



Principal's Message

Wow! June is already almost ½ done. With the busy-ness of May, our Highlights and Treasures is coming to you a little later than usual. May has been another active and eventful time for our school community. Our students and staff have engaged in a multitude of enriching activities, both inside and outside of the classroom – Science Fair, Track & Field, Pow Wow – just to name a few. I hope you've had the opportunity to hear from your child(ren), and/or staff, about the great things going on (you may also stay up to speed through the postings on Facebook). We continue to work diligently– focusing on learning and wellness every day. Our school year wraps up in June with continued enlightening classroom experiences, important on-going and yearend assessments, opportunities for fun outdoor learning, and other enjoyable times.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of everyone – students, staff, and parents/caregivers/families. It has been a particularly unpredictable and challenging year that has tested us. It is through tireless efforts that we – as an entire school community – can continue to be a place of inspiration and growth. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all. As we continue through this final stretch of the school year, let us remain focused. It's been an incredibly busy, rewarding, and challenging school year. Let's finish strong.

If you have comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school (306) 724-2181 or via email at cschwehr@srsd119.ca.

I wish everyone a successful and fulfilling end to our academic year.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Corrine Schwehr



Looking Ahead to Next Year

As you may or may not be aware, there is exciting news to share regarding one of our staff members. Mr. Armand Tetreault has accepted the Principalship at Big River Public High School, beginning in the fall of 2024-2025. He will be missed greatly at École Debden Public School, but we wish him all the best in his new role. Congratulations Mr. T!

Our staffing has not completely been finalized for the 2024-2025 school year. We will remain at 12 teachers; however, all positions have not yet been filled. More information will follow in the next Highlights and Treasures.



Royal Purple Poster Contest

Keirce Gobert - won 1st place at the local level

Sophia Rieter - won 2nd place at the local level

Kally Bick - won 1st place at the local level & she won 2nd place at the provincial level.

Congratulations students!



School Bus Information

Any students needing the school bus this fall must be registered. It only takes 2 to 3 minutes and is very easy to do! Bus Registrations do not have to be done every year, **but a student must be re-registered if their information (such as school, address or contact info) is changing.** If you are not sure if you already have registered, please give us a call at the number below or simply register again. Doing so now will ensure your child is placed on the proper bus for the first day of school. Not registering on time could delay having your child assigned a bus several days into the new school year.

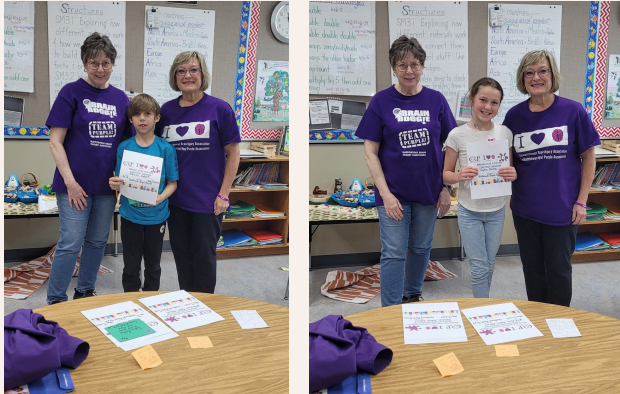
Click here

<https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php>

or you can simply type "Sask Rivers School Division" or "SRSD119" in a search engine (we recommend Google). Scrolling down you should find the "Transportation" section with some helpful tools like a bus notification set up and, of course, the "School Busing Request Form".

If you have any questions please contact the Transportation Department at 306 763-2323.

Thank you,
Ryan Bruce, Manager of Transportation



Library News

With the school year wrapping up, it is now time to return all the library books so that inventory can be completed.

Please help your child look for library books at home.

We would like all library books returned to school by June 7th.



ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE JUNE 7TH



Native Studies 30

We are currently working on our ribbon shirts and skirts. We are taking the time to hand-sew all the ribbons onto our skirts and shirts, although a few students are choosing to use a sewing machine. Most of the grades 11 and 12 students want to take pride in doing it by hand. In our Native Studies class, it is important to incorporate traditional teachings as much as possible. Teaching and allowing the students to create their own shirts and skirts will help them understand that culture can be a part of learning, while also reminding them of traditional teaching methods.

