



2008-2009 School Year

Sept. 2	Admin Day - <i>NO CLASSES</i>
Sept. 3	First Day of Classes
Sept. 16	Early Dismissal
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
Oct. 14	Early Dismissal
Nov. 13	Parent-Teacher Evening
Nov. 14	Parent-Teacher Day - <i>NO CLASSES</i>
Nov. 28	SAG - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
Dec. 19	<i>Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break</i>
Jan. 5	Back to School
Jan. 13	Early Dismissal
Feb. 2	PD Day - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
Feb. 3	PD Day - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
Feb. 16	Louis Riel Day - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
Feb. 17	Early Dismissal
Mar. 19	Parent-Teacher Evening
Mar. 20	Parent-Teacher Day - <i>NO CLASSES</i>
Mar. 27	<i>Last Day of Classes before Spring Break</i>
Apr. 6	Back to School
Apr. 10	Good Friday - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
Apr. 14	Early Dismissal
Apr. 13-17	Education Week
Apr. 24	PD DAY - <i>NO CLASSES</i>
May 18	Victoria Day - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
June 26	Last Day Classes
June 29	Admin Day - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
June 30	Admin Day - <i>NO SCHOOL</i>



ÉSRSS Staff

Administration

Mrs Natrasany
Madame Lachapelle

Resource

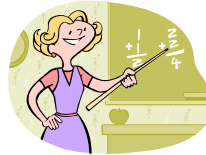
Mrs McGimpsey

Secretarial

Mrs Dutkewich
Mrs Kolodichuk

French Instruction K - 8

Madame Lachapelle
Mme Moore / Mme Eisner
Madame Petalik
Madame Gnida
Madame Wieler-Harris
Madame Tollenaar



English Instruction 6 - 8

Miss Church
Mrs Argue
Mrs Carter
Mr Cullen
Mr Dvorak
Mrs. Turton / Mrs Fullerton
Miss Goodman
Mrs Kosolowsky
Mrs Kooistra
Mr Woodward

Educational Assistants

Mrs Blosha	Mrs Densen	Mrs Effa	Mrs Galbraith
Mrs Gayowsky	Mrs Hunt	Mrs Kolodichuk	Ms Fransoo
Mrs Lausman	Mrs Lukie	Mrs Munroe	Ms Zastre
Mrs Klein			

Librarian

Mrs Bresky

Reading Recovery

Mrs Immerkar

School Mentors

TBA

Custodial

Mr Dutkewich
Mrs Barnett
Mr Milroy
Mr Emmond



Agendas

Each ÉSRSS student in grades K-8 are required to purchase a school agenda at the start of the year (\$5). These agendas are being used to assist in developing organizational skills and facilitate home school communication.

Attendance

All students are encouraged to attend school regularly to ensure academic success.

NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT

Unconfirmed absenteeism for students (K-8) will be followed up by school personnel.

Emergency Closing of School

It is advisable for parents/guardians to listen to radio station CJGX (Yorkton 940) or CJ104 (local channel) for information regarding school closure or bus cancellations, especially during inclement weather.

Lates

If students are late to school, they are to report to the main office prior to going to class or to their locker. Then students must hand their late slip to their homeroom teacher before going to class.

"Showing up in class without the necessary tools is like playing center field without a glove."

School Fees

Each student (grades 5-8) at the school will pay a school fee. If the student does not lose the school fee (due to misuse of books, locks or school property) it will be refunded to the student upon leaving the school.

Early years students K-4 will have a nominal class fee assigned. Other fees will be specified on the supply list which is distributed at the end of each school year.

Dress Code

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a manner that reflects pride and respect for self and for the school.

Any type of attire which attracts undue attention to the wearer, is unduly revealing, unsafe or causes a disturbance is considered unacceptable.

Students dressed inappropriately will be asked to change and/or may be sent home.



Student Leadership Council

Students from grade 6 to 8 are encouraged to become actively involved in student council activities.

