

**School Hours**  
 Classes Begin 8:50 a.m.  
 8:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.  
 Lunch  
 12:05 p.m. – 12:44 p.m.  
 12:45 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

# École Arthur Pechey Public School

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Secretaries: Mrs. Sharon Kaponyas, Mrs. Caylee Guidinger



## September 2022

Monday lundi	Tuesday mardi	Wednesday mercredi	Thursday jeudi	Friday vendredi
29 School Start Up No Classes	30 PLC Day No Classes	31 PLC Day No Classes	1 Classes Begin	2
5 Labour Day	6	7	8	9
12	13	14 Hamburger Hot Lunch Orders Due	15 Donny Parenteau « Metis Music Experience » 1-2 pm – Grades 1-8	16 Terry Fox Run/Walk - 11:20am
19 Arthur Pechey Pride Day – Wear Yellow, Blue or Clan	20	21 Hamburger Hot Lunch	22	23 Grades 3-8 FI to Wanuskewin – Les Journées de Patrimoine
26	27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation -more info below

**Please take note of our toll-free telephone number  
to inform the school of a student absence.**

**1-833-309-1241**

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- October 4 – SCC AGM 6:30pm
- October 7 – PLC (no classes)
- October 10 – Thanksgiving
- October 17 – Picture Day

# School News

Dear Arthur Pechey Families,

Welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you all had the chance to enjoy a beautiful, Saskatchewan summer and are now feeling as ready as I am to get back to routine and the connections our school community provides.

This past week, I enjoyed my 17th first day of school. As usual, I felt both excitement and anxious anticipation as I looked forward to welcoming staff and students. That's probably why I enjoyed our Backpack Night so much! Having the chance to connect with our students and their families the night before school started was such a pleasure and made the first day of school that much smoother and more fun, with more students feeling comfortable knowing where to go and who to look for. I want to share a huge thank you to the families from our School Community Council (SCC) for showing up to serve hamburgers and popsicles to our community. What a great start to the year!



As we return to school, I want you to know that the health and safety of our school community remain our top priority. In addition to this, we will focus on building a strong sense of belonging and community, knowing that our relationships with our students, our families, and with each other, will lead to greater overall wellness as well as academic success. We know that when we work together we have the capacity to respond to any challenges.

Arthur Pechey is a diverse community and our staff is committed to creating an inclusive school environment for all. Leaders in the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division participate in ongoing anti-racist, anti-oppressive education and are supported in leading this work in their schools. Arthur Pechey is proud to be a Following Their Voices school. Following Their Voices is a provincial initiative designed to raise the educational achievement and participation of Saskatchewan's First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students. FTV focuses on enhancing relationships between students and teachers, creating structures and supports for teachers and school administrators to co-construct teaching and learning interactions with students and creating safe, well-managed learning environments. Our Guiding Vision with FTV is to provide an education that promotes accelerated learning for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students where learning is joyful, culture is affirmed and students are given real choice for their future. If you would like to learn more about Following Their Voices, please don't hesitate to reach out. We would love to share what we are learning and doing with you. Also, look in the school newsletter for more information about FTV. You can also look forward to several opportunities over the course of the year to share your voice with us through FTV and SRPSD Parent Surveys.

Our home-to-school connection is vital as we work together to support our children in achieving their fullest potential. We place high value on our partnerships with parents, families, and community. We invite you to be active in your child's education here however you can, for example, through open communication, attending school events, or even joining the School Community Council. My greatest hope is that our students and their caregivers feel a genuine sense of belonging at Arthur Pechey.

*"Every **child** in our classrooms and in our schools is someone else's whole world." ~ Thomas C. Murray*

We know that our students are your everything. We are honoured and grateful to spend this time with them. Please trust that our team will do everything we can to ensure that they are seen, heard, and develop the sense of belonging they need in order to achieve all that they are capable of.

