



CANORA COMPOSITE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



GRAIN MILLERS



**YORKTON GRAIN
MILLERS
CORPORATION
Donates \$50,000.00
to CCS Wellness and
Sustainability Initiative
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Canora Composite School (CCS) is dedicated to providing students with a high-quality education that enhances their holistic well-being while fostering connections to agriculture and sustainability in Saskatchewan. Through the CCS Wellness and Sustainability Initiative, we've raised over \$100,000 in the past four years. These funds have allowed us to establish a 5,750 sq. ft. garden, plant native and fruit-bearing species on school grounds, launch a hydroponics program, integrate vermicomposting into classrooms, and renovate and expand our kitchen to offer new courses and learning opportunities.

Thanks to a generous \$50,000 donation from Grain Millers Corporation in December 2024, we were able to purchase equipment to address food insecurity and limited access to nutritious meals. Our plan is to offer breakfast, lunch, and snack programs featuring healthy, locally grown options. Students gain valuable hands-on experience through cooking courses, while sustainability is promoted through farm-to-fork learning, incorporating produce from the school garden into meals and snacks.

This initiative has earned significant recognition, including two prestigious RCE Saskatchewan awards. The first is the RCE-SK Education for Sustainable Development Recognition Award for our efforts in tackling food insecurity, promoting environmental stewardship, and supporting mental health. The second is the Lyle Benko Future Generations Award, which honors outstanding contributions to Education for Sustainable Development in the K-12 sector. With Grain Millers' support, we are expanding our nutrition and sustainability programs, leaving a lasting impact on both our students and the Canora community.

On December 20, 2024, General Manager Terry Tyson presented Principal Derek Serdachny with a cheque for \$50,000. Reflecting on the donation, Mr. Serdachny said, "Over four years ago, CCS staff created a plan to improve our school kitchen. At the time, we couldn't safely offer a commercial cooking class or any Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) course in the existing space. Staff worked hard to secure grant funding for the equipment we needed to make our vision a reality."

With additional support from the School Community Council and the Good Spirit School Division, the project moved forward. Construction of the new commercial kitchen began in February 2024 and was completed by September of the same year. As a result, students were able to enroll in commercial cooking courses for the first time in many years.

However, equipping a commercial kitchen is expensive, and the donation from Grain Millers will significantly help us enhance our nutrition program. Mr. Serdachny outlined some of the planned purchases: "First and foremost, we cannot thank Grain Millers enough for their belief in our school, staff, and students. Their generous donation will be used to purchase essential equipment for our nutrition and hot lunch programs. For instance, we need adequate fridge and freezer space to store produce from our garden and hydroponics program. Additionally, we plan to buy a warm food buffet table, a conveyor toaster, a salad bar, food warmers, and display cases for muffins to make breakfast more efficient and accessible for all students. These items are just a few of the essentials we need to meet the needs of our students."

Many CCS families face challenges related to rising grocery costs, and some students may not always have access to proper nutrition at home. Our goal is to support students and the wider community by creating a nutrition program that provides affordable, nutritious meals while also offering free healthy breakfast and snack options. As the program grows, we look forward to sharing more updates with the community.

If you'd like to learn more or contribute to our initiative, please contact the school.

Happy New Year's Everyone! 2025



Gingerbread house and home room door decorating...Great job all!



REVIEW 12 DAYS CHRISTMAS

The staff and students had a busy calendar for the last 12 days of school in December. The competition was on with the gingerbread house design, decorating classroom doors, the kahoot games, Christmas sweaters and pj's, candy cane guess, and the bingo games. Fun was had by all, and the participation was tremendous. Truly what school spirit lurks in our hallways at CCS. Wrapping the year up with a fantastic last day of school in all the formal attire, WOWZERS!! Everyone looked awesome...

A huge "Thank You" to the SCC for the scrumptious meal, that everyone enjoyed very much. Then we proceeded to an assembly with the presentation to our school, the alumni basketball game, more fun and games with class room matches, our SRC was certainly extremely creative when it came down to planning such an exciting day.



