



The first day back to
School will be January 6th.

PLEASE COMMUNICATE
WITH **THE SCHOOL AND
THE BUS DRIVER** IF YOU
ARE NOT ON THE BUS!

If the bus is not running, Parents
may then incur the expense of
driving their own children to
school. To help cover this
expense, mileage may be claimed
at the rate determined by the
Chinook School Division.



Contact Ms. Russell to
obtain a Rural Parent
Request for Mileage Form.

The winter weather has arrived. Please
remember to dress appropriately in warm
winter coats, ski pants, toques and mitts. All
students will head outside for recess time
unless the temperature is below minus 25 with
the wind chill.

Please label all outerwear.



DAY SWITCH

Please note the cycle day
change that will happen
December 18th and 19th.
December 18th will be a
Kindergarten Day, and
December 19th and 20th will
not.

Storm Policy

This is a reminder about the Chinook
School Division storm policy. Buses
will not run when the temperature is
-40°C. They will not run when the wind
chill is -45°C. It is important to note
that if buses do not run, the school
remains open. Please remember to
contact the school if your child will be
absent, even if your bus isn't running.
If you have any questions regarding
this, please contact the school.

We
WISH YOU
A
MERRY
Christmas

The SCC are doing a Colouring Contest again this year! Entries will be due December 13th and there will be a winner selected from each class. The winners will win a pizza lunch with Mr. Ross and Ms. Leslie.



Family Christmas Movie Night

The SLC will host a Family Christmas Night on December 5th at 7:00pm.
Popcorn and Ice Tea will be sold for \$1 each.
Movie : Artur Christmas

The SLC are selling Candy Grams for \$1 everyday until December 6th.



SLC Spirit Week

Our Student Leadership students have put together a fun week for our school leading up to the Christmas Break!



Monday - Christmas Accessories Day
Tuesday - Ugly Sweater Day
Wednesday - Dress Your Best
Thursday - Dress as a Christmas Character
Friday - PJ Day



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

We have decided and are excited about a change we are making to the night of the Christmas concert. This year, we will be hosting a Christmas Family Open House at SPS. Each of the classes will be planning activities for families to engage in throughout the evening. We do not have all of the details finalized at this time, but more information will follow as to what the evening will entail. Moving forward, we are planning to alternate each year between the family night and a Christmas concert.

Santa Store

We will host our Santa Store from December 10 - December 13.
Thank you to all our volunteers!

We are looking for gently used donations to fill our store!
Donations can be dropped off at SPS from now until December 9th.

Santa Photos!



Come take your photo with Santa!

Everyone is welcome!

*Fundraiser for Shaunavon High School
SRC to support school activities.*

FIRST PHOTO - \$10, ADDITIONAL PHOTOS - \$5 EACH

*Payment in Cash Or Cheque ONLY
ALL PHOTOS WILL BE EMAILED*

SHAUNAVON HIGH SCHOOL 301 7TH AVE WEST
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.



Christmas Hamper

SPS will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Shaunavon Christmas Hamper Program. Hampers will be donated to families who need a little extra help during the Christmas Season.

If you are able to give, please send all donations to school with your child prior to December 18th. Donations will be picked up by the Hamper Program organizers first thing on December 18th.

Thank you for your supporting families in our community this season!

If your family is in need of a Christmas Hamper this year, please call 306-297-2525 as soon as possible. You can leave a message with your name and phone number on the answering machine.

BREAKING
NEWS

THE SPS DAILY

SPECIAL
EDITION

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

TASK INITIATION

WHAT IS TASK INITIATION

Task initiation is a cognitive skill that involves:

- **Knowing Where to Start:** This is the ability to identify the first step in a task or project. It involves understanding the task at hand, breaking it down into manageable parts, and determining the best starting point.
- **Figuring Out How to Get Started:** Once you know where to start, task initiation involves figuring out how to take that first step. This might involve gathering necessary resources, setting up your workspace, or creating a plan of action.
- **Overcoming Procrastination:** Task initiation is crucial for overcoming procrastination. It involves pushing past resistance or hesitation and taking action, even when you might not feel like it.
- **Starting Even When It's Not Preferable:** Sometimes, the tasks we need to start aren't the ones we're most excited about. Task initiation involves the ability to start on something, even if it isn't the most appealing task. This is crucial for completing necessary tasks and achieving our goals.

- New Frontiers, 2024

STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT LEARNERS

- **Previewing and Planning:** Plan your tasks and visualize the steps required to start.
- **Define and Structure Starting Points:** Clearly outline what beginning a task looks like.
- **Establish Transition Strategies:** Develop strategies to transition smoothly from one task to another.
- **Break Down Tasks:** Divide large tasks into smaller, manageable parts to make starting easier.



Procrastination stems from a deficit in the executive functioning skill of task initiation. It is often mistaken for laziness or disengagement. It is important to not jump to conclusions until all information is evaluated.

STAY TUNED EACH MONTH FOR DETAILS ON A NEW EF SKILL

HOLIDAY WORDSEARCH



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CANDY CANE
CHRISTMAS TREE
COZY
ELF
HOLLY
HOT CHOCOLATE
ICE SKATES

WORD LIST

IVY
JINGLE BELLS
MITTENS
NAUGHTY
NICE
PRESENT
REINDEER

SANTA CLAUS
SLEIGH
SNOWMAN
SWEATER
TINSEL
WINTER



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>2</p> <p>DAY 6</p>	<p>3</p> <p>ASSEMBLY @ 2:40 Everyone is Welcome</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN DAY 1</p>	<p>4</p> <p>DAY 2</p>	<p>5</p> <p>★ ★ ★ FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE 7:00 PM</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN DAY 3</p>	<p>6</p> <p>HOT LUNCH FORM DUE</p> <p>DAY 4</p>
<p>9</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN DAY 5</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Santa Store</p> <p>DAY 6</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Santa Store</p> <p>SNACK SHACK HOT LUNCH</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN DAY 1</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Santa Store</p> <p>DAY 2</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Santa Store</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN DAY 3</p>
<p>16</p> <p></p> <p>Christmas Accessories Day</p> <p>DAY 4</p>	<p>17</p> <p></p> <p>Ugly Sweater Day</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN DAY 5</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Dress your Best</p> <p>CHRISTMAS FAMILY OPEN HOUSE 6:30 - 8:00</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN DAY 1</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Dress as a Christmas Character</p> <p></p> <p>DAY 6</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PJ Day</p> <p></p> <p>DAY 2</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>		

Happy Holidays