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# SCCHS Newsletter

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Hello to the SCCHS community. I hope that in these trying times you and your family members are safe and well. Since March 16, the educational world has changed for each student, family, and staff member in our school community. We have seen our community, province, country and world adapt and change due to the reality of COVID19. During this time, so many things have changed. However, one thing has remained constant and that is the fact that we care and are concerned with each of our students and their families during these challenging times. That concern is real and genuine, and it is sincere and heartfelt. As a school, we have had to find new ways of doing things, but we also will use some tried and true strategies that work. One of the best communication tools we have for our families is the SCCHS monthly newsletter. This edition of the SCCHS newsletter will give us a bit of a sense of where we are right now, and where we will be going in the months of May and June at SCCHS. I hope you will find the enclosed information helpful. Please take care and know we stay strong when we stay together!

Larry Kielo  
SCCHS Principal

## DRIVER EDUCATION

As of April 30<sup>th</sup> there is no word as when in car drives will resume. Students waiting to do their in car drives will be notified by the instructors when they are told they can resume driving with students.



## **A Message from Grade 9:**

On Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Grade 9 teachers began to officially roll out the first block of their Supplemental Learning Plans to students and families. The main goal of these plans is to afford students the opportunity to carry on with their Grade 9 learning so they can continue to prepare themselves for Grade 10. We understand that the transition of student learning from a classroom setting to a home setting is a big adjustment for students, families as well as teachers and these home learning opportunities are something that will take some time to adjust to. Please remember, these opportunities are larger blocks of learning, they are not meant to overwhelm students but very well can. Take some time to look through the Learning Blocks and make a schedule that works best for your child. By no means is there an expectation, nor is it realistic, for students to sit and do nothing but school work from 8:45 - 3:30 Monday through Friday. Pick away at the tasks, incorporate breaks, spread them out over the course of the day, over the course of the two weeks and hopefully this will alleviate some of the overwhelmed feelings that some students and parents may be feeling as we begin this journey. Through it all, we will be there to support you! We also understand there are likely lots of question, concerns and uncertainties. As you support your child and navigate through things, if anything arises that you are unsure of, be sure to reach out to your child's teacher for feedback and support and we will do all we can to support you so the learning can continue.

As well on April 20<sup>th</sup>, a Report Card was published to the MSS Parent Portal located on the Swift Current Comprehensive High School Website. Each parent and student should have received an email notifying them of this. We are hopeful that you were aware of this and have had a chance to log-in and take a look at your child's Report Card. If you have not, please be sure to do so and should you require any assistance with this process, please contact the main office for support. As part of our ongoing communication efforts, your child's homeroom teacher will be reaching out to you seeking specific feedback on the Supplemental Learning Plans thus far as well as assisting with any questions or clarification you may have about the recently published report card.

Rest assured that each and every day we are constantly striving to provide your child the best learning opportunities possible in a less than ideal situation. Once again, thanks so much for your patience, support and understanding as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

Grade 9 Teaching Team

## APRIL 20 REPORT CARD

On Monday, April 20, a report card was published in MY SCHOOL SASK.

That report card was to have been shared with students and parents on Wednesday, April 1.

However due to the COVID19 situation, that date was changed to Monday, April 20. Thank you for accessing your child's report card when it was published in MSS after the Easter break. If you have not looked at your child's April 20 report card on MSS, and you need support in doing so, please call the school at (306)773-2801

and

Mrs. Tschetter,  
Mrs. Martens or  
Mrs. Christiansen  
will help you out.

## GRADE 10 – 12 SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING PLANS

Following the education pause which took place across Saskatchewan from March 20 to March 27, the Ministry of Education gave students three options for their classes. In those options, so long as a student had a current mark as of the pause date, the student would receive a passing grade for the courses they were currently taking. Also, students could pick one of three options for each class they were enrolled in.

**Option 1** – continue on with the class to try and improve their mark for the remainder of the semester.

**Option 2** – accept their mark as of the date that it was shared with students prior to the pause. The student would keep working on the course, but assignments handed in would receive feedback but no grade.

**Option 3** – the student would cease their course work and accept their current grade as of the educational pause. Each student received a 50 if their mark was not a passing grade before the pause.

## ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENTS IN THEIR SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING PLANS

1. If a student picked **Option 1**, he or she **MUST** complete all assignments to receive a higher mark in the course. If a student does not finish the course, they will receive their report card mark from the April 20<sup>th</sup> report card. The student would not receive a lower mark.
2. Students who picked **Option 2** will not have their work graded. Students can request feedback, but not in the form of a mark.
3. There are **no** Final Exams in June.
4. All course work needs to be completed by June 22.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences were supposed to take place on April 2 and April 7. Those conferences have been cancelled. It is important to have the opportunity for each parent/guardian of a grade 10 -12 student to check in with teachers at this stage of the semester. The communication will look different depending upon which option your child selected for each of his/her semester 2 courses:

**Students who selected option #1** – if your child selected Option 1 for any of their classes, your child’s teacher will reach out to you via a personal email or through a phone call. In that communication the teacher will highlight successes and identify a bit of a plan for improvement in the respective courses. This communication will replace the Parent/Teacher Conferences that were cancelled.

