

WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL

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SCHOOL DAY

Morning Bell: 8:38 AM

Start: 8:40 AM

Recess: 10:25-10:40 AM

Lunch: 11:33 AM-12:23 PM

Recess: 2:07 – 2:22 PM

Dismissal: 3:15 PM

Dear Willowgrove Families,

I want to start by thanking you for your support and understanding as we worked through an extremely cold period of weather. Having six days of bus cancellations in February was unprecedented, and I know it was a major disruption for many families. Students have also persevered through over 60 indoor recesses in 2019 and I am appreciative of their efforts remaining positive and engaged at school! All I can say is spring temperatures can't come soon enough!

Our School Community Council hosted a parent information night on Monday, March 4th about Childhood Anxiety. Our school counsellor Jeff Martin presented along with Brent Wachs, one of the other Saskatoon Public School counsellors. The information was informative and helpful. Related to this topic, information is included in this newsletter about an upcoming social media and digital citizenship information night. There is a correlation between childhood anxiety and the use of digital devices. If this topic is of interest to you please consider attending.

Term two report cards will soon be sent home, and teachers are working diligently completing assessments and evaluating student progress. Please review the information provided in the newsletter about 3-way conference dates and the procedure to sign up. We strongly value consistent communication with families, and appreciate the time you take to book a 3-way conference and meet with your child's teacher.

Finally, as we move into spring, preparations for our school musical Aladdin Jr. are well under way. Before school, at lunch, during recesses, and after school all areas of the school are being used to rehearse scenes, learn music and choreography, and prepare props, sets, and costumes. We have over 80 students and 12 staff involved with the production. Evening performance dates will be Wednesday, April 10th and Thursday, April 11th. Information on how to purchase tickets is in this newsletter.

I hope you have a great rest of the week!

Please be in touch with any questions, concerns or feedback.

Shane Armstrong



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	March 7	Tim Hortons Hot Lunch
Saturday	March 9	Grade 6 Band Clinic 10am—3:45pm
Monday	March 11	NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
Tuesday	March 12	SCC & Home and School Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM
Wednesday	March 13	Subway Hot Lunch
Monday	March 18	Grade 8 Vaccinations
Monday	March 25	Report Cards Go Home
Wednesday	March 27	Start bringing books for Book Swap
Thursday	March 28	Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
March 28 & 29		Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews THU 3:45 - 7:45 PM & FRI 8:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Friday	March 29	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	April 2	Tim Hortons Hot Lunch
Thursday	April 4	Willowgrove School Community Book Swap 6pm—7pm

Parent/Teacher/Student Three-Way Conferences

Thursday, March 28

3:45—7:45 pm

Friday, March 29

8:30—11:45 am



Band News

Grade 6 Band Retreat – Saturday, March 9th at Willowgrove School from 10:00am-3:45pm.

The students will have the opportunity to work with professional musicians, work with the director of the Centennial Collegiate Bands, and have an opportunity for some team building within the group.



Bus Planner Web

With the cold weather in the last few weeks and buses not running due to the weather conditions we are trying to make it easier for parent's to receive updates.

Parents can sign up for notifications. All you have to do is go to:

<https://saskatoon.firststudentinc.com>

Click on delays and notifications and click on subscriptions in the top right hand corner, or parents can access the late line at 306-343-3300. These are both updated regularly during dispatch.



FROM THE BOARD TABLE

School year calendar receives board approval

The 2019-20 school year calendar was approved by trustees during the Feb. 12 meeting of the Board of Education.

The calendar represents a total of 195 days with a minimum of 950 hours of instruction for students. It was developed in consultation with stakeholder groups as well as other Saskatchewan school divisions.

The first day of school will be Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019. The calendar includes a 16-day winter break around Christmas and New Year's Day, a nine-day break in February that includes the Family Day holiday and a 10-day spring break in conjunction with the Easter long weekend. The final day of classes for all students will be June 25, 2020. The full calendar for kindergarten to Grade 12 is available at saskatoonpublicschools.ca.

Other highlights from the meeting were:

- Students from École Henry Kelsey and a representative of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society made a presentation to trustees calling for the implementation of no-idling zones for vehicles around schools. The students highlighted the effects of vehicle exhaust and identified benefits around health, climate change mitigation and supporting student-led initiatives. The board asked administration to examine the proposal.
- The division's partnership with the Kinsmen Hockey League (KHL) was highlighted during Celebrating Excellence. The KHL provides an opportunity for youth in community schools to play organized hockey. The league encourages players to attend school regularly and to develop their skills on and off the ice. The KHL is funded by the Kinsmen Club and school and community volunteers help the program operate smoothly.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Attendance is
Important!

If your child will be absent for any reason, please let the office know. If you are emailing your child's teacher, add Mrs. Roth to that email rothci@spsd.sk.ca. You can also call the office at **306-683-7970** -our voicemail is always available.



Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Scheduling

Ms. Thomas and Mrs. Lemstra:

They will be using the **Parent Teacher Interview (PTI) Scheduler** to set up 3-way conferences with parents and students. Please note they will have additional meeting times during the school day on Thursday, March 28th. Reminder there is no classes for Kindergarten students on Thursday, March 28th or Friday March 29th.

All Grade 1-8 classes:

Thursday, March 28 3:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Friday, March 29 8:30 AM - 11:45 AM

The Parent Teacher Interview (PTI) Scheduler will be available for parents to use beginning on

Tuesday, March, 12 2019 at 8am and will remain open until Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at midnight.