Student council is an opportunity for students to develop leadership skills throughout the year. It involves regular meetings, planning and coordinating events as well as fundraising.

Parents of student council members are encouraged to support their children in their school-council duties.

Student Behaviour

École Swan River South School is a peaceful school committed to the growth and development of the student within a safe learning environment. We expect our students and adults to be respectful and cooperative as we all strive to do our best.

All students are expected to demonstrate appropriate behaviour.

Please refer to Swan Valley School Division Code of Conduct on page 14. We ask that you review the policy and take time throughout the year to discuss academic and behavioural progress with your child.

“Determine your peak studying time and use it well.”



Bus Use

Bus transportation provided by the School Division is a **PRIVILEGE** and certain rules prevail. Misbehaviour while riding or loading buses may result in suspension and/or being dropped from the school bus roster.

Any student who wishes to ride on a bus other than the one assigned, or any student wishing to ride on a bus to a friend's place, **MUST HAVE A NOTE DATED AND SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN** requesting such a privilege.

Our school playground/structure is closed 3:40pm - 4:00pm. This is necessary as we support our bus loading at the end of the day.



Supplies

School supplies, as indicated by the Supply List, are required by students.

Additional supplies will be required throughout the school year. The school does not supply pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.

Textbooks and/or workbooks are provided for student's use. Proper care of these books is expected from all students. If pupils deface or lose the books they will be required to pay for their replacement.

Permission to Leave School

Students who must leave the school during class time should bring a note from home and present it to the Office Staff who will sign them out. No student is permitted to leave the school during class time without first notifying the Office Staff.

Students K-8 who must leave the school should be signed out by their parent.

Please note that appointments (hair cuts, medical, dental, errands) should be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible.



School Telephone

A public telephone is located in our front hallway in front of the main office. Students are encouraged to use this phone. **(Students should not ask permission to use the office phone when prior arrangements could have been made!)**

With the great number of students in our school, we have to restrict the use of the office telephone.

Cell Phones

Students are not encouraged to bring cell phones to school. During classes cell phones **MUST** be left in lockers. Students may check for messages at break times.

Lunch Break



EATING LUNCH IN SCHOOL IS A PRIVILEGE.

This privilege can be denied to a student who displays inappropriate behaviour in a lunch room. Students having to eat lunches at school are assigned to home rooms. Lunch students **MUST** remain on the school premises during the noon hour.

Students in K to 8 must have written permission to leave the school grounds during the lunch break.

The Healthy Choices Canteen will be open for sales for grades 5-8.

Sunflower seeds, slurpees, junk food are not allowed in the school. We are a healthy school.

A School Milk Program is available for K-4 students.

Recesses

Students in grades K-5 will be required to go outside (weather permitting) for both the AM & PM recesses as well as the noon lunch break, unless they are participating in intramurals or clubs. Students in grade 6 will be required to go outside for the am & pm recesses.

It is imperative that children are dressed appropriately for weather conditions at any time of the year.



Medication in the School

School Board Policy states that, "School personnel shall avoid being dispensers of medicinal drugs unless it is necessary for the physical/mental health or safety of the child."

THUS, NO MEDICATION WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL UNLESS PARENTS HAVE PROPER FORMS COMPLETED. (Forms are available at the school office).

The school may provide, as a service, non-prescription Tylenol under the following situations:

1. That there is parental authorization in writing or by telephone, duly noted.
2. That the dispensing of these non-prescription drugs will occur only through designated office personnel so that the frequency per student can be monitored.

Safe Keeping of Students Possessions

At the beginning of the year each student is assigned a locker (1-8), and is **required** to rent a lock (5-8). It is each student's responsibility to lock the locker securely and to maintain secrecy regarding the combination.

Lost items should be reported to the general office where "found" books and other items are kept. Students' possessions should be clearly marked with their names. All unclaimed articles are donated to charity.

