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## December 2020 Newsletter

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### Events this Month

**Tues. Dec. 8** - Picture Retake Day

**Wed. Dec. 9** - Picture orders are due

**Mon. Dec. 14** - Red/Green Day

**Tues. Dec. 15** - Santa's Crew- wear anything that would make you part of his crew

**Wed. Dec. 16** - Holiday Headwear

**Thurs. Dec. 17** - Holiday Cheer - wear clothing that celebrates the holiday season

**Fri. Dec. 18** - Holiday PJ Day

**Fri. Dec. 18** - Last day of school before Christmas Break

**Mon. Jan. 4** - Classes resume

### MySchool Sask Parent Portal



As a security protocol, MySchool Sask requires parents to reset their portal account passwords every three months.

### Covid-19 Updates

Prairie South School Division uses the Saskatchewan Health Authority Website as the source of truth for COVID-19 information at

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus>

### Message from Administration

November was a busy month with the preparations for report cards and Student-led Conferences. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important part of your child's education. Some of you may still be waiting to participate in Student-led Conferences, as we extended our time this year to accommodate the new online format. We are confident your children gained something from the experience of reflecting on their learning and setting goals for the coming term, and we know this is a valuable experience for you as parents to see your child(ren)'s learning in action. Students and teachers work very hard to prepare for conferences. Taking time to celebrate learning accomplishments, connect with each other, and set new goals only strengthen the work that happens each day in the classroom. Great work, everyone!

This year we had a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly. While it was very different from other years, we feel it was a success. The assembly provided all of us a moment to pause, reflect and come together as a collective school body, and be reminded of the importance to never forget.

Normally this time of year we would be launching into Christmas Concert preparation. It is not a surprise that this tradition is on hold for this year; however, we still have something special planned. Every teacher has selected a theme to decorate their classroom Christmas tree. Each classroom will be busy finding clever ways to decorate their classroom tree. Keep watching on social media, for our virtual "Festival of Trees." We know our big Christmas concerts, which have become such an important part of our school and community tradition will be greatly missed, but we hope our little Festival of Trees will bring joy to you and your family during this special season.

Sunningdale School students and their families are known for their generosity during the holiday season. We feel very fortunate that donations to the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family program can still be accepted. Thank you to Ms. Daniel for organizing this very important tradition for our school and thank you to students and parents who generously donate items to this special cause. Thank you!

Our Sunningdale Staff wishes you and your families a very safe, healthy and Merry Christmas. All the best in the New Year!

### **Picture Retake Day**

**SAY CHEESE!**



Picture Retake Day has been scheduled for December 8.

### **Food Delivery Services**

Please do not have food deliveries, such as Skip the Dishes, deliver meals for your children to school. As stated in our Safe Schools plan, "Special lunches from restaurants brought into the school by parents are highly discouraged. Please take your child out to have a special lunch." As partners in your child's safety, please refrain from having food delivered to minimize the number of visitors that enter our building.

### **Dress for the weather!**

Please help your child come dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Students will be expected to go outside for breaks and will need to be dressed suitably.



**You may wish to take a moment and write your child's name in their boots and outside gear, like jackets and mitts.** This helps when we are trying to help locate lost items.

### **School Community Council**

The next School Community Council meeting will be December 8 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM. If you would like an invite to the ZOOM meeting, please email Genelle Payant at [payant.genelle@gmail.com](mailto:payant.genelle@gmail.com). Parent participation is always welcome!

### **COVID-19 Guidelines**

Please refer to the link below for the Sunningdale School Safety Plan that contains information about mask policy, procedures for illness, and parent and caregiver responsibilities.

<https://schools.prairiesouth.ca/sunningdale/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2020/08/Sunningdale-School-Plan-August-26-2020.docx>

We appreciate your due diligence and thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Reporting Student Absences**

Please contact the school by phone 306-693-9433 when your child/ren are going to be absent or late. A reason for the absence is also required so the absence is accurately documented in the MSS attendance program. **If your child is ill, you will be asked what his/her symptoms are and you will be advised to contact 811 if symptoms are COVID-19 related. Please indicate the reason for absence if you are leaving a voicemail after hours.**



### **Masks for Students**

Masks for all students Pre-K to 12 are now required in all classrooms, gymnasiums, hallways, bathrooms and on the school bus. If you can send masks with your children daily that would be helpful. Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility as protocols change as set out by the Government of Saskatchewan.

### **Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family**

Please see the letter below for details about our participation.

<https://schools.prairiesouth.ca/sunningdale/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2020/11/Adopt-a-Family-2020.pdf>

### **Lifetouch Picture Orders**

Lifetouch picture orders are due on December 9. We highly encourage you to place orders directly with Lifetouch. Not only is it a convenient option, but you can customize your background, poses, and the packages.