Instructions for booking:

- Log onto <https://portal.spsd.sk.ca/school/wgs>
- Your user name is "P" and your phone number (with area code) no spaces (eg: P3069751234)
- If you do not remember your password please log onto <http://www.spsd.sk.ca/Contact/parentportal/Pages/default.aspx> to change your password.

If you still have trouble with access please contact the office at (306) 683-7970.



Willowgrove School Annual Book Swap - Thursday April 4th

Start collecting your family's gently-used kids books! Starting March 27th until April 3rd, bring your gently-used school age appropriate books to school. On **Thursday April 4th**, we will be holding a 'book swap' in the Atrium at Willowgrove School from 6pm -7pm for families, then again on April 5th during the school day for any students not able to attend the previous evening.

Swap your used books for other great books that are new to you! Pass on those good books that are collecting dust on your shelf to another reader who will love them just as much as you once did. **In particular we would love to see more books this year that are appropriate and interesting for grade 6 - 8 students.**

For every book a student brings, they can take one book from the book swap up to a maximum of five books. We welcome donations of more than 5 books, but students can't take home more than five books in total.

This event is organized by the School Community Council



Fund Raiser



**Band Coffee House
Fundraiser
May 8th at 7pm
Willowgrove School**

Come on out to enjoy some hot beverages, desserts and a night full of Willowgrove band students' musical talent! All proceeds will help pay for our band trip and band retreat!

TWEETING, TAGGING AND TROLLING:

Do you know what your child is doing on their phone?



BEDFORD ROAD COLLEGIATE / April 3 / 7-8 p.m.

Parents and guardians are invited to attend an information session to understand more about their child's online playground and learn strategies for raising a good digital citizen.

Social Media 101

Bedford Road students

When Things Go Bad

CST. KIM ROBSON,
Saskatoon Police Service

Helping Your Child Navigate The Online World

TYLER BERGEN,
Coordinator of Counselling and Behaviour Supports
and MICHELLE BEMBRIDGE,
Consultant for Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools,
Saskatoon Public Schools

Good Digital Citizenship

JAY SALIKIN,
Coordinator of Technology,
Saskatoon Public Schools



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FLEX PROGRAM

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Are you an athlete, artist, or musician?

Would you benefit from a more flexible school experience in order to pursue your passion?

FLEX may be for YOU!

The FLEX—Flexible Schedule, Blended Learning—Program is designed for students in Grade 7 to Grade 12 who wish to combine their education with pursuits that are often found outside school offerings. Students receive face-to-face, as well as online learning instruction. Our learning program is a quality education in a flexible learning environment.

For more information contact City Park School at 306.683.7550 or visit our website at saskatoonpublicschools.ca/flex



2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Kindergarten—Grade 12

August 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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September 2019						
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October 2019						
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November 2019						
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December 2019						
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January 2020						
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February 2020						
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March 2020						
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April 2020						
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May 2020						
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June 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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	School Begins
	Statutory Holidays
	All SPS facilities closed
	STA Convention
	No school for students or teachers
	K-8 School PD/Operations (no students)
	9-12 School PD/Operations (no students)
	K-12 School PD/Operations (no students)
	Last day of classes for 9-12
	Last day of classes for K-8/9-12 School PD/Operations (no students)



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Total Student Days: 185

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Willowgrove University Heights Community Association

SOCCER REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY MARCH 8

Age Group	Year of Birth	Fees	Tentative Night of Play
Kindersoccer	2015*	\$40	Wednesdays 6-7 pm Wallace Park
U5 (Co-ed) 3v3 (no keeper)	2014**	\$65	Mon/Tues 6 pm or 7 pm Possibly Friday
U7 (Co-ed) 4v4 (with keeper)	2012 & 2013	\$75	Wed and/or Thurs and/or Fri 6pm or 7pm
U9 (Girls or Boys) 5v5 (with keeper)	2010 & 2011	\$85	Mon and/or Tues and/or Fri 6pm or 7pm

2019 Tim Horton's Learn To Play Softball League Online Registration Feb 1st-Mar 22nd, 2019* Outdoor Season May and June 2019

Age Group	Year of birth	Fees	Tentative Night of play
Kinderball	2016**	\$40	Thursdays 6:15-7pm Wallace Park (large field behind Willowgrove School)
Blastball U6 (Fast paced T-ball)	2013/2014/2015	\$60	Mon/Wed evening
Rookie U8	2011/2012	\$70	Tues/Thurs evening
Mites U10	2009/2010	\$80	Mon/Wed evening

*Cutoff for registration is March 22, 2019 at midnight. A late fee of \$25 will be charged after this.

**Kinderball players must be at least 3 years old at the time of play

NOTE: Nights of play are subject to change.

No refunds will be issued after registration.

Please visit wuhca.ca for further information and registration.

Willowgrove School Presents...

Disney *Aladdin* JR.

**April 10th & 11th
@7:00p.m.**

**Tickets are \$10.00 per
person and are on sale
starting Tuesday,
March 19th @
3:30p.m.-5:00p.m. in
the Willowgrove
School Library**

**Tickets can also be purchased in the Willowgrove School Library on Monday's &
Tuesday's 3:25p.m.-3:45p.m. and Thursday's last recess in the Atrium
(2:06p.m.-2:22p.m.)**

*Music by: Alan Menken Book by: Chad Beguelin
Lyrics by: Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin*

*Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio and directed
and produced by John Musker & Ron Clements*