

Seventh Avenue School Student Handbook 2020-2021



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Mission and Vision

Learning together for our future.

Our motto or positioning statement, "Learning together", is taken directly from our mission-vision statement. At Prairie South, we learn from one another, from our learning environments, and from our communities. We embrace the opportunity to be life-long learners, and understand the significance of learning how to learn.

Core Values

1. Development of the Whole Child
At school students:
 - learn how to learn;
 - achieve at their highest levels;
 - contribute to their school community; and
 - participate in the communities at large.
2. Community Involvement & Engagement
Community involvement is important because:
 - our schools connect people with learning and community;
 - public participation helps us make better decisions; and
 - diverse perspectives create a better understanding of need.
3. Division Transparency
We build trust and credibility with our community members by:
 - sharing information that improves the public's understanding of our decisions and policies;
 - showing how we spend our monies to deliver services; and
 - maintaining the code of ethics established by the Board.
4. A Collective Common Sense Approach
Our decisions and policies reflect the needs of our communities and are based on:
 - careful research;
 - accurate data; and
 - informed judgment.

Commitments:

Prairie South is committed to quality learning through:

1. Students and Families: building blocks for learning.
We work together with caring people in student homes to prepare students for the future. Our decisions and policies reflect the best interest of our students.
2. Learning Environments: places of learning.
Our learning environments encourage 21st Century competencies through responsive instruction and assessment, innovative delivery models, and a student first culture. Our learning environments contribute to physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.
3. Inclusive Communities: partners in learning.
Our communities, their individuals, businesses, public and private agencies are our partners in learning. Our communities are involved in the process of determining needs, identifying resources, and creating solutions for our learning environments.
4. Our People: champions of learning.
Our people have the power to inspire greatness through their attitudes and actions. Prairie South staff are leaders in learning, and share their talents and abilities with one another for the betterment of students, families, learning environments, and communities.

Our Mission

Our mission at Seventh Avenue School is to provide a positive, caring environment to nurture and develop the intellectual, physical, creative, social, and emotional needs of our students.

Our Vision

At Seventh Avenue School, it is our shared vision that

1. All staff members:
 - a. are guided by shared goals and a sense of common purpose
 - b. have high expectations for student achievement and accept responsibility for helping students meet these expectations
 - c. collaborate with one another on a regular basis on curriculum, instruction, individual students, and school improvement initiatives
 - d. model the importance of lifelong learning by their commitment to their personal professional growth
2. Curriculum and Instruction:
 - a. are guided by specific, clearly, stated, challenging goals for each grade level and subject
 - b. scope and sequences are aligned for each grade and subject so that teachers understand and are consistent in their curriculum programming
 - c. leads to academic progress of each student that is closely monitored and necessary support is provided
 - d. through instructional strategies, recognizes individual learning styles, and results in students who are actively engaged and learning independently
 - e. creates a systematic process of analyzing, goal setting, and implementing curriculum objectives, striving to deliver "best practice instruction", for the benefit of our students
3. Our climate will:
 - a. produce relationships based upon mutual respect and consideration
 - b. commit us to providing an emotionally and physically safe, supportive, caring environment
 - c. use school rules based upon expectations and guidelines for student behaviour, and consistently enforce them
 - d. make conscious effort to recognize and celebrate efforts & achievements of students, staff, and school
4. Our students will:
 - a. accept responsibility for their learning, their decisions, and their actions
 - b. set challenging goals and give their best effort to achieve them
 - c. believe in their ability and take pride in their achievements
 - d. demonstrate a desire to learn
 - e. become actively involved in school activities
 - f. conduct themselves in a safe, orderly, positive manner that's conducive to desirable school atmosphere and ensures the rights of others
5. Our community will:
 - a. help to develop and endorse the vision of Seventh Avenue School
 - b. provide the resources, the facilities, the materials, the equipment, and the time that enables Seventh Avenue School to offer exemplary programs
 - c. have access to the use of Seventh Avenue School facilities when appropriate and available, subject to consultation with the principal
 - d. with parents, play an active role in the education of their children, monitor their child's academic performance, work with teachers to emphasize the importance of education, and model a commitment to lifelong learning

Our Values

At Seventh Avenue School, we will

1. provide a fun, safe, and positive learning environment that supports inclusion of all students and their individual needs
2. collaborate with one another on a regular basis to ensure we have shared common goals
3. use common methods of assessment to plan for improved individualized instruction
4. set clear, attainable expectations for student success and use our instructional time in an efficient manner to provide quality learning through effective strategies and best practice
5. communicate with parents on a regular basis to encourage their active role in their child's education through joint parental groups (E.g. Home & School), home assistance, and teacher desired classroom support.