At École Arthur Pechey Public School, we believe that our students deserve a great school. And we believe that this is something that we can achieve by working together with our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Know that my door is always open.

I wish you all a wonderful school year.

Yours truly,

Brandi Sparboe  
Principal  
École Arthur Pechey Public School

### **Communication is Key**

AP will use the School Messenger and eventually the Edsby notification service to send important information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages. Please make sure the school has your correct email address. You should have already received email messages from the school. If you haven't, please contact the school to learn more.

### **Making Connections, Building Relationships, and Strengthening our School Community**

For several years now, we have hosted an Identity Day event late in September. This day is meant to provide the opportunity for everyone in our school community to share a little bit about who they are with each other. This is a way for us to build the critical connections we need for our students to feel safe and to have a genuine sense of belonging here at Arthur Pechey. This year we will be having **Identity Week**, running from September 19 – 23.

### **SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE**

If you have not paid your child's School Activity Fees please do using the new online payment option or you may pay in person at the office. There will be a service fee for online payments. Kindergarten students pay \$10.75 and students in Grades 1-8 pay an annual fee of \$21.00. This money is used to cover a wide range of expenses such as guest presentations, outdoor education, and extra consumable items used each year to support your child's classroom. It is sometimes necessary to charge an additional nominal fee to cover extra field trips or special project costs. We will try to minimize extra costs as much as possible.

### **LITERACY**

Hello, Bonjour Ecole Arthur Pechey Families!

We are so excited to be starting a new school year with a new school goal. Our team is moving into a Reading Goal for the upcoming year, while continuing to implement all of our learning in Math from the past three years. More information will come to you over the coming months as we plan events and activities to support all of our students in becoming confident, strong readers. We are so lucky to have a strong group of educational leaders in our building who are eager to foster a love of reading in all of our students!

# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30



The Government of Canada has designated September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation across this country. Saskatchewan will put flags on all provincial government buildings and establishments to half-mast on that day and recognize it as an important day of remembrance for those who have suffered harm and to honour those lives that were lost at residential schools.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

**As a community, we invite you to wear your ribbon skirt/shirt and/or orange shirt.**

École Arthur Pechey Public School invites all staff and students to wear a ribbon shirt, skirt, or an orange shirt on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be participating in activities that raise awareness about residential schools and reconciliation in the days leading up to, and including, the *National Day for Truth & Reconciliation*.

For more information, please refer to [www.angeshirtday.org](http://www.angeshirtday.org).

## The Official 2022 Orange Shirt Day Design



### Heritage Days/Journées du Patrimoine



Toward Truth & Reconciliation en Kisiskaciwān/Vers la vérité et la réconciliation in Kisiskaciwān

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> the French Immersion students in grades 3-8 will be travelling to Wanuskewin Heritage Park for a wonderful day of

learning, history and cultural celebrations, all in French! The activities of the day include an archeological walk through the park, a presentation of Pow Wow dancing, an interactive display highlighting Indigenous inventions and technological innovations as well as creating their own orange t-shirt to wear on September 30, National day of Truth and Reconciliation. Dress for a day outside, pack a lunch and water bottle.

### **Electronics and Cell Phones**

Students are advised not to bring any electronics to school, as we are not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen items. Very few students have access to an individual locker that is secure. We understand that you may want your child to carry a cell phone for safety reasons; however, there is no need to have the phone on at school as we have school phones. Therefore, if a cell phone is brought to school, it MUST be powered off and stored in a safe place between 8:50 and 3:10. If a student is repeatedly asked to put the item away or continues to use it during school hours, parents will be contacted to come and pick it up.

**Kindergarten registration for the 2022/2023 school year:** We continue to accept registrations for both the English and French Immersion kindergarten classes. Please contact us at 306-922-9229 for further information or register online at [ap.srsd119.ca](http://ap.srsd119.ca).

