

## <u>Sun West School Division - Sun West Accessibility</u> Plan

Sun West School Division is committed to working toward ensuring that everyone can access our facilities, programs, and services without barriers. The Accessible Saskatchewan Act (ASA) became law on December 3, 2023. This important legislation mandates that our school division develop an accessibility plan to identify, address, and prevent barriers for all students and community members. Our goal is to create a comprehensive and thoughtful approach to improving accessibility in education services and facilities, and your input is needed in shaping our 2025-2028 Accessibility Plan. Over time, we are dedicated to systematically identifying, removing, and reducing these barriers within our division. To help make our plans as informed as possible we plan on launching a survey in the near future to obtain community and staff input into the planning process.

#### **Importance of Accessibility Plans**

Accessibility plans identify barriers and detail steps to improve accessibility. With approximately 29.8% of Saskatchewan's population over 15 identifying as having a disability, fostering inclusion is essential. Accessibility plans must be published by December 3, 2025. You will find Sun West's Accessibility Plan on our website once it is published.

#### **Understanding Accessibility Barriers**

Accessibility barriers occur when systems, spaces and information are not designed for everyone. Key barriers include:

- Physical Barriers: Physical barriers happen when spaces and objects are designed in ways that make it hard for persons with disabilities to get into buildings or other spaces.
- Information & Communication Barriers:
  Information and communication barriers
  happen when information is not given in a way
  that everyone can use.
- Attitudinal Barriers: Attitudinal barriers
  happen when people think or act towards
  persons with disabilities based on wrong ideas.
- Technological Barriers: Technological barriers
  happen when technology is made in a way that
  not everyone can use (ex: lack of assistive
  devices or classroom technology).

Share your voice by completing our Accessibility
Survey here: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/5xYhqEnHcd">https://forms.office.com/r/5xYhqEnHcd</a>

#### **Continuing Consultation is Key**

Engaging persons with disabilities is crucial for developing effective accessibility plans. Feedback will help us create a more inclusive environment.

Anyone wishing to discuss accessibility can reach out

to:

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by Mrs. Ross







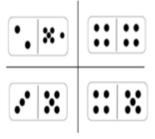




### by Miss Grassing

Many math teachers like to get the class started off with a thinking activity to activate the learning. One such activity is called "Which One Doesn't Belong?". In this activity, students can be challenged to find a reason why one item doesn't belong in the group. There are multiple possible answers. This activity provides opportunities for students to develop academic vocabulary, opinion language and supporting one's thinking.

Challenge your family to try some of these at home!



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#### by Miss Walker

## **Happy October!**

## **Practicing Gratitude!**

What is gratitude?

The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. How can practicing gratitude benefit kids & support their mental health?

- Shifts automatic thinking patterns to focus on what is going well.
- Increase optimism (glass half full)
- Greater resilience when managing stress.
- Ability to see the 'silver lining.'
- Improve mood & self-esteem (see the great things within themselves)
- Increase feelings of empathy & kindness (see the greatness in others)
- Better sleep & overall physical health

<u>Gratitude Activity:</u> Gratitude Jar as a bedtime routine (supplies: jar, strips of paper, pen, pencil, markers)

- Place a jar with a lid & strips of paper beside your child's bed.
- Invite your child to think of one (or more) things (people, events, tangible items, feelings) that they felt thankful for throughout that day & write them on the strips of paper.
- Place the strips in the jar.
- At the end of each month (or whenever your child feels like it!), review the items in the drawer to reflect on the positives that they have identified.

"You are loved, you are special, and you make the world a better place."























Knitting club will be Day 4's at lunch instead of Day 6's. KCS cannot wait to see all our knitters' creations!



by Mrs. Richardson

October 20 - 24th

## Saskatchewan Library Week.

"Libraries Open Doors" is the theme this year.

We will be celebrating this week with a craft; each student is going to be given a "Door" that they can decorate and design the outside of.

On the inside we are asking them to put what the library has opened for them.

Is it new worlds, favorite characters, a whirlpool of all the different books, and knowledge that they have learned over time?

I am excited to see the outcome of everyone's doors.



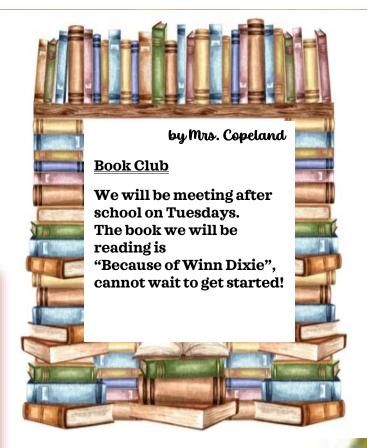
## **SCC News**

by Mrs. Richardson

Please join us on Wednesday October 15th, from 5-7pm for our Fall Festival.
This will be a potluck/block party type event where we hope everyone can bring something to share.

