

## EVERY STUDENT IS

- Known
- Valued
- Believed In



Saskatoon  
Public Schools

February 10, 2021

## FROM THE BOARD TABLE

### Board approves calendar; first day of classes Sept. 1

Elementary and high school students will begin the 2021-22 school year on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, according to the school year calendar approved by the Board of Education during its Feb. 9 meeting.

The calendar represents a total of 185 instructional days for elementary students and 182 days for collegiate students, with a minimum of 950 hours of instruction.

The calendar includes a 17-day winter break around Christmas and New Year's Day, a nine-day break in February that includes the Family Day holiday and a 10-day spring break in conjunction with the Easter long weekend. The final day of classes for students will be June 29, 2022.

Dates for professional development and school operations days at both the elementary and high school level are still to be determined.


Other meeting highlights included:

- Providing online learning opportunities for families has resulted in new approaches by kindergarten teachers to deliver curricular outcomes. Trustees heard during the Celebrating Excellence portion of the meeting that teachers have used live classroom sessions, activities students complete on their own, and inviting online classrooms as some of the approaches to help students learn in their homes.
- Trustees received the annual report of the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation. The foundation is an independent charity dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for students. In 2021-22, the foundation will fund 14 full-day prekindergarten programs and 14 full-day kindergarten programs through its Early Learning Equal Start program.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://saskatoonpublicschools.ca). The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5 p.m. Due to COVID-19 and physical distancing guidelines, members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. If you wish to attend please contact Estelle Allington, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, to request the link to the virtual meeting.

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ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE



CHARACTER



ENGAGEMENT



WELL-BEING

# UNIQUE PROGRAMS INFORMATION

Whether it's a specific interest you'd like to cultivate or an adventure that takes you outside the classroom, our elementary schools and collegiates offer unique learning opportunities to meet the needs and interests of students. Check out the [Unique Programs Guide](#) at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://saskatoonpublicschools.ca) and visit the program websites for details, applications, and information about upcoming virtual open houses and meetings.

## ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

### Creative Action (Grade 8)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/creativeaction](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/creativeaction)

### Ecoquest (Grade 8)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ecoquest](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ecoquest)

### Flex Program (Grades 6–12)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/flex](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/flex)

### iGen (Grade 6)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/igen](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/igen)

### Let's Lead—Nīkānētān (Grade 8)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/letslead](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/letslead)

### Montessori (Grades 1-8)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/montessori](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/montessori)

### ScienceTrek (Grade 8)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/sciencetrek](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/sciencetrek)

## COLLEGIATE PROGRAMS

### Collective Voice (Grades 9)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/collectivevoice](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/collectivevoice)

### Flex Program (Grades 6–12)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/flex](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/flex)

### High School Carpentry Apprenticeship Program (Grades 11-12)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/hcap](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/hcap)

### International Baccalaureate (Grades 10-11)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ib](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ib)

### Media School (Grade 11)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/mediaschool](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/mediaschool)

### Off The Grid (Grade 9)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/offthegrid](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/offthegrid)

### Outdoor School (Grade 11)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/outdoorschool](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/outdoorschool)

### Softball Academy (Grades 9–12)

[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/softball](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/softball)



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Saskatoon Public Schools is committed to creating safe, caring and accepting learning and work environments. It is our goal to work together with parents/caregivers/guardians and community partners to support students as they develop moral values, display ethical conduct, and achieve to the best of their ability.

Our school division will be recognizing Pink Week February 22–26 with activities and lessons in our schools. The week culminates with Pink Day on Wednesday Feb. 24, a day of awareness and celebration.

Students are encouraged to wear pink on Pink Day and throughout the week.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**FEBRUARY 15** Family Day Holiday

**FEBRUARY 16-19** Feb. Break—no school

**MARCH 2** Final Day of Quint 3 for Grade 9-12 students

**MARCH 3** PD/Operations Day  
—Grade 9-12 Students do not attend

**MARCH 4** First day of Quint 4 for Grade 9-12 students

**MARCH 8** PD/Operations Day  
—Prek to Gr. 8 Students do not attend

**MARCH 16** Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 5 p.m.



# MEET YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

## SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**MICHAEL PIDWERBESKI**  
WARD 1

- Acclaimed in November 2020 civic election
- Master's Degree in Education (Foundations)
- Worked in education sector for more than 30 years
- Long-time resident who raised family in Ward 1