Picture above: Owen Jones for most sold tickets, golden tickets and draws. Picture to the right: Students going through the Christmas feast dinner.



Picture bottom left: Grade 7 B Miss Graas.
Picture bottom right: Grade 12 Mr. Lowes



**On behalf of the Canora Composite School,
Canora Composite School Community Council,
the Staff and all the Students**

**We would like to thank the following
sponsors for their donations towards our
Annual Christmas Dinner**

Canora Courier

RICE Construction

Canora Gateway Co-op Food Store

Prairie Soil Services

Good Lake Electric

Kondratoff Persick LLP

A Cut Above / Monich Farms

Pet Excellent

Sean Wilson MLA Canora/ Pelly

Canora Equipment Rentals

Canora Home Hardware

Aspen Paramedics Services

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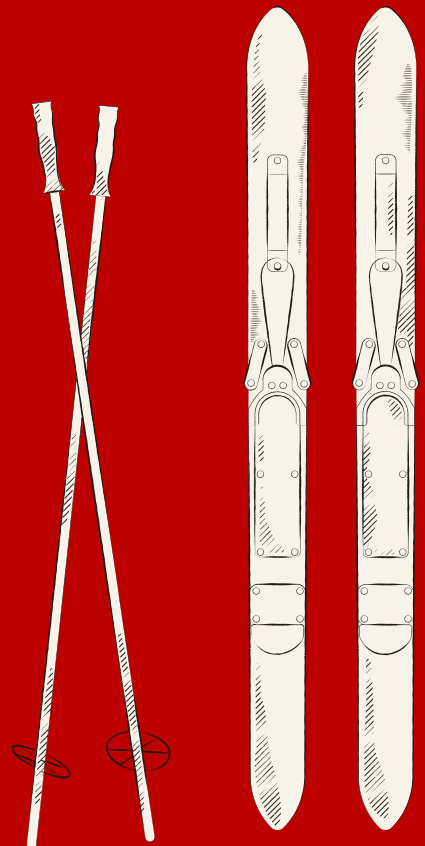
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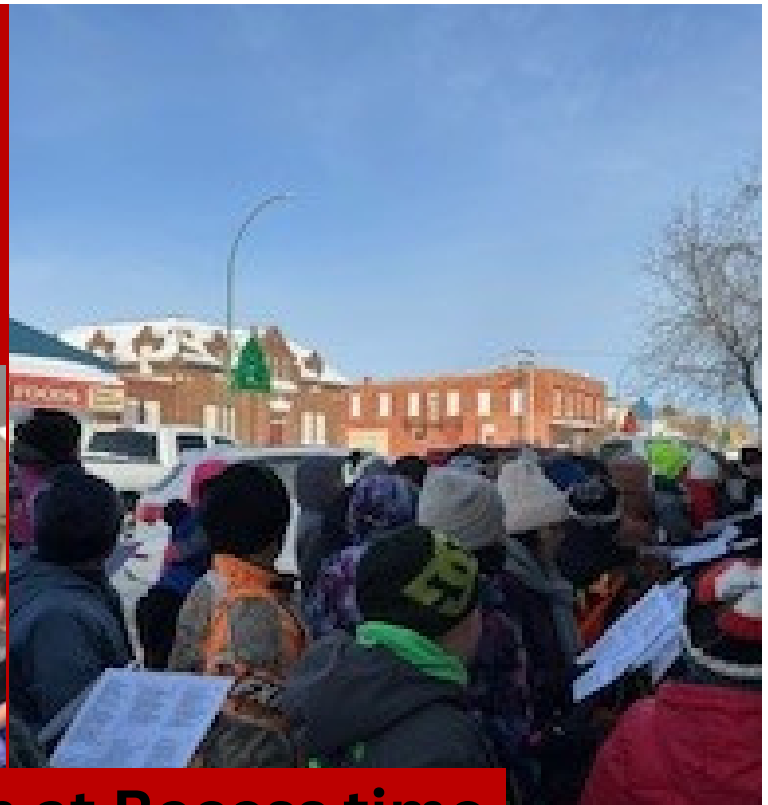
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**Attention:
Grade 7-12
March 26,
2025
Ski Trip
Assessippi
more
updates to
follow.**