Evaluation of Student Progress

During the school year students will have three reporting periods - November, March and June. For the first two reporting periods, parents/guardians, and **students are encouraged to attend** Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Expectations for successful completion of a subject are described in each subject teacher's course outline.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school at any time to request a review of their child's academic progress. Parents of students in Grades 5-8 have access to their child's progress through **Edline** (contact the school for more information).

Homework

"Always check written assignments for accuracy and completion. It may make 'A' difference."

Homework is necessary if students are to get the most out of their classwork. It is a good idea to review work covered each day in each class and to check carefully to see that assigned work for the next day is complete. We believe that school work is so important that it is worth doing correctly, and this takes time, interest and effort.

Early Years students are expected to participate in the Home Reading Program and may have class work to complete at home.

If students are out of school for two or more days, the parent should call the school and ask that the work and books be collected. Students are responsible for work covered and all assignments given during their absence.



Guidelines for Awards

"Challenge yourself! Set goals that keep you active and interested"

The School's objective is to have awards which recognize students who make a notable effort while attending the École Swan River South School.

At the Middle Years Level we will award the following:

A. June Awards

- i) **Academic:** Will be awarded to students who have no subject grade lower than 75% and who do not qualify for the Outstanding Achievement Award.
- ii) **Outstanding Achievement:** Will be awarded to those students who have a minimum of five grades 85% and higher and nothing lower than 75%.
- iv) **Honour Roll:** Will be awarded to those students who have achieved marks of 85% and above in all subjects on the final report.
- v) **Grade 8 Students of the Year:** A trophy or a plaque will be given to the individuals (one male and one female) who best exemplify the categories of citizenship, academic competency, and participation in co-curricular activities.
- vi) **Special Area Awards:** A certificate may be issued at the discretion of each subject area teacher(s).



- vii) **Musicianship Award:** Will be awarded to the student who exhibits outstanding musicianship and academic proficiency in music.
- viii) **Industrial Arts Award:** Will be awarded to the student who exhibits proficiency in the area of Industrial Arts.
- ix) **Awards for Academic Excellence:** Will be awarded to a student in 5, 6, 7 & 8 with the highest overall average in each grade. A medallion will be given to each recipient. The Gr 8 recipient will have her/his name engraved on a trophy which will remain on display in the school.



Newsletters

Every effort will be made to send home a school newsletter once a month. Print ready items of community interest should be submitted to the principal.

We appreciate parents helping children understand the importance of taking newsletters home.

Copies of the school newsletter will be posted on our school web site.

Student Support Services

Parents are encouraged to consult with any of the following if they have a concern regarding their child.

Resource Teacher - May help students through individual programs, study skills or learning strategies

After School Program - Students are invited to participate in the After School Study Program which will help you to improve your grades. You will have an opportunity to work in a quiet academic environment with supervision.

Special Services - Students/Parents have additional educational support services including speech pathologist, social worker, school mentor and public health nurses.





Fire, Tornado & Lockdown Drills

Fire, Tornado & Lockdown Drills are held frequently so that in the event of a real emergency we can respond in the best manner to ensure everyone's safety.



Computer Usage

Our school's computer labs are available for use by classes on a regularly scheduled basis or for occasional use as needed. Students are expected to respect the equipment and materials provided in the lab.

~**E-mail** - only school assigned E-mail addresses may be used in the school.

~ **Printing** is generally restricted to single print-outs of assignments. Permission must be sought from the supervising teacher for any other printing.

~ **Responsible use of the Internet is expected of students.**

Students who find themselves in a site inappropriate for school are expected to exit quickly by using the BACK button in the Netscape toolbar. Please note that the school does not allow chat lines to be accessed.

More specific guidelines will be provided by the teacher.

Transfers To Another School

If at any time, it is necessary for a student to transfer to another school, parents can complete the necessary forms through the main office.

Library

"A good book can be a fine companion."



Students can count on the library as a quiet place to read, study or do research. It is open for five days during each six day cycle. Students will be required to pay for lost books.

Students from Gr 4 - 8 are welcome to become part of the Library Volunteer Program held every day from 12:15pm - 12:50pm.