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PSSD Central Office Staff

Director of Education
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Superintendent of Learning
Superintendent of Business
Human Resources Manager
Business Manager
Facilities Manager
Transportation Manager

Tony Baldwin
Amanda Olson
Ryan Boughen
Derrick Huschi
Lori Meyer
Steve Robitaille
Amy Johnson
Ron Purdy
Darren Baiton
Heather Boese

PSSD Board Members

Robert Bachmann – Board Chair
Gisele Wilson – Board Vice Chair
Darcy Pryor
John Bumbac
Shawn Davidson
Crystal Froese
Brett Hagan
Todd Johnson
Mary Jukes
Lew Young

2020-2021 SCC Members

Chair	Ashley Karst
Vice Chair	Tina McCaslin
Secretary	Dena Peterson
Treasurer	Marlene Godda
Members	Jennifer Pituley Raegan Rasmussen Trynda Wilderman
Staff Rep	Shannon Moneo
Principal	Aaron Hesjedal



Assiniboia Seventh Avenue School 2020-2021 School Calendar



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	Organization/Inservice - No Classes
	Professional Learning - No Classes
	Prep Day - No Classes
	First Day of Classes
	Holiday
	LIT/Early Dismissal
	Prep/LIT Day - No Classes
	Last day of classes

2020-2021 Seventh Avenue School Staff

Principal	Mr. Aaron Hesjedal
Pre-Kindergarten	Mrs. Darla Peterson
Kindergarten	Mrs. Patty Mergel
Grade 1A	Ms. Hali Kazeil
Grade 1B-2A	Ms. Dakota Browne / Mrs. Ashley Hansen
Grade 2B	Ms. Halleh Faramand / Mrs. Kelsey Thompson
Grade 3A	Ms. Kirsten Prayda
Grade 3B	Ms. Danae Andrie
Grade 4A	Mrs. Jackie Pituley
Grade 4B	Mrs. Natasha Struble
Phys Ed	Mrs. Sarah McNutt
Classroom Support	Mrs. Amanda Duxbury
Student Support	Mrs. Shannon Moneo
Admin Assistant	Mrs. Maureen Ellis
Library Tech	Mrs. Karen Henderson
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Lorraine Boak-McLaren Mrs. Jamie Helland Mrs. Bev McDonald Mrs. Geana Sognesand Mrs. Janis Schleicher
Facility Operator	Mr. Deo Zara
Day Cleaner	Ms. Marlene Godda

Bell Times

8:50 am - Morning Bell
8:55 am - Morning classes begin
3:25 pm - Bus Student Dismissal
3:28 pm - Town Student Dismissal

	<u>Group 1 – 1A, 3A, 4A, 4B</u>	<u>Group 2 – K, 1B-2A, 2B, 3B</u>
Morning Recess	10:25-10:40 am	10:50-11:05 am
Afternoon Recess	2:00-2:15 pm	2:25-2:40 pm
Lunch Break	11:45-12:10 (outside) 12:15-12:35	11:55-12:15 12:15-12:40 (outside)

***Doors will remain locked during all regular school hours. (Open at recess and lunch breaks.)
Access may be gained through the front main entrance only!

Communication Protocol

When parents have a concern regarding their child:

- they should communicate with the teacher involved first
- if no resolution, they then should discuss the problem with the principal
- if still no resolution, they then should initiate contact with the Director of Education

When a parent contacts a trustee with a concern:

- the trustee should listen and direct the parent to communicate with the teacher if that has not happened. At the same time, the trustee should inform the principal of the concern for follow-up purposes.
- the trustee should direct the parent to communicate with principal if teacher/parent communication has not resolved the concern. Again, the trustee should contact the principal to let them know of the concern.

