When approaching a school bus, begin to slow down as soon as the flashing stop lamps come on, so the bus driver can see that you are going to stop. ***If you are behind the bus you may not pass once the flashing lights are activated. If you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction and you are too close to stop, you may pass the bus if you do so before the stop arm is extended.*** The single greatest threat to the safety of children who ride school buses is motorists who pass when children who ride school buses are loading or unloading. Passing a school bus with flashing lights is a serious offence and will result in a minimum fine of \$335.00.

### Nut Alert Reduce the Risk

The Saskatchewan Rivers School Division and the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region recommend that all Prince Albert and Area School communities work to "reduce the risk" for all students with life threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) by taking the strong initiative and commitment to become *Nut Alert*. Please read the *Nut Alert information below* that provides the rationale for this initiative.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	7/8 G/B Volleyball to Westview
Thursday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Gr. 10 - Regular Classes
	-	Physical Science 20 - AM
	-	Math Foundations 30 - AM
Friday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Quad 1 Ends
	-	Math Workplace 10 - AM
	-	Math Foundations 20 - AM
	-	Biology 30 - AM
Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	SGVB Conference Playoffs in Big River
Monday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Quad 2 Begins
Tuesday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Photo Retakes AM
Wednesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 a.m.
	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews-in person and phone
Thursday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Remembrance Day - NO CLASSES
Friday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	NO CLASSES
	-	SBVB Conference Playoffs in Birch Hills
Tuesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Gr. 10 - 12 Quad 1 Report Cards Sent Out
Wednesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	SCC Meeting
Friday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Anything But a Backpack Day
	-	SBVB Regionals
Friday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	SBVB Playoffs



### Fees:

- K-12 Student Fee = \$20
- Gr. 7 - 9 PAA Fees = \$25
- Gr. 10 - 12 PAA Fees = \$25
- Caution Fee = \$25
- Gr. 10 - 12 Art Fee = \$10

*Please pay your fees, as soon as possible.*

*Fees can be paid in monthly installments.*

*If you wish to pay online, go to this website:*

*<http://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online>.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Kids Curling After Program at Candle Lake** beginning Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and every Tuesday that there is school after that until the end of March. There will be curling instruction, practice and games for students Grade 5 and older at the Candle Lake Curling Club. There is no charge for this. Sliders and brooms are available for use. Children should bring mittens or gloves and either curling shoes or clean running shoes to wear on the ice. The sessions will run from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. **Anyone who is eligible to be vaccinated must show proof of vaccination before entering the curling rink.**

If your child will be participating and rides one of the Candle Lake buses, your child will ride home on Deb's bus #262 on Tuesdays. You must give her a call at 306-981-4170, saying that you give your permission for her to let your child off at the curling rink on Tuesdays. If your child normally takes Arlene's bus, please let Arlene know that your child will be taking Deb's bus on Tuesdays. If your children do not take a Candle Lake school bus, they are very welcome to attend, but you will be responsible for bringing them to the rink. There will be a light snack provided when the children arrive. Parents are welcome to come and watch and even participate. Please be at the rink a bit before 5:15 to collect your child in case we finish early sometime. If you have any questions, please call Valerie Manton at 306-960-0693.

**Youth Open Art Studio every Wednesday from September to March** at the Prince Albert Arts Centre, 1010 Central Avenue. Session 1 is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Session 2 is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a free program for 8 to 16 years old. Offered is drawing, colouring, painting, beading, paper mache, knitting, clay, chalk pastels, charcoal, pencils, oil pastels, paper mache, creating!

**Registration is now open for the #38 "Anavets" Prince Albert Air Cadets.** There are no fees to join and uniforms are provided free which will be required to be returned when leaving the organizations. For more information, there is a facebook cadet group for parents and cadets, "Prince Albert Air Cadets".

**Family Catholic Services Life Improvement Programs** Strict Covid-19 Safety Protocols and sanitization continue to be followed. Unless otherwise indicated, all classes will take place at CFS - 1008 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Prince Albert.

**Climbing the Rock - A program for Youths Exposed to and Healing from Trauma for Teens between the ages of 13 and 17 years.** Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

**Stepping Up - Men Building Healthy Relationships** is a 13 week program (one session per week) for men who have been abusive in their relationships, running Tuesdays, September 28<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration is \$25.00.

To register or for more information, call Rose at Catholic Family Services at 306-961-8410 or email [programs.cfspa@sasktel.net](mailto:programs.cfspa@sasktel.net).