School-Related Activities

Students who represent the École Swan River South School in special activities such as educational seminars, music events, sports events, subject area trips, etc., will be responsible for knowing the course concepts covered during their absence from classes. Daily assignments missed during a special activity will be completed to the degree required by the subject teacher.

CLASSES ARE IN SESSION FOR THOSE STUDENTS CHOOSING NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES.



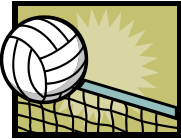
Skiing



Track & Field



Band Trips



Volleyball



Basketball



Curling



Swimming

Conclusion

Our school emphasizes programs that will provide students with opportunities to gain the skills, knowledge and attitudes to be a productive citizen.

As a student at ÉSRSS you should take full advantage of your right to an education.

Students should come to school with a positive attitude towards learning and to participating in school activities.

An important part of your education is your right to make decisions. To protect your rights and the rights of others, a student behaviour guideline has been established.

CODE OF CONDUCT

	RESPONSIBILITIES			RANGE OF CONSEQUENCES		
	STUDENT	PARENT	SCHOOL	INITIAL OCCURRENCE	REPEATED OCCURRENCES	
BEHAVIOUR OCCURRENCE						
ATTENDANCE	Attend School.	Encourage regular attendance. Contact school when child absent.	Keep accurate records, report attendance to parents.	From informal interview through Behavioural Contract.	From parental involvement through removal.	
PUNCTUALITY	Be on time for class.	Ensure your child leaves for school with sufficient time to be punctual.	Keep accurate records. Report punctuality to parents.	From informal interview through guidance involvement.	From parental involvement through outside agency involvement.	
RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY	Respect the teacher, other staff and the school.	Encourage respect-provide an appropriate role model.	Respect the student-provide appropriate role model.	From informal interview through removal of privileges.	From formal interview through removal.	
THREATS OF VIOLENCE	Respect for all students and staff. Bullying, physical, sexual or psychological abuse will not be tolerated.	Encourage child to refrain from bullying, threatening behaviour.	Teach tolerance & appropriate problem solving.	Assess Threat Policy 10.41. Counseling to Threat Assessment Committee referral.	Threat Assessment Committee to removal.	
RESPECT FOR OTHERS	Respect the rights of your fellow students.	Encourage your child to respect the rights of the students.	Respect the fundamental rights of students to an education free from distraction.	For physical, psychological or verbal abuse - from informal interview through suspension.	For physical, psychological or verbal abuse - from parental involvement through removal.	
DISCRIMINATION	Respect the cultures and differences of others.	Encourage your child to respect all cultures and races.	Model and support respect for the cultures and differences of others.	From informal interview to suspension.	From parental involvement to removal.	
RESPECT FOR PROPERTY	Respect the property of the school, bus and of fellow students.	Encourage respect for public and personal property.	Provide the students with a safe and secure learning environment.	From informal interview through removal & reimbursement.	From parental involvement through removal & reimbursement.	
PROPER DRESS	Dress appropriately.	Provide your child with appropriate dress for school.	Provide appropriate role model - delineate standards of dress.	From informal interview through suspension.	From parental involvement through suspension.	
GANG INVOLVEMENT	Avoid illegal gang involvement.	Instill respect for the law and encourage positive group activities.	Teach respect for the law and encourage positive group activities.	From informal interview to outside agency involvement and removal.	From parental to outside agency involvement and removal.	
POSSESSION OF WEAPON	Obey the law.	Ensure your child refrains from possession of a weapon.	Immediately report any suspected weapon possession.	From informal interview through removal and outside agency involvement.	From parental involvement to removal and outside agency involvement.	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	Obey the law.	Instill respect for the law and encourage positive healthy attitudes.	Provide appropriate role models - provide instruction on substance abuse.	For Smoking - from formal interview through suspension. For Drugs and Alcohol - from parental involvement through suspension.	For Smoking - suspension. For Drugs and Alcohol - from suspension through removal.	