



SALTCOATS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2024

EDSBY

EDSBY continues to be our main source of communication with families. Kindergarten student and New Student invitations were sent prior to the first day of school. Please **notify Ms. Kelly in the office if you did not receive one.** Go onto our school website for instructions and there is a great area for Frequently Asked Questions that are very helpful.



IMPORTANT

Ways we use Edsby:

- 1) Attendance - the Edsby App can be used to report any student absences to the office.
 - 2) News & Events - Upcoming events will be posted
 - 3) Communication - Teachers will be using EDSBY as a communication tool with parents.
 - 4) Grades/ Report Cards - Parents will be able to see grades posted throughout the year as well as view Report Cards.
 - 5) School Newsletter - will be posted on EDSBY as well as on the school website beginning in October.
- **Please watch for invites from Homeroom Teachers for their classroom group for messages involving that classroom.

****If you have a change in Transportation for a student during the school day, please call the office at 306-744-2303. Contacting Teachers directly may result in the message not being received. Our priority is student safety and we want to ensure that our students arrive home safely.

Dates to Remember

- September 5 - Back to School Breakfast
- September 5 & 6 - Grade 5/6 Leadership Camp
- September 16 - Deer Park Cross Country
- September 20- Terry Fox Walk/ Run
- September 27 - Autumn Summit
- September 27 - Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 - Teacher Professional Development Day. No School for Students
- October 14- Thanksgiving Day, No School
- October 17 - Lifetouch Picture Day
- October 23 & 24 - Student Led Conferences



TECHNOLOGY

Personal devices (such as cell phones and iPods) are to remain at home, in their book bags or lockers. Students are only allowed to use their personal device for emergencies. Prior to using their personal device, students need the permission of a staff member, who will provide direct supervision.



ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER

- 1) Students must have any absence explained by a parent/guardian. It will not be an excused absence if reported by the student themselves or by a sibling.
 - 2) Students who do not have an absence explained by a parent/guardian will have a phone call sent to them through our School Messenger system.
You may also "opt-in" to the Text Messaging Option of this service.
 - 3) If a phone call is received, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of why the student is absent.
 - 4) If a student will be leaving at any point during the school day, the school must have parent/guardian contact before the student will be allowed to leave the school.
- Attendance is taken every morning by 9:05 am. Any student who is not in the classroom at that time will be classified as absent in the system and a phone call will automatically be generated by School Messenger. **If a student arrives after 9:30 am, the phone call will still automatically be generated by School Messenger, as there is no way to cancel it.**

**Just send "Y" or
"Yes" to
978338.**



STAFF CHANGES

We would like to welcome Mrs. Charlotte Ivey to our school this year. She is our new school counsellor.

Welcome!

NATIONAL TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY

September 30th is National Truth & Reconciliation Day (also known as Orange Shirt Day). Because we will not be in school that day, we encourage all students to wear an Orange Shirt on Sept 27th.

This is a day on which we commemorate the thousands of Indigenous, Metis and Inuit children who were removed from their homes at this time of the year and forced to attend residential schools.



GAZETTE

Mrs. Farquharson and Mrs. Baron, along with the Grade 5 & 6 students are looking forward to another year of publishing and delivering the school paper. The first "Gazette" will be delivered to homes and businesses in the area before the end of September. This issue will be free of charge and information on subscribing and placing ads in the "Gazette" will be in our first issue. Proceeds from the Gazette go towards the Grade 5/6 Leadership Camp in September. This year marks the 53rd year of the Gazette.



SCHOOL SUPERVISION

By utilizing a rotational schedule, the staff of our school work hard to provide supervision for students of all grade levels. This supervision takes place prior to school starting, over the course of noon hours as well as throughout the instructional day. We ask that students do not arrive at school until **8:40 am**, as there is no supervision on the playground until that time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

TERRY FOX RUN

On September 20th, we will be honouring Terry Fox and the his Marathon of Hope. All students & staff will take part in a run/walk around town. An ice cream fundraiser will also be held. **We encourage students to bring a minimum donation of \$1.00 for the ice cream treats.**

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going."
Terry Fox, July 10, 1980

SCHOOL PICTURES

We are pleased to have Lifetouch back as our school photographer. **The date for pictures is Thursday, October 17 (Day 1).** Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, November 12th.



