

# SCS CREEK CHRONICLE

Respect Lives Here!

September 2023

## From the Office

Welcome back! We are very excited to be back after a lovely summer. The staff have been busy preparing for the new school year. In the spring you said goodbye to Mrs. Kowalski, the principal. The new principal is me, Ms. Tolen. I am excited to be back at SCS and look forward to an amazing year. Come out and meet all of us at the annual Open House on Wednesday, September 20!

Learning is a shared responsibility. Teachers will do their very best to teach and students need to do their very best to learn. A positive home-school partnership is also important for student achievement. To keep you informed, a general school newsletter will be shared electronically on the first Tuesday of each month. If you prefer a paper copy, please let the secretary know. Teachers will communicate directly with you using SeeSaw, the agenda, or phone calls.

Each year brings celebrations and challenges. We encourage families to review the school handbook (coming soon) and the [RRDSB Code of Conduct](#). These documents will explain expectations, roles and responsibilities plus consequences for infractions. We also encourage families to get involved in the school. We will be looking for people to join the SCS Council. This is an advisory group who meet four times a year.

Lastly, I would like to extend a big thank-you to the custodial team for getting the school sparkling and ready for the first day. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me by either calling the school or sending an email to [kerri.tolen@rrdsb.com](mailto:kerri.tolen@rrdsb.com).

Ms. Tolen

## Student Information

If there has been any changes to your child/ren's demographics (*your address, phone numbers, email, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details*) please call our amazing secretary to update this kind of information as soon as possible.

## SCS Staff 2023/24

Principal Kerri Tolen  
Secretary Jasmine Jewett

## Teaching Staff

Kindergarten Sherri Hay  
Grade 1/2 Kim Walter  
Grade 3/4 Angela Mose  
Grade 5/6 Kerri Loughrey  
Grade 7/8 Rob Kinsman  
SERT/Prep Krista Williams  
French/Prep Shari Reynolds

## Early Childhood Educator

Andrea Schram

## Communication Assistant

Lori Wilson

## Library Assistant

Jeannette Veldhuisen

## Education Assistants

Brenda Jodoin  
Sondra Caul

## Custodians

Bruce Wickstrom  
Tania Angus

## School Day

- **First Block**  
8:45 AM to 10:25 AM
- Nutrition Break
- **Second Block**  
11:10 AM to 12:50 PM
- Nutrition Break
- **Third Block**  
1:35 PM to 3:15 PM

## September's Character Trait is RESPECT!

I will treat myself and others with  
consideration, high regard,  
courtesy and dignity.

## Positive Messaging - Cheers, not Jeers!

A new school year is a fresh start. Sturgeon Creek School staff are trying hard to make positive changes. We encourage families to solve school related conflicts, disagreements and issues (jeers) with school staff rather than on social media.

Conflicts and disagreements are a natural part of any relationship. But when the school is blasted on social media, it affects the learning environment for all of us, even your child. We, as adults, are models for our children. It is important not only as a social skill but also for mental health reasons to work through conflict in a proactive manner.

As parents/guardians we want the best for our children. Please help us create an awesome learning environment by working together this year through the good and the not so good.

## How to Navigate a Question/Concern/Conflict

Issues are resolved best through direct communication with those closest to the point of the question, concern, or conflict. If you have an issue related to the classroom/program, please contact the classroom teacher. If it cannot be resolved at this level, then have a discussion with the school principal.

## Coming Up this Month

### Terry Fox - Annual School Run Day is September 22

The annual Terry Fox Run has become a classic Canadian tradition every fall with schools across the country coming together to fundraise. This year the theme is #Dear Terry, You ran for us. Now we run with you! Please join us! Stay tuned for more information. If you would like to donate, please use our school donation page at the following link - [Sturgeon Creek School Terry Fox Donation Page](#).

### Orange Shirt Day - September 29 (30)

Orange Shirt Day is held on September 30 because this is the time of year when government agents would take Indigenous children from their families. The orange shirt refers to the new shirt that six year old Phyllis Webstad wore on her first day of school at residential school in Williams Lake, BC, in 1976.

Orange Shirt Day or Truth & Reconciliation Day is acknowledged annually to bring awareness to the residential school system and the harm it brought to Indigenous peoples that still lingers today.

## Health and Safety Reminders

SCS is committed to supporting students with prevalent medical conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, and epilepsy. This is a partnership between home and school. Please let us know about your child's needs and help us create/update a Medical Plan of Care.

**Sabrina's Law** - legislation to support anaphylaxis students

**Ryan's Law** - legislation that supports students with asthma

**Rowan's Law** - legislation regarding concussions

Please monitor your child/ren's health. Students who are unwell, should stay home until they are symptom free.

## Important Dates

- SE 20 Open House
- SE 22 Terry Fox
- SE 22 School Photo Day
- SE 29 Truth & Reconciliation Activities

## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers help make our schools great places to learn and grow. We value and appreciate the support of our volunteers.

At this time we are looking for volunteers for the following roles:

- Hot Lunch
  - School Council Executive
- [School Council Guide](#)

## Save the Date

# MEET & EAT OPEN HOUSE

September 20/23

## SCS Facilities Update

### New Roof

The SCS re-roofing project is almost done. After the new roof is complete, sheet metal installation will begin to finish off this project. At times, it is a bit noisy but, like any typical renovation, it will all be worth it!

### Annual Water Reports

Find using this link [RRDSB Water Reports](#).

## BE HERE!

Attendance matters! Please send children to school who pass the screen. Students who miss an average of 2 days per month in elementary, have a 60% chance of dropping out in Grade 9!

**If a student has to be away, please call 487-2180 or text 271-6610 to let us know.**