



# MEATH PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2022

### Prepare, Engage, Succeed

#### ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Mr. Matt Gray, Principal

Mrs. Sheri Gunville, Vice Principal

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students, and Families

Well, the deep freeze seems to be over, the temperature appears to be getting downright balmy for January and another year is upon us. I hope your Holidays were filled with warm tidings, good cheer, and happy family memories. I know the outside weather wasn't what we all had hoped for, but here's hoping your inside memories made up for it.

With a New Year, unfortunately comes what seems to be the problem we can't shake. As Covid numbers rise, we are asking that everyone please keep their students home if they display any symptoms. If you would like, the school has rapid tests that we can send home if you wish. We will make sure we reinforce the good practices we have been following at the school and hope we can once again get through the latest wave working together as a community.

At the school, we are still working hard in our classrooms, learning is happening in the most awesome of ways. Our basketball and badminton teams are making us proud each time they hit the floor, and on top of that, we are even getting more sunlight each day.

A big thank you to the Candle Lake Community Church for their incredible work in organizing the hampers that were sent out to families before Christmas, and to our SCC who made gift bags for each student in the school.

Happy New Year!  
Mr. M. Gray, Principal

#### SCHOOL NEWS

##### Student Registration Forms

If your child has not yet returned the new registration form for this year, please complete the form and return, or call the school and we will send another home.

### 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.

### 2022- 2023 Kindergarten Registration



If your child will be five years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, it's time to register for Kindergarten.

Please call the school at 306-929-2133 to pre-register.



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### Online Cash Payments

We are 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 and fundraising events, 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 to 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.

### Appropriate Winter Wear

It is that time of year that the weather is turning cold, wet and sometimes uncomfortable. We generally send our K-7 students outside for all breaks and noon hours unless there is a tremendous wind, rain or snow storm and unless the temperature or combined windchill is at or below minus 30 degrees Celsius.

We ask all students to please be prepared to dress appropriately to ride the bus and come to school with appropriate footwear, jackets, toques, ski pants, gloves/mitts for such weather as well as appropriate indoor footwear during the winter months.

### January Boston Pizza Hot Lunch



Order forms for our next Boston Pizza Hot Lunch will go home with students on Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>. Students have until Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup> to place orders. All information regarding what can be ordered will be on the order form. On-line ordering has been posted in our KEV cash program. Hot lunches will be delivered on Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup> to each classroom.

### Senior Boys' Basketball

Our Senior Boys' Basketball season is well underway! The boys began practicing in late November after they finished at Volleyball provincials and haven't stopped ever since! The team had a busy December as they attended both a tournament at PACI and at Rosthern Junior College. During the month of January, they will continue to practice as well as participate in league games in Prince Albert. Before we know it, February will be here and the boys will be taking part in a tournament at St. Mary's as well as hosting our own tournament! Stay tuned to the February newsletter regarding the live stream that we will offer during our home tournament so that community members can watch from the comfort of their homes.



### Senior Girls' Basketball

The girls are up and running this basketball season. We have been to two tournaments and have continued to improve each game. The girls are working hard to best their best effort forward in the rest of the season. We also look forward to hosting a small tournament on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Curling

High School Curling has begun! We practice every Monday and Tuesday in Prince Albert.



In December we participated in the Prince Albert Bonspiel with the mixed team placing 7<sup>th</sup> while the girls team placed 9<sup>th</sup>. Both teams played very well, gained a lot of experience, and had a blast during the bonspiel.

The Curling team has a doubles bonspiel in P.A. on January 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Canteen

The Canteen is back up and running by your SLC! **At this time, the canteen will only be available to students in grades 5-12.** 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

### **School Clothing Orders**

Our school clothing provider, Entripy,  
<https://meathparkpublicschool.entripyshops.com/>

### **Preschool/ Before and After School Program**

We are happy to announce that we are moving towards opening a Preschool and Before and After School program for next year. While the initial plans to open each have been delayed because of Covid, we are very hopeful to have everything in place for the beginning of the school year next year.

To help share the workload and provide for the long-term sustainability of the program, we are looking for six to eight parents to form a board to oversee the program. If you are interested on being a part of the board, please contact Mr. Gray at the school.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

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

Monday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Order Forms Sent Home
Wednesday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Gr. 12 Cap and Gown Photos
	-	SBBB at Carlton Red 7:40 p.m. vs Carlton Black
Friday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	SBBB at Carlton Tournament
	-	Curling Doubles Tournament in Prince Albert
Sunday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	SBBB Bottle Drive
Wednesday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Order Forms Due
	-	SBBB at Carlton CPAC 7:40 p.m. vs Birch Hills
	-	SCC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	SGBB Host Tournament at Meath Park
Tuesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Today
Wednesday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	SBBB Game at St. Mary 7:15 p.m. vs St. Mary B
Friday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Quad 2 Ends / Semester 1 Ends
	-	SGBB at PACI Tournament 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	PLC Day - NO CLASSES
Tuesday, February 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Quad 3 Begins / Semester 2 Begins
Wednesday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Gr. 1 - 12 Report Cards Sent Home

### Fees:

K-12 Student Fee = \$20  
 Gr. 7 - 9 PAA Fees = \$25  
 Gr. 10 - 12 PAA Fees = \$25 (per class)  
 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

### Meath Park Arena Public Skating Hours

Fridays - Shinny 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays - Public Skating - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sundays - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Drop in Rates - \$5.00 / Seasonal Single Rates - \$20.00 / Seasonal Family Rates \$50.00.

Rental fee for locals \$50./hour / Out of town Rental Rates \$75./hour

Makes a great place to host birthday party's!! Call 306-929-9093