Please visit the following QR code to get some ideas of what you can bring, as well as let us know what you have decided to bring by October 8, 2025. We look forward to a fun filled evening!







## Corner

### **The Power of Reading**

Reading is one of the most important skills students can develop—it opens doors to new ideas, strengthens critical thinking, and builds empathy by letting us see the world through different perspectives. Whether it is a novel, a comic book, or an article, every page read helps improve vocabulary, concentration, and imagination.

To help make reading a fun daily habit, try these simple activities at home:

- Set aside 15–20 minutes for family reading time each evening.
- Let your child choose their own books to spark interest.
- Read aloud together, even with older kids
   —it builds fluency and connection.
- Keep books in easy-to-reach places around the house.
- Listen to audiobooks on car rides or during downtime.

Encourage your child to read every day it is a small habit that leads to big learning!



It has been a busy month of Comets athletics! Our golf season wrapped-up last week with Tre Hannouch competing at the West Central Junior District Golf Championship at the Saskatchewan Landing as well as Jace Wills competing in the SHSAA Provincial Golf Championship in Kenosee.

The cross-country season concluding with our school hosting the district championship at the Kyle Golf Course. Over 170 athletes ran the course! KCS would like to especially thank Leah Argue, Denise Schneider, and Orlena Potter who volunteered at the event as well as the SCC for donating granola bars and Viking Acres for donating bottled water for all of the competitors.

Congratulations to LB Sander and Ethan De Strake who finished in the top ten of the U11 boys' division.

Our volleyball teams have been on the court steady over the past month! The senior girls team went undefeated at their home tournament in Kyle on Sept. 27th and the junior girls will be hosting their home tournament this weekend. SHSAA has proclaimed October 6 - 11 as "School Sport Week".

I am appreciative of everyone who volunteers their time and effort to make school sport possible for our students.

Thank you to our coaches, managers, officials, parent drivers, canteen workers, fans, secretary, custodian, and the players themselves!

Keep shining Comets! Everyone is invited to watch the upcoming home volleyball games this month:

-October 4: Junior Girls Tournament (all day)-

-October 7: Junior Girls vs. Beechy @ 4:30 pm

-October 16: Senior Girls vs. Beechy @ 4:30 pm

-October 18: Junior Girls South Section Playoffs (all day) -October 22: Junior Junior (Co-ed Gr. 4.5.6) vs. Elrose @ 4:15 pm

-October 25: Senior Boys Tournament (all day)

#### **Cross-Country Update**

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by Mrs. Calvert Congratulations to the members of our KCS Cross-country team on another fantastic season! It is the second year for the students on the team and they brought energy, determination, and incredibly positive attitudes to every practice and

The season kicked off with a meet in Rosetown on September 24th, where they showed huge improvements on their overall times from last year, and concluded at Districts, held at the **Kyle Golf Course on October 1st. Throughout** the season, our athletes set goals, worked hard, and supported one another every step of the way. I am so proud of the growth and team spirit shown by

A huge thank-you goes out to our parent drivers your support in helping us get to and from the meets is truly appreciated.

Well done, KCS Cross-country team! We are already looking forward to next season!





#### Golf Update by Miss Padayachee

I am sad to see our golf season is already over, but it was a season filled with dedication and success! At the junior level, Tre, Trypp and LB all competed in section playoffs!

Congratulations to Tre Hannouch who placed second and competed in Junior Districts as well! At the senior level, Walker, Chase, and Jace all competed in the district tournament!

Congratulations to Jace Wills who placed third and competed in the provincial tournament in **Kenosee!** 

Thank you to all our junior and senior golfers for a great season!









THANK YOU FOR YOUR

SUPPORT! THIS YEAR KYLE

SCHOOL RAISED:



\$4,320.00

## **THANK YOU PROSPERITY CREDIT UNION:**

Thank you for providing a hot dog lunch to all who participated in our Terry Fox Run school walk.

## THANK YOU CLEARWATER DRIVE-IN:

Since we exceeded our school fundraising goal of \$2,800.00, we will be rewarded with drive-in popcorn, a movie in the gym, and a school-wide game of hide-and-go seek. Thank you to Clearwater Drive-in for donating their famous popcorn!











# Just for Fun Page

## October Word Search





October Harvest Halloween Pumpkin Leaves Rake Scarecrow Corn Maze Hayride Fall Autumn Orange Red Brown Yellow