### **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

Our parking lot is out of bounds for students. We urge parents to support us in this safety endeavor by dropping off their children on either 4<sup>th</sup> Ave West or 26<sup>th</sup> Street West. We encourage the children to cross all streets in a safe manner by crossing at the corner or at cross walks. Staff supervision is also provided at our crosswalks.



### **Bylaw update**

Please be advised that there have been changes made to the Traffic Bylaw which now prohibits U-turns in school zones. In an effort to improve the safety of our children, the City of Prince Albert has added this safety measure. There is a \$150 fine for violating this restriction.

### **School Community Council**

Our school has a long history of working together as an entire school community – staff, students, parents, and guardians - to provide the best educational environment and opportunities for our children. The School Community Council is a great way to learn more about your child's school and to make a difference in your school. Involvement can come in many forms: attend meetings (both virtually and in person); share ideas; ask questions; organize events; support fundraising efforts; and more!

At the beginning of each school year, the SCC holds an Annual General Meeting during which the current representative members elect School Council Officers as well as further representative members. In order to have balanced representation and an effective council, we hope to have at least five members elected each year. Please join us for our AGM on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in our library at 6:30 pm.

### **Lunch Hour**

URGENT! Your child's safety and well-being is important to us. Please carefully read the lunch hour letter that was sent home with your child. We must have confirmation from parents/guardians if your child will be going home for lunch.



### **Allergen Aware: Reduce the Risk**

*There are children in our school with severe life threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis) to nuts and peanuts. This medical condition can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we ask that any foods you send to school with your child be free from nut or peanut products. More information about anaphylaxis is available at the school. Please contact us. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

**Don't forget to bring a water bottle daily!**



Our water fountains have been converted to water bottle filling stations only. If you have unused water bottles at home, we will gladly accept them for thirsty students who forget their water bottles at home.

**Canteen Menu**

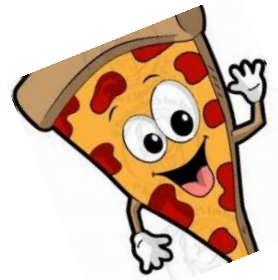
Available from 12:05 to 12:45

12:05 – Grades 2,4

12:25 – Grades 1, 3, 5, 8

**\*Prices and availability are subject to change without notice\***

<b>Fresh Pizza:</b> Pepperoni or Cheese.....	<b>\$3.00/slice</b>
<b>Leftover Pizza (frozen &amp; reheated – sometimes available) .....</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Corn dogs .....</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Pizza Pops :</b> Pepperoni or cheese .....	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Granola bars.....</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Beef Jerky .....</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Hot Rods .....</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Crispers/Pretzels/Popcorn/Chips .....</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Flavored water .....</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Juice boxes .....</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Desserts:</b> wagon wheel, Rice Krispie squares, pudding (chocolate & vanilla), frozen yogurt tubes .....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Welches Fruit snacks .....</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>



**Students have the opportunity to purchase a canteen card.** Students can bring any amount of money to put on their card or purchase canteen cards through SchoolCash Online (see below for details). The card is kept in the canteen when students order and we deduct the money as they spend. Parents can also set a daily spending limit. Money can be sent and added at anytime to the student canteen card. This is a great option as students wouldn't have to carry money every day they are going to purchase from the canteen. School Cash Online is a fast and easy way to purchase Canteen cards! More info below on how to register.

**Kindergarten students will use a pre-order form and have access on their attendance days.**

**Important Information about Busing**

Registering your child for busing is necessary, but not every year. Please only re-register if the student's information has changed. This may include a change of school, address or contact information.



Registering online is quick and easy. However, it may take several days to arrange their busing. The direct link to register is <https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php>. Once you click on our link, look for this box towards the bottom of the page, and choose "Transportation Requests". You may find our links for the daily bus report and city bus maps handy as well. If you are unsure whether or not you have previously registered, or if you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 306-763-2323.

