



Principal's Message

Welcome to 2026 at NWCS. In January many of our elementary students celebrate 100 days of school. At the high school end, students are busy finishing all assignments and preparing to write final exams the end of January. The exam schedule is below for our students in grades 8-12. Next week, I will include some study tips to best prepare for finals.

NWCS January 2026 Final Exam Schedule

Grade/Date	January 26 (Day 5)	January 27 (Day 6)	January 28 (Day 5)	January 29 (Day 6)
8/9	Regular Classes	ELA (Olson)	Math (8-Olson and 9-Davis)	Science (Turk)
10		10 Math (Davis)	ELA 10 (Sawan)	
11/12	ELA A30 (Sawan)	History 20 (Sawan)	Math 11/12 (Thomson)	Physical Science 20 (Bacon)

All exams will be written for a minimum of one hour and in the morning. All exams will be completed by 12:00 that day. **There will be no changes to the exam schedule.** All exams must be written at the day and time on this schedule.

NWCS SCC – Food Program

This month's Apple Program Sponsor is **Towering Ridge Farms (Braden & Alex Olson and Cameron & Sara Olson)**. We appreciate your support!

The Apple Program supplies Apples twice a month as well as other healthy snacks. The students look forward to and enjoy these snacks!

If you would be interested in being a sponsor for this program, please contact any SCC Member.

The SCC would like to thank the following NWCS parents who have volunteered their time this month to bake muffins in support of our SCC Muffin Program;

Judy Olson, Janelle Olson, Chantelle Letourneau and Deb Delfrari. We, along with the students, appreciate your time and support!

If any parent or community member would be interested in volunteering to bake for us, please reach out to Janelle Olson.

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Wildcat Wows!

WILDCAT WOW – To Todd and Barb McIntosh for changing the sign.

WILDCAT WOW – To Ms. Darroch on the birth of her baby boy, Bennett Cox, on December 22. Congratulations!

Dodsland Lions Peace Poster Winners 2025

Danika Laturnus, Charlie Swan and Kayla Dorner.
Representing the Dodsland Lions – Trent Nienaber



Dodsland Legion - Remembrance Day Contest Winners 2025

Primary Colour Poster

1. Barrett Seime
2. Savannah Dolan
3. Luke Neumeier

Junior Black and White Poster

1. Addison Hoffman
2. Ivy Turk
3. Haisley Coe

Primary Black and White Poster

1. Aksel Bennett
2. Olivia Palmier
3. Jacob Seime

Intermediate Colour Poster

1. Cera Walsh

Intermediate Black and White Poster

1. Graham Julseth
2. Simon Cormack

Junior Colour Poster

1. Aubrey Hoffman
2. Elliot Palmier
3. Aubrey Lovenuk

Intermediate Poem

1. Emerson Summach
2. Corbin Sittler
3. Graham Julseth



Plenty Legion Remembrance Day Winners 2025

Primary Colour Poster

1. Banks Buckingham
2. Sarah Swan
3. Danny Olson

Intermediate Black and White Poster

1. Waylon McLeod
2. Amara Zimmer
3. Jayden Ek

Primary Black and White Poster

1. Hadley Bacon
2. Berklee Davis
3. Casey McMillan

Intermediate Essays

1. Lane Bacon

Intermediate Poems

1. Caelum Shipman
2. Jack Rechenmacher
3. Hanna Weese

Junior Colour Poster

1. Arianna Shipman
2. Brynlee Weins
3. Connor Rohs

Senior Colour Poster

1. Madison Mosterd
2. Dallas Bradley
3. Tyler Bradley

Junior Black and White Poster

1. Wyatt Swan
2. Reese Roesch
3. Aria Swan

Senior Black and White Poster

1. Dallas Bradley
2. Anderson Coe
3. Alexandra Powell

Junior Poems

1. Emery Roesch
2. Paisley Bacon
3. Wyatt Swan

Senior Essays

1. Keagan Chester
2. Eden Gilroy
3. Casey Shipman

Intermediate Colour Poster

1. Brooklyn Mosterd
2. Leighton Bacon
3. Edie Toner

Senior Poems

1. Todd Godfrey
2. Peyton Deschner
3. Anna Walsh



Up Coming Events

January 16	Panago Pizza Sale
January 23	Rijama Café Pizza Sale
February 4	Table Mountain – Grades 4-12
February 13	Panago Pizza Sale
February 27	Rijama Café Pizza Sale
March 4	Table Mountain – Grades 4-9

Important

Deadline for submitting items for the Thursday Note is Wednesday before noon. Items received after that will not make it into the Thursday note.

We are still needing a lot of pictures! Last year, we created a "This is NWCS" family bulletin board in our hallway featuring a "family" picture from each of our NWCS families. We loved it! So did the students, and visitors to our school! So, we are doing it again this year.

This means we need your help again. Please send a 4x6 or 5x7 size "family" picture (this won't be returned to you) or email a digital copy to trish.mcdonald@sunwestsd.ca. **This can be whatever "family" means to you. And, if you have two families, you can send two pictures!** Thanks for your help with this!

PANAGO PIZZA LINK

Deadline to order is Thursday, January 8 at midnight!!!

PANAGO PIZZA LINK

RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK

Deadline to order is Thursday, January 15 at midnight!!!

RIJAMA CAFE PIZZA LINK

NWCS BUS DRIVERS

Jolene Heese (Richards) 306-831-0114 Doug Motz 306-658-3338

Bernie Olson 306-430-4364 Irene Tessmer 306-278-7012

Ryan Webber 306-460-9477 Bob Smith 306-460-6567 (spare driver)

Savannah Schoeler 306-426-7977 (spare driver) Aileen Halter 306-604-9575 (spare driver)

Ray Althouse 306-948-7807 (spare driver) Laura Rohs 306-821-3867 (spare driver)

Sun West School Division has a Guest Rider Policy and Forms, we have these on our school website with the rest of the forms parents need to fill out throughout the school year. In order to use this guest rider program 48 hrs advance notice is needed. Forms must be handed in to the office 2 days prior to students riding another bus and all of the criteria is met.

