

September 2025

East Central Public School

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Mrs. Joanne Tournier, Principal

Principal's Message

Welcome back, students and families!

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and restful summer, filled with time to recharge and make memories with family and friends. September is always an exciting time in our school community—a fresh start with new opportunities for learning, growth, and connection.

As we begin this school year, our focus will be on creating a positive and supportive environment where every student feels valued and encouraged to do their best. Together, we will celebrate successes, work through challenges, and continue building a strong sense of community.

I would like to welcome our new staff members. Mme. Meyers will be taking on the role of Inclusive Education Coach as well as many classroom duties. Ms. Reinbrecht is our new School Social Worker and Mr. McKee is our new Caretaker. We also want to wish Mrs. Chapelle all the best in her retirement and wish Mr. Dobratz the best of luck in his new position as Bus Driver.

We had a wonderful time meeting up with families at our **Meet the Staff event on September 10th at 6:00 p.m.** It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with teachers and staff, learn more about the year ahead, and build strong partnerships in support of our students. When families stopped by to meet their child's teacher, there was the opportunity **to enter into a draw for a Back-to-School Basket** filled with fun items to kick off the year. The winner of the basket was a kindergarten student, Addie Folmer. Following Meet the Staff, the **first SCC Meeting of the year** took take place at **7:00 p.m.** We encourage all families to become involved in the important work of supporting our school community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming Walkathon on October 17th. This is always a highlight of the fall and a great way to come together as a school community. A special thank you goes out to the Grimwood Family, who are once again generously sponsoring a BBQ for all walkers and volunteers when we return to the school following our walk. We are so grateful for their continued support.

Thank you to our families for your partnership and encouragement—you play such an important role in your child's education. On behalf of our staff, I wish all students a wonderful year ahead filled with curiosity, learning, and success. Let's make this school year a great one!

Mrs. Tournier



Times for our School Day

AM Classes 8:45 a.m.

AM Recess 10:05 - 10:20 a.m. Lunch 11:40 - 11:55 a.m.

Lunch Recess 11:55 - 12:20

PM Classes 12:20 p.m.

PM Recess 1:40 - 1:55 p.m.

Dismissal 3:15 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Thursday September 11th @ Murray Point Campground Thursday September 18th @ W.J. Berezowsky

September 19 - Picture Day (am)

September 19 - Terry Fox Run (pm)

Thursday September 23rd @ Mair Park

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

October 2nd @ Spruce Home (Mini-Meet 12:00- 2:00pm)

October 10 - PLC Day - No Classes

October 13 - Thanksgiving Day - No Classes

Absences from School

We continue to use Edsby to communicate between home and school. You are able, and also encouraged to enter absences via the Edsby app. Please find more information regarding Edsby in this newsletter. Another option is to please call the school at 306-922-8329 if your children will be absent.

Transportation

Our buses are busy again transporting our students to and from school. Our bus drivers do an amazing job of keeping your children safe. If you need information on bus routes or driver contact info, please check our SRSD119 website and search under Bus Information (near bottom of Homepage) or contact the school.

Allergy Awareness

All Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools strive to maintain nut-alert environments for the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors. We ask that everyone please check food labels to ensure that nut products are not listed as an ingredient when shopping for school food items.

- Please send nut-free snacks and lunches to school.
- ✓ Cross-contamination is a common cause of anaphylactic reactions. Foods that have come in contact with nut products or contaminated utensils can also trigger allergic reactions.
- ✓ Check packaging labels for peanut/nut ingredients. If a product has "may contain trace amounts of peanuts or nuts" this is NOT safe to bring to school.

As students and staff visit other buildings, for a variety of events, all schools try to keep everyone safe. Our School Division hopes to establish and maintain, but cannot guarantee: schools, school environments and buses free of peanuts and nut products. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety matter.

Water Bottle Reminder

Please remember to send your child with a labelled refillable water bottle. Filling stations are available for their use. Feel free to tell your child to leave their bottle at school during the week so it's one less thing they need to bring with them every morning.



News

Please remember to have your child bring their books back on time, so they can continue to check out books each week. If a book gets lost, please do your best to find it, as you may be charged a fee to replace the lost item. If a book gets damaged (accidents happen), please do not attempt to repair it at home. The Librarian will do their best to repair the item once it's returned.

Cell Phone Use at School

Starting in the 2024-2025 school year, cell phones were not permitted during class time across K-12 schools in Saskatchewan. Students should not have personal

devices in the school or on school grounds. If they bring them to school, the devices must be turned off and secured. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please phone 306-922-8329. If they need to contact you, they may use a school phone,

with staff permission. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Panther News

Cross Country Season has started. We thank Marcus, Emry, Noah, Priya, Asher, Jordie, Augi, Rusty, Alexis & Noah J for representing East Central Public School!

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<u>Picture Day</u>

Friday, September 19^{th} is our picture day, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing around 11 a.m.



Before and After School Program



East Central's Before and After School Program is available for our students! There is drop in, part time and full time options available. Please remember to sign in at the front table when picking up and dropping off your student. Contact the school for information.

SCC Information

The next SCC meeting is an AGM on Wednesday, November 19^{th} at 7:00 pm. At the school.

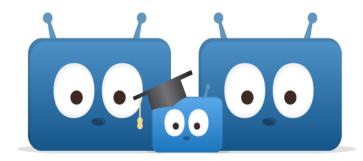
School Clothing Order

This will be happening soon, so keep an eye out for updates.



Edsby Information

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is using Edsby as a communication tool and learning management system. Edsby keeps everything safe and secure within the confines of our school



division. If you would like to learn more about Edsby security, there is a lot of information here: https://www.edsby.com/privacy-policy/

This 2-minute video is very helpful: https://tinyurl.com/mr26cv4b

Edsby makes it easy for parents to observe all of the wonderful things that are happening in our classroom. From time to time, we will post grades, notes, pictures, videos, or audio clips of your child learning at school. This will help you see the progress your child is making in their learning journey.

SEPTEMBER 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 No school | First day of school | 3 | 4 (K) | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 (K) | 10 | 11 (K) Meet the Teacher & SCC Meeting Cross Country @ Murray Point Campground | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 (K) | 17 | 18 (K) Cross Country @ W.J. Berezowsky | 19 (K) Picture Day am Terry Fox Run pm | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 (K) Cross Country @ Mair Park | 24 | 25 (K) | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Orange Shirt Day | | | | |

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