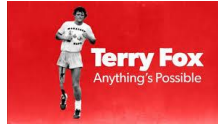
**Busing Zones**

Our bus zone is on 28<sup>th</sup> Street and there is now 15-minute loading as well as a section for two hour parking 26<sup>th</sup> Street West. We ask you to be aware of the parking signage when dropping off, picking up or parking to enter the school. As always, we would like to remind you that the staff parking lot is not available for drop off or pick up of students.



## **TERRY FOX RUN**

It is that time of year again; our Terry Fox run/walk is fast approaching. This year our Terry Fox Run/walk will take place on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 (period 4). As you know Terry Fox is a Canadian who became a national hero and an inspirational figure for his battle against cancer. Students are welcomed to bring Toonies for Terry all week to support Terry Fox's cause. Families are also welcome to join us for the walk if they would like to. Thank you for your support!



## **AP Eagle School Clothing**

Are you interested in purchasing Arthur Pechey Eagle clothing for you or your student? Visit the link below:

<https://ecolearthurpecheypublicschool.entripyshops.com/>



## **Community Programs**

### **Sparkes Registration**

Mme Clifford, Mme Krohn and Mrs. Praud will be leading Sparks (the youngest branch of girl guides for 5-6 year olds) on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 at École Arthur Pechey School this year. Sparks make crafts, sing songs, play games and have outdoor adventures all year long. Click on the link below to register. Our first meeting is on Wed. Sept. 14th. For more info, contact Lorelei Clifford at [lclifford@srsd119.ca](mailto:lclifford@srsd119.ca)  
<https://register.girlguides.ca/web/en/unit-single/8627>



## **Prince Albert Golf & Curling Centre High Noon Optimist Junior Curling Program**

**PRINCE ALBERT**  
GOLF AND CURLING CENTRE

**Juniors – ages 11 – 19 – runs Mondays 4:30 – 5:30 pm**

League includes league play & instruction

League runs October 24 to March

Cost - \$70 – Sliders & brooms are supplied

For more information, contact Pat Bibby 306-961-5353 or the PAG&CC office 306-765-5201

**Registration is available online at [pagcc.ca](http://pagcc.ca) – curling – registration**

### **Information & in person registration times:**

Wednesday, September 7 – 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 13 – 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 14 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Or at PAG&CC office

**CHRISTINA'S ART SCHOOL** has a few spots open! Follow your child's heart... if they love drawing and art, register them soon! We are now taking registrations for openings in pencil drawing, charcoal, pastels, coloured pencils, acrylic painting & watercolour. We have taught many students this soul nurturing skill (adults included!). Whether they develop their love into a hobby, or it's their launch into a secondary school and career, the skills they acquire will be with them for life! Classes also include a yearend Field Trip & Art Show. Online registration is at [www.christinathoen.com](http://www.christinathoen.com). For more info, see Christina's Art School on Facebook/Instagram, or feel free to phone Christina Thoen, Certified Teacher (Art Major) at (306) 961-3350 for more information and to register by phone!



**Strengthening Families**  
CFSPA

- Free & fun family program for Caregivers & Teen (age 12-16)
- 12 sessions, one evening a week from end of September to mid-December, 2022
- Must pre-register – limited spots available!
- Sessions help with communication, conflict reduction, family function & bonding/attachment
- Play bingo each session for prizes & incentives
- Meals, Taxi, Babysitting included
- Advocacy / Outreach for families
- Free counseling available upon request

Contact us for more info or to register:

- 306-981-6882 (cell)
- 306-922-3202 (office)
- 306-922-7977 (fax)
- strengtheningfamilies.cfspa@sasktel.net (email)
- cfspa.ca/strengthening-families-program (website)

**FALL/WINTER REGISTRATION**

**PA THUNDER BASKETBALL CLUB**

Thunder Basketball will be hosting ID Camps for the upcoming Fall/Winter season for athletes Grade 3-10 on September 11, 12 & 13