[Click here](#) to be directed to our school forms on our website.



A REPORT FROM SUN WEST SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



JANUARY 2026 EDITION



SUN WEST CSLC DELEGATES REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

At their December 16 meeting, the Sun West delegation to the Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC) made a presentation to the Board of Education about their conference experiences. The group in the room are (left to right) Chris Oscar (Superintendent responsible for Student Leadership Program), Ryan Smith (Superintendent of Business), Terry Hall (Trustee), Holly Goddard (Trustee), Ivan Taranukha (Biggar Central School 2000), Cathy Laventure (Trustee), Yevhenii Taranukha (Biggar Central School 2000), Michele Whitfield (Trustee), Jenelle Minish (CSLC Adult Advisor), Wade Halliday (Rosetown Central High School), Vanessa Lewis (CSLC Adult Advisor), Michelle Zacharias (Trustee), Karen Blackwell Jones (Trustee), Fritz Eckstein (Trustee), and Darryl Seguin (Director of Education). The group online, (top, left to right) Finn Law (Davidson School), Peighton Oickle (Kenaston School), Trudy Wiebe (Westcliffe Composite School, Morden), (middle, right to left) Elizabeth Oakland (Eston Composite School), Matthew Possberg (Loreburn Central School), Lindsay Shaw (Trustee) (bottom, left to right) Cathy Morrow (Trustee), Julia Wiens (Beechy School), and Kristin Sampson (CSLC Adult Advisor).

DECEMBER 2025 HAPPENINGS

The Sun West Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 16, 2025. Highlights of the meeting included:

- The Trustees heard a report from the Sun West delegation to the Canadian Student Leadership Conference that took place October 4-7 near Haliburton, Ontario. Nine students from eight schools and three adult advisors attended CSLC and provided an extensive report about speakers, activities, and the value of the learning and skills they acquired at CSLC to their schools, the division, and themselves.
- The Trustees received the Home-based Education Report. Currently Sun West has just over 240 students who are home-schooled. Although they do not attend schools, Sun West still has a variety of responsibilities for these students.

Earlier in December, the Trustees held a special meeting to consider the Sun West Mission and Vision statements and the Sun West Values. The Trustees drafted a new preliminary Mission, Vision, and Values and these will be distributed to staff, students, and families in the new year along with surveys to get input prior to these being finalized.

TRUSTEES ARE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Trustees were kept busy throughout the holiday season attending and helping out at school Christmas concerts and feasts as well as other special events. One Trustee even played Santa Claus at a local Christmas pageant. On the right are pictures from a few of these events.



Subdivision 5 Trustee Terry Hall (left) helps out at an Elrose SCC Christmas Feast.



Subdivision 3 Trustee Cathy Laventure (centre) with Biggar students at the Division Holiday Lunch.



Subdivision 8 Trustee Michelle Zacharias (right) with a Rosetown student at the Division Holiday Lunch.

Hello,

I hope everyone had the break they needed. January is a busy time in the career world, with course selections, transcript updates and scholarship deadlines. Grade 12s should be looking at the graduation timeline in the newsletter, [which can be found here](#).

In the newsletter, you will also find information on upcoming programs and opportunities to explore your career options.

The new year also brought some great news for people working or studying in a number of high demand occupations. The Government of Canada has expanded its student loan forgiveness program to include:

- Family Doctor
- Family Medicine Resident
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse
- Registered Psychiatric Nurse
- Registered Practical Nurse
- Dentist **New**
- Dental Hygienist **New**
- Early Childhood Educator **New**
- Midwife **New**
- Personal Support Worker **New**
- Pharmacist **New**
- Physiotherapist **New**
- Psychologist **New**
- Social Worker **New**
- Teacher **New**

New occupations became eligible as of December 31, 2025. [Visit the website](#) for more information on the program, eligibility requirements and applications.

Before the break, the grade 8/9s were testing their employability skills with a series holiday challenges. Before we wrap up this month, we will be working on grad plan portfolios, exploring high school requirements and how high school education influences career pathway options.

The grade 10s have also been working on identifying and strengthening their skills, building resumes and job seeking strategies.

The grade 11s will be wrapping up their career assessments this month and looking forward to CWEX work placements for second semester. If you are interested in have a work experience student for your business, please reach out.

Our team is also busy preparing for the Roads to Success Career Fair, to take place in Rosetown this May. We are currently reaching out to businesses, institutions and organizations who may be a good fit. If you have contact suggestions that could benefit our students, please let me know.

Have a great day,
Amanda Ross
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Dodsland Library News.

Good afternoon.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and that 2026 is off to a good start!

New Books

In the last month we have received a lot of new books! We encourage you to come in and check them out.

Gift Shop.

Just a reminder that our little Gift Shop has a lot to offer for those looking for the following: Birthday, housewarming, or a baby gift. We also carry handmade cards, candles, ceramics, and preserves.

Craft Club.

Craft club is held on Mondays from 4 -5pm. If your child is interested in attending, please call (306) 932 - 7220. The more the merrier.

Story Hour.

Story Hour is held on Wednesdays starting at 10:30. Your child will enjoy playtime, a story and a fun craft.

Hope you all have a great week.

Open Hours.

Mondays ---- 1:30 -7pm.

Tuesdays ---- 1 - 7pm.

Wednesdays --- 10 - 4pm.