LUNCH HOUR AND RECESS TIMES

Our noon hour will be from **11:55 am to 12:55 pm**. Students will all eat from 11:55 am to 12:10 pm.

Students Morning Recess is 10:20 am to 10:35 am.

Afternoon Recess is 2:35 pm to 2:45 pm

Classes start at 8:55 am with school ending at 3:30 pm.

Doors to the school will be locked during class time. If you need to come into the school, please use the door closest to the gym. ALL VISITORS must report to the office.



PEANUT, NUT, TREE NUT ALLERGY

We would like to remind everyone that we have students in Saltcoats School that have a severe food allergy to tree nuts, peanuts, and peanut products, including peanut butter, therefore, we would appreciate if you would not send items to school that contain these ingredients. If you have any questions or need clarification, please phone the school at 744-2303. Thank you for your help in providing a safe environment for our students!



SASK LOTTERIES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Saltcoats School would like to acknowledge the funding we received last year through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program. This funding was used towards purchasing books for our school library.

Thank You!

REPORT CARDS

Reporting periods for Report Cards have changed this year. There are now just two terms. Report Cards will be distributed on February 3rd and June 26th. Student Led Conferences will be held on October 23rd & 24th as well as March 5th & 6th. Teachers will be uploading marks into Edsby periodically for parents to view. Our staff is committed to continuous and current assessment, so please contact your child's teacher at any time if you are concerned about their progress. We welcome your participation and interest in your child's education.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

We encourage you to visit the school's website to keep up with events at the school. Newsletters will be posted on-line as well as any other important information.

<http://sal.gssd.ca/>

This will be the only physical copy of the Newsletter sent out this year. You can also find the current month's issue on Edsby.

BAND NEWS

- Miss Rae will be our band teacher again this year.
- Band Fees this year will be:
 - Grade 5 - \$50.00
 - Grade 6,7,8 - \$85.00
- Cheques are payable to Good Spirit School Division and can be handed in to Ms. Kelly at the office or fees can be paid through School Cash Online.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

What a great way to start the new school year!! The SCC will be providing the students and staff with a breakfast on September 5th. Thank you so much for providing this fabulous event.

Students who live in Saltcoats may come starting at 8:15 am that morning.



BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

The Saltcoats School Birthday Calendar campaign is underway for another year. This is the 38th year the school has been doing the Birthday Calendar as a fundraiser. The money raised goes towards the printing of the yearbook. Grade 8 students and their parent helpers will be calling families, who already have subscriptions, during the next month to confirm their calendar information. For those families who wish to start a subscription to the calendar, please call the school and we can send home a form for you to fill out. If you have any questions, please call the school at 306-744-2303.



BUS LOADING/ UNLOADING ZONES

We are asking for your co-operation in assisting us in keeping our bus zones free for the arrival and departure of buses throughout the school day. To ensure that the bus zone is free from traffic and parked vehicles, we ask that you refrain from using these areas during the times of 8:30 –9 a.m. and 3–3:40 p.m. We encourage anyone picking up students at the end of the day to park on the east side of the school in the rink parking. This will ensure safety and convenience for all bus drivers and their passengers. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Running Season is underway. Mr. Walker and Mr. Gillis will be coaching this year. The first run is on September 16th at Deer Park. The Autumn Summit is on September 27th. Practices run during lunch.



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball coaches for this year are Mrs. Kostelnyk (Girls) and Mrs. Baron and Mr. Farquharson (Boys). Practices will be starting soon for the Grade 6 to 8 teams.





40th Annual Autumn Summit

Mark your calendar for **Friday, September 27th.**
Saltcoats Regional Park

As a school, we thank our communities, our staff, and the Good Spirit School Division for their continued support of this event. We look forward to another successful year!



Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Come out and be a part of this 40 year tradition.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Autumn Summit, we would greatly appreciate it! The following are a list of areas where we could use your help:

_____ Canteen	_____ am	or	_____ pm	_____ doesn't matter
_____ Checkpoint	_____ am	or	_____ pm	_____ doesn't matter
_____ Parking Lot	_____ am	or	_____ pm	_____ doesn't matter
_____ Finish Line	_____ am	or	_____ pm	_____ doesn't matter

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Check beside the areas and times where you would like to help out. Please return this form to Ms. Kelly at the school by September 13th or call the school at 744-2303.