**Grade 5 & 6 Fa La La La
Community Christmas
caroling on Dec. 19th**



Some Winter Fun at Recess time



Congratulations

Winners from the CCS Christmas Raffle

1st-E bike/Wilma Laviolette, Togo

2nd-TV/Cindy McGregor, Kamsack

3rd-Gift card basket/Rhetta Ludba, Canora

4th-Playstation 5/Candace Lowes, Canora

The SCC would also like to thank all the sellers and supporters from all our raffle sales, as all proceeds go toward school programs.

RCMP

Cpl. B. Espinoza
read to the Grade 5's on
December 16th.
It's excellent being a
part of a small
community to have
these such
distinguished guests
attend our school.

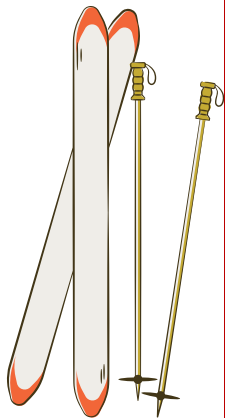


Youth Mental Health Day



January 22, 2025

Bell Let's Talk Day



Ski the duck

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Thursday, March 6

2025

Grade 5-6 at
Duck Mountain
Provincial Park





Family 

Literacy Day

Jan. 27, 2025

Family Literacy Week Jan. 25-31

Learn To Be Green Together

**Senior Boys Basketball wins Hudson Bay
Tournament Dec. 6-7, 2024, Congratulations Team!!
Coach: Hudson Bailey, Kody Rock**



Exam Finals

January 27-30, 2025

Good Luck all students!



Track & Field
Canteen

YEARBOOK



SRC

SCC

What a great year!



Please note that your yearbook forms are due:

Jan. 30, 2025

\$50/book

**2024 issue \$50/book
older issues available**

\$10/book

check with Miss Graas

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Driver's Ed.



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enjoy!

class

GOOD TIMES

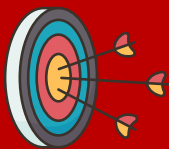


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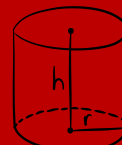
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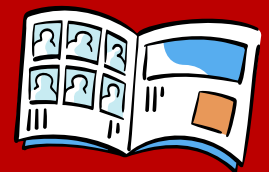
Education



DRAMA

life is good

AUTOGRAPHS



Hockey days in Saskatchewan

January 13-19, 2025

Hockey Week at CCS

Hockey trivia, Kahoot, Jersey Day, Shoot-Outs

The winner will be able to choose a Jersey of their choice complements of HomeTown Sports.

Other events in community Alumni Hockey Game,

Street Hockey Game hosted by senior Cobras vs U12's, Special Hockey Game Yorkton Maulers vs

Regina Pats Canadians U18's, Yorkton Terriers vs Notre Dame Hounds, Girl's Hockey, U7's, U9's,

U11's, U13's, U16's, Figure Skating, Battle of the Blades, regular and running 50/50 jackpots, raffle

tables, special supper with special guest coach Marty McSorley, Don Chesney and much much

more.



Junior Girls Basketball

Coaches: Shanna Hvidston, Joni Petrychyn, Aimee Ruf



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES AT CCS

January 27-30, 2025: Semester 1 Final Exams

January 31, 2025: No School, Professional Development Day for Staff

February 3, 2025: Semester 2 Begins

February 17-February 21, 2025: No School, February Break

March 19, 2025: Student Led Conferences

April 18, 2025: No School, Good Friday

April 21-25, 2025: No School, April Break

May 19, 2025: No School, Victoria Day

May 20, 2025: No School, Professional Development Day for Staff

June 26, 2025: Graduation

June 27, 2025: No School, School Admin Day