Before making our skirts, I shared with the students that I received my teachings from Leah Dorion, Bonnie Johnson, and my sister, and that I was granted permission to share my teachings with the students.

-Mrs. Jewitt



Science 7-8

On May 17th, we went on a field trip to the Conservation Learning Center. Despite the rainy weather, the students arrived with positive attitudes and a strong eagerness to learn and participate. In our science classes, we had just completed a unit on Interactive Ecosystems, exploring how all elements play a crucial role in the ecosystem.

During our visit, the grades 7 and 8 students engaged in various activities, building upon their classroom learning. The first activity was a seed identification task, where they had to match seeds to corresponding pictures. Following this, they learned about pollution and its impact on water systems, particularly focusing on the watershed system in the St. Louis/Prince Albert area. We also took a walk to the compost piles, where the students observed how composting works at the Conservation Learning Center.

The final activities included the "find your tree" exercise and fur exploration. The "find your tree" activity was particularly enjoyed by the students, as they worked in pairs, blindfolded their partners, who guided them through the nursery to find a specific tree. After leading them away, the blindfolded partner had to locate their designated tree. The students had a great time with this activity.

We concluded the trip at the outdoor classroom, examining some of the furs donated to the Conservation Learning Center.

-Mrs. Jewitt





9-12 Exam Schedule (June 20-26)

Thurs. June 20th	ELA B10 Exam - 1p.m. Math WA30 Departmental Exam - 1p.m.-3:30p.m.
Friday June 21st	Science 10 - 9 a.m. ELA A30 Exam - 1 p.m.
Mon. June 24th	Math FPC10 Exam - 9 a.m. ELA 9 Exam - 1 p.m.
Tues. June 25th	Math 9 Exam - 9 a.m. Bio 30 Departmental - 9a.m.-11:30a.m.
Wed. June 26th	Math Precalc30 Departmental 9a.m.-11:30a.m.

UPCOMING CHANGES FOR 9-12 STUDENTS

BRAIN HEALTH

THE EFFECTS OF EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

SMALL CHANGES TO REDUCE SCREEN TIME

FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH, EXCESSIVE USAGE OF DIGITAL MEDIA & GAMING IS NOW HIGHLY ASSOCIATED WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, EMOTIONAL DISREGULATION, AS WELL AS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS.

TOO MUCH TIME ON DEVICES IMPACTS SLEEP. A TECHNOLOGY-FREE BEDROOM WILL ENHANCE SLEEP BY PREVENTING MULTIPLE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH USING ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT NIGHT.

BUILD A HEALTHY BEDTIME ROUTINE.

PLAN FOR SUCCESS BY BUILDING HEALTHY HABITS FOR YOUR FAMILY:

- NO PHONES AT THE TABLE
- ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION
- SPEND TIME OUTSIDE
- SET SCREEN LIMITS
- MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S DEVICE
- SCHEDULE BREAKS

In order to better align with what research is telling us regarding screen time and the impact of cell phones on healthy learning environments, we will be improving our guidelines in this area. Expectations for cell phones will be the same from grades 7-12 students beginning in September of 2024-2025. **Students can only use cell phones during recess and noon break. Students in grades 7-12 who have brought a cell phone to school, will be expected to leave the device in their locked lockers during class time.**



K-8 Track & Field

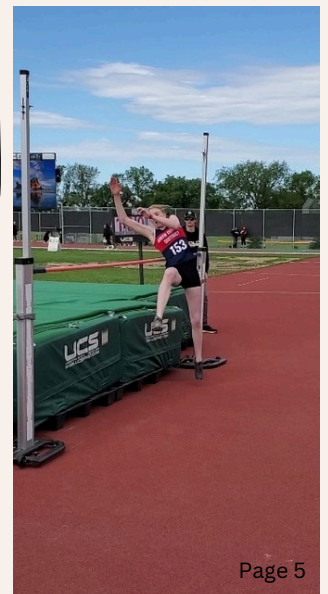
Group Winners

- Age 5/6 Girls - Vera Bondame 19pts
- Age 7 Boys - Thomas Poirier - 20 pts
- Age 9 Girls - Levi Jonasson - 19pts
- Age 10 Boys - Kaleb Poirier - 30 pts
- Age 11 Girls - Jozie Tetreault - 26 pts
- Age 12 Boys - Noah Poirier - 26 pts
- Age 12 Girls - Allie Bailey - 26 pts