General Information

1. Student Attendance

Students are required to attend school in accordance with provincial and division policies. Regular attendance at school is a major factor in school success. We are required to track and record student attendance daily and investigate reasons for non-attendance. Please notify the school if your child is or will be absent. If necessary, we will ensure their whereabouts via a phone call if they are not at school by 9:15 am.

2. Report Cards

Report cards will be published three times a year. First term Student Led Conferences will be in November. An online scheduling system will be used to book conference times. Second term will end in March and third at the end of June. Watch for details.

3. Notes from Home

Notes from home regarding absenteeism and any other circumstances need to be signed and dated. If students have a day planner it may be used to record special information to and from home. Please check your child's backpack/planner daily.

4. Dress/Footwear

Students will be expected to play outside daily. Please insure your child is properly dressed for the weather. Decisions will be made daily for inclement weather. **As per PSSD Policy**, all students must have one pair of inside non-marking running shoes for Phys Ed classes and normal inside wear. Everyone is asked to remove their dirty/muddy footwear at the outside entrances if planning on being in the hallways, etc.

5. Milk Sales

Both white and chocolate milk are available for sale on a monthly or yearly basis. Milk orders must be placed by the last Wednesday of the month. Early payment options are available in September and October.

Cancelled for 2020-2021

6. Microwave Use

All students have the option of microwave warming their noon lunch. Kindergarten to Grade 2 students will have supervisors do this for them. Grade 3's and 4's will have to microwave their own lunch (**one minute or less**) and not cooking. Also, please send microwaveable containers. No glass please! Grade 3's and 4's have microwaves in their classrooms.

Cancelled for 2020-2021

7. Library Use

Students are encouraged to borrow reading material from the Resource Centre. The borrower must pay to replace all lost or damaged books.

8. Town Students and Lunch

We recommend all town students go home for lunch daily whenever possible. For occasional times, please send a note to explain why. For regular times, please contact the classroom teacher. When students go home for lunch, please do not return to school before 12:20 if possible.

9. School Pick Up and Drop Off

Parents are encouraged to use the proper marked areas directly in front of Seventh Avenue School. No parking is allowed in the marked area directly in front of the school from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm daily. Bus loading areas (parking lot) should **not** be used at any time to pick up or drop off students. All students must cross the street at the designated crosswalk areas only. Please encourage your child to do so!

10. Seventh Avenue School Online

Check us out online! Our goal is to keep you informed on everything that is happening at Seventh Avenue School and to showcase student activities. Student photographs are often included on the web site. The Prairie South School Division has developed guidelines for the acceptable use of computers, internet and other media. A student and parent release form, as well as a consent and waiver form for posting student photos/video on the internet must be filled out for every student. Contact the school office for further information.

Website: <https://schools.prairiesouth.ca/assiniboia7th/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Assiniboia-7th-Ave-School/178563708850372>

Twitter: @7thaveschool

11. School Cash Online

Our school is now offering *School Cash Online*, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, food orders, and spirit wear. *School Cash Online* is a convenient, safe, secure way to save time and to pay without the need for cash or checks!

Please register online at <https://prairiesouth.schoolcashionline.com> (It takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

12. Volunteering

Parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer their time at Seventh Avenue School. Contact your child's teacher if you are interested in volunteering.

13. Chatterbox

In an effort to improve communication between school and home and to reduce the amount of paper being sent out, the school newsletter will be sent home electronically.

14. Christian Ethics Program

Seventh Avenue School offers a Roman Catholic Christian Ethics Program three times a week for Grade 1 to 4 students. Students not Cancelled for 2020-2021 vity. An alternate CE program supported by the Alliance Cancelled for 2020-2021 week. Please notify the Office if you are interested in either of these programs.

15. Nut and Fish Free

Please be aware that **Seventh Avenue School must be "NUT AND FISH FREE" at all times.** This means no forms of any nuts, peanut butter included, or fish can be brought into our school as we have individuals in the school that are severely allergic to these products. Please check **ALL** product labels on **ALL** food items sent to school to make sure they do not include any peanuts/nuts. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

16. Scent Free Building

Many people in our school are extremely sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, cologne, oils, aftershave, scented hand lotion and other scented products in our building.

Please refer to Seventh Avenue School's Return to School Plan for the 2020-2021 school year for further information!