**Students who selected Option 2 or 3** – if your child selected option 2 or 3, and if you have questions/concerns regarding your child’s report card mark, please call or email your child’s teachers. This parent-initiated communication will take the place of the spring Parent/ Teacher Conferences.



## 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We are currently in the process of developing our course offerings and sections so that we can create a 2020/2021 SCCHS student timetable! At SCCHS, we use the concept of a student driven timetable to create our sections, teacher assignments, etc. Therefore, as part of that process, students have registered and selected the courses they want to take in 20/21. **Grade 9/10/11 students, you need to go into MSS, check your course requests, and make sure we have an up-to-date list of your courses for next year so we can build your schedule.** Please take a look ASAP and let the office know (306)773-2801 if anything needs to be changed for the 20/21 school year. Mr. Regier has a video, which is posted on the web page, to help guide students on finding and viewing requests on the portal.

### **MSS Parent Portal**

STAY CONNECTED  
WITH YOUR  
STUDENT'S  
LEARNING 24/7

If you need help with your  
account, please contact the  
school.



## STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

As teachers, we know that overall general health involves an active and learning mind with an active body. Since the onset of COVID19 we have had our lives change. Our routines have changed, and so have our habits. Those habits can be good ones, while others might not be as good. We all know that eating well, sleeping well, being physically active, and learning new things contribute to a general sense of health and well-being. Please encourage your child to make good decisions around nutrition, sleeping habits, finding time each day to exercise, and to learn something new. We all have seen so much change since mid-March, it is important to find a healthy routine that we can follow each day. Our counselors (Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Pool) will continue to support students this spring. Parents, if you think your child needs support, please reach out to Mrs. Martin ([tmartin@chinooksd.ca](mailto:tmartin@chinooksd.ca)) and Mrs. Pool ([dpool@chinooksd.ca](mailto:dpool@chinooksd.ca)). Also, support is still available in the community through Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions (1-877-329-0005).



## SCCHS CAREER COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

My warmest regards to all of our SCCHS families. I hope this finds you all safe and well.

**Grade 12** students: For those of you heading to post secondary programs in the fall, make sure to check your post secondary email accounts and the post secondary websites for information on upcoming registration for fall classes. The schools have academic advisors for you to connect with to help you plan for fall. For those who are unsure of future plans, please contact me if you have any questions or need help with anything.

**Scholarships** - new scholarship and bursary opportunities will be posted on the SCCHS web site when we receive them.

**Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program** - please continue working on this and submit your form via email. Contact me if you have any questions

**Grade 11** students: Now is an ideal time to start thinking about your plans for after high school. If you have any post secondary questions or if you would like to discuss your class choices for grade 12, now is the time to contact me to have those conversations.

**Grade 10** students: Some important class choices had to be made on your registration forms for grade 11. If you are uncertain about your choices or if you have any questions, this is a great time to address those concerns. We can discuss long term plans so that you know your pathway heading into grade 12.

All registrations have been entered and we are now in the process of working on next year's timetable. If you want to make changes to your choices, now is the time to do it. The best way to reach me is through email at [marntsen@chinooksd.ca](mailto:marntsen@chinooksd.ca). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
**Melanie Arntsen**



# Graduating Class '20

## YEARBOOK NEEDS YOU!

The Yearbook Committee requires your help. Please take a few minutes to complete the Google Form. We are collecting GRAD ONE LINERS, What you are missing about school, best memories, thank you messages and PHOTOS!

Deadlines: One Liners - May 31 \* Pictures - June 15

<https://forms.gle/eNL4sAewS234ZWt18>

(Chinook Login Required to Access Form)



## PHOTO CONTEST

The Yearbook Committee is looking for pictures for the 2019/2020 Yearbook on:

### How are you learning at home?

Please submit your photo of learning from home to [scchyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:scchyearbook@gmail.com)

Each picture received will give you one chance to win a SCCHS Hoodie!

## SCCHS Yearbook Update

As the world adjusts to change, one thing that remains constant is the yearbook tradition. Swift Current Comprehensive High School is happy to announce that we are working to ensure that the 2020 yearbook is completed, printed and delivered to our students. This yearbook will capture the story of the unique school year.

Our final order deadline has been moved to May 31st to allow for the adjustment and changes to our school year.

Orders can be made online @ [jostens.com](http://jostens.com)  
Base cost of book is \$42.00. Extra options are available.

