



SALTCOATS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2023

EDSBY

If you haven't already signed up for the EDSBY App, please do so, as this is where school information will be posted. If you haven't received an invitation to join EDSBY, please let Ms. Kelly know in the office. Parents should click on the link in each individual email to be able to see messages from their child(ren)'s Classroom Teacher. Kindergarten student invitations were sent prior to the first day of school. Go onto our school website for instructions and there is a great area for Frequently Asked Questions that are very helpful.

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.

Only Permission Forms that need a parent signature will be sent home.

******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.**



IMPORTANT

Dates to Remember

- September 11 - Back to School Breakfast
- September 14 - 16 - Grade 5/6 Leadership Camp
- September 18 - Deer Park Cross Country
- September 22 - Terry Fox Walk/ Run
- September 29 - Autumn Summit
- September 29 - Orange Shirt Day
- October 3 - Lifetouch Picture Day
- October 9- Thanksgiving Day, No School
- October 10 - Teacher Professional Development Day. No School for Students
- November 24 - Term 1 Report Cards



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 11th. Thank you so much for providing this fabulous event.

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



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.



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

STAFF CHANGES

There are some staffing changes at Saltcoats School. Mr. Walker has joined us as the Grade 7/8 homeroom teacher. Mrs. Kendell has joined us as an Educational Assistant. We also welcome Mr. Couet, who will be interning with us this fall with Mrs. Baron.

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 29.

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 52nd year of the Gazette.



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!



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 22nd, 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. Students will be able to purchase an ice cream treat for **\$2.00** each.

"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 Tuesday, October 3 (Day 3).**

There will not be a Picture Retake day this year.



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.

IMPORTANT!

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 and replacing aging technology.

Thank You!

REPORT CARDS

Term I report cards will be distributed on November 24th . 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/>

BAND NEWS

- We welcome Miss Rae, who will be our band teacher 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.



BIRTHDAY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

- The Saltcoats School Birthday Calendar campaign is underway for another year. This is the 37th 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.



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 must provide direct supervision.



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 20th at Deer Park. The Autumn Summit is on September 29th. Practices run during lunch.



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball coaches for this year are Mrs. Kostelnyk and Mrs. Baron. Practices will be starting soon for the Grade 6 to 8 teams.



Welcome Back!



39th Annual Autumn Summit

Mark your calendar for **Friday, September 29th.**
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 amazing event!

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 20th or call the school at 744-2303.