Contact Michael by phone 306.683.8461 or email at [PidwerbeskiM@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:PidwerbeskiM@spsd.sk.ca)



**VERNON J. LINKLATER**  
WARD 2

- Fifth term as trustee for Ward 2
- Longest serving urban Indigenous trustee in Saskatchewan
- Long-time resident who raised family in Ward 2
- Recognizes the need for Indigenous people's voice to be heard

Contact Vernon by phone 306.683.8462 or email at [LinklaterV@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:LinklaterV@spsd.sk.ca)



**DONNA BANKS**  
WARD 3

- Served as Ward 3 trustee for the past decade
- Works to ensure every student receives a quality public education
- Retired nurse
- Proud parent of a son who graduated from Saskatoon Public Schools

Contact Donna by phone 306.683.8463 or email at [BanksD@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:BanksD@spsd.sk.ca)



**KIM STRANDEN**  
WARD 4

- Elected to the Board of Education in November 2020
- Attended Confederation Park School (now wâhkôhtowin School) and Mount Royal Collegiate
- Long-time volunteer member of École Dundonald School Parent Council
- Works for the Edwards School of Business at the University of Saskatchewan

Contact Kim by phone 306.683.8464 or email at [StrandenK@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:StrandenK@spsd.sk.ca)



**COLLEEN MACPHERSON**  
WARD 5 & BOARD CHAIR

- Elected Board Chair in November 2020
- Has served as Ward 5 trustee since 2009
- Communications professional and former reporter
- Proud parent of two sons who graduated from Saskatoon Public Schools

Contact Colleen by phone 306.683.8465 or email at [MacPhersonC@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:MacPhersonC@spsd.sk.ca)



**KATHLEEN BRANNEN**  
WARD 6

- Served as Ward 6 trustee since 2012
- An educator who has taught English internationally, as well as voice and yoga
- Served as a board member for the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation
- Proud parent of two Saskatoon Public Schools students

Contact Kathleen by phone 306.683.8466 or email at [BrannenK@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:BrannenK@spsd.sk.ca)



**ROSS TAIT**  
WARD 7

- Served as Ward 7 trustee since 2016
- Worked for Saskatoon Public Schools for more than 30 years
- Operates a real estate business with his son
- Proud parent of two children who attended Saskatoon Public Schools

Contact Ross by phone 306.683.8467 or email at [TaitR@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:TaitR@spsd.sk.ca)



**SUZANNE ZWARYCH**  
WARD 8

- Elected to the Board of Education in 2016
- Has a Ph.D in educational administration
- Retired teacher and school administrator, now owner/operator of a Saskatoon small business
- Grandmother to two awesome Saskatoon Public Schools students

Contact Suzanne by phone 306.683.8468 or email at [ZwarychS@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:ZwarychS@spsd.sk.ca)



**CHARMAINE BELLAMY**  
WARD 9

- Elected to the Board of Education in 2016
- Registered Nurse and Primary Health Care manager directly involved in the COVID-19 response
- Graduate of Aden Bowman Collegiate
- Has two children who graduated from Walter Murray Collegiate and a third who currently attends John Dolan School

Contact Charmaine by phone 306.683.8469 or email at [BellamyC@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:BellamyC@spsd.sk.ca)



**ANGELA ARNESON**  
WARD 10

- Elected to the Board of Education in November 2020
- More than 17 years of experience as an educator
- Works as Program Advisor and Professional Development Facilitator for Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Proud parent of two children attending Saskatoon Public Schools

Contact Angela by phone 306.683.8460 or email at [ArnesonA@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:ArnesonA@spsd.sk.ca)

All board meeting dates and agendas are available at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://saskatoonpublicschools.ca)

# 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

## Kindergarten – Grade 12

August 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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September 2021						
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October 2021						
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November 2021						
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December 2021						
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February 2022						
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March 2022						
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April 2022						
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May 2022						
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June 2022						
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- Stat Holidays
- No School - Students/Teachers
- All SPS Facilities Closed
- STA Convention TBD
- PD/Operations (K-12 No Students)
- PD/Operations (K-8 No Students) TBD
- PD/Operations (9-12 No Students) TBD
- Student First/Last Day



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