Senior Track & Field

Jessie Lockhart placed 1st in High Jump at Senior Track & Field Districts and moved on to Provincials in Saskatoon. Well done Jessie!



Back row: Mr. Corduban, Alex Poirier, Raef De Bruijn, Gauge Vaadeland
 Front row: Jessie Lockhart, Gianna Jean & Brielle Amundson



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Handbook Highlight

Each month in the Highlights and Treasures, we highlight something from our school handbook. This month we are focusing on School Provided Materials and Lost & Found.

School Provided Materials

School provided materials (textbooks, Chromebooks, laptops, library books) are costly materials students use throughout the year. They are the property of the school and are loaned to students. Students are responsible to return borrowed materials in the same condition in which the materials were provided. Parents/ guardians and/ or students will receive periodic reminders regarding materials to be returned and will be billed for the replacement cost of any damaged items(s) not returned at the end of the school year.

Chromebooks are not to be used for personal entertainment at breaks or at noon and they should not be taken home without teacher permission.

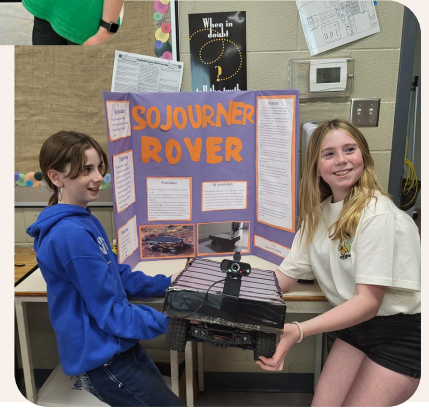
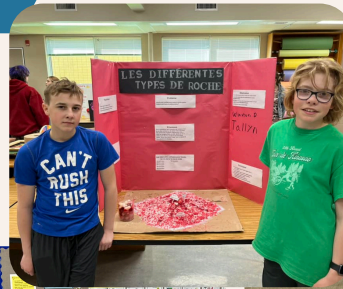
Lost & Found

Many unclaimed items are placed in the lost and found tub or handed in to the office/ facilities staff. Students/ parents/ guardians are encouraged to claim items as soon as possible. The lost and found tub is located in the Commons Area. Students who bring valuables or money to school do so at their own risk, and are advised not to leave anything of value unattended at any time. Parents/ guardians are strongly encouraged to label their child(ren)'s personal property.





Our K-8 Science Fair on April 30th was a success!



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 K Lamplight Pizza	5	6 K Chicken Caesar wrap	7 Library Books are due	8
9	10	11 K P4A Track & Field Meet (new date) Cancelled Fried Rice & spring roll	12 P4A Track & Field Meet (new date) Cancelled Taco in a bag	13 K Cheese burger	14 Graduation Ceremony 7pm	15
16	17 Last day of Preschool	18 K Demers Chicken Combo	19	20 K Kindergarten Graduation 2p.m. ELA B10 9am Math Workplace & App. Departmental Exam 1pm	21 K Sci. 10 9am ELA A30 1p.m. 5 & 6 yearend field trip	22
Gr. 9 Outdoor Ed Trip June 17-19						
23	24 Math FPC10 9am ELA 9 1pm	25 K Bio 30 Departmental Exam 9am Math 9 9am Lamplight Pizza	26 Math PreCalc.30 Departmental Exam 9am K-2 yearend field trip 3 & 4 yearend field trip 7 & 8 yearend field trip	27 PLC No Classes	28 School End No classes	29
30			K-8 report cards go out on June 26			