PLEASE SEE DETAILS IN POST BELOW

REGISTER HERE:  
<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/335382>

INSTAGRAM @THUNDERBALL306  
FACEBOOK @THUNDERBALL306

**TAMING THE TIGER - Anger Management for Children Ages 6 to 12 and their Parents**

Date: Wednesdays, Sept. 28 – Nov. 2, 2022

\* Transportation Available

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

Location: Arthur Pechey School

Registration: **FREE**

Funded by: Ministry of Justice – Victims Service

**To register or for more information,  
Call/Text Rose 306 961-8410 or email [programs.cfspa@sasktel.net](mailto:programs.cfspa@sasktel.net)**

**PARTICIPANTS IN OUR PROGRAMS ARE ELIGIBLE TO BOOK APPOINTMENTS WITH OUR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLORS AT NO FEE**

### Sea Cadets

Parade Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Prince Albert Armoury for more information

email: 118sea@cadets.gc.ca Ages: 12 - 18 years old

### Navy League

Parade Friday evenings 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Prince Albert Armoury for more information

email: wkreed5@outlook.com Ages: 9 - 12 years old

Make online payments with  
**SchoolCashOnline**

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

**KEV GROUP**  
School Cash Simplified

**Registration for School Cash Online is now available!**

Please visit [www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/](http://www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/) for instructions.



**MANAGE EVERY DOLLAR** A new approach to paying for your child's school items and activity fees. No matter what your child's school experience, ensure your school to home communication is not disrupted. Create an account today, and pay the fees using the SchoolCash Online contactless solution.

## Key benefits

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- Receive email notifications of new fees or items available for purchase.
- Check your account history and view and print receipts.
- Pay for school fees anytime, anywhere, with a simple click, using the contactless solution.
- Keep track of your child's school items and activity fees and manage all students in your household from one location.

## How to register account

1. Go to <https://srsd119.schoolcashionline.com> and click **Register**.
  - a. Type your first name, last name, and email address, and create a password.
  - b. Select a security question.
  - c. Select YES to receive email notifications. You will not receive any marketing emails. Selecting YES enables the system to send you fee notifications.
2. SchoolCash Online will send you a confirmation email. If you don't receive it, check your Spam folder.
3. Use your email address and password to log in.

## How to add students to your

1. Sign in to SchoolCash Online: <https://srsd119.schoolcashionline.com>
2. At the top of the page, navigate to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the dropdown menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student:
  - a. Type in your School Board Name.
  - b. Select your school name from the list.
  - c. Enter student details. The system is fully secure, with PCI certification.
  - d. Click Confirm.

You may add up to eight students on your profile.

## How to make a payment

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1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item which you would like to purchase and click "Add to Cart."
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make a payment.

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## **LETTER OF FAIR NOTICE – Violence, Threat and Risk Assessment Protocol**

The Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Board (SRPSD) is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. We believe that by working together with students, their families, and the community we can support young people to be healthy and happy.

Our principals, vice-principals and school social workers have received Level One and/or Two training in Violence Threat/Risk Assessment (VTRA). This training has led to the development of a community protocol to help principals protect students from potential threats to safety or serious harm. The protocol helps schools respond quickly to threatening incidents.

The Prince Albert Community VTRA Protocol outlines how schools will respond to threatening or worrisome behavior. Principals will convene a School Threat Assessment Team, which typically will include the principal/vice-principal, a school counselor and a police officer. Depending on the severity of the potential threat, principals may also consult with the Superintendent of Schools and call in members of the Community Threat Assessment Team. This Community Team may include representatives of community agencies such as local Police, Mental Health and Addiction Services, or Child and Family Services.

Parents and guardians will be notified as soon as possible in the VTRA process. If parents/guardians cannot be reached or if they choose not to provide consent, the threat assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

This letter is to serve fair notice that SRPSD will take decisive action when a serious threat has been made. Our goal, as always, is to ensure student safety in a caring learning environment.

Sincerely,



Tom Michaud  
Superintendent  
of Schools  
Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division