

School Hours

Welcoming Bell 8:55 a.m.
 Classes Begin 9:00 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
 11:55 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch
 12:35 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

John Diefenbaker Public School

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September 2024



PLEASE REPORT ALL ABSENCES THROUGH EDSBY: [SRSD119.EDSBY.COM](https://jd-srsd119.ca/)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 	3 <i>Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day</i>	4	5	6
9 First Full Day English Kindergarten	10 First Full Day Cree Kindergarten <i>Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day</i>	11	12	13 First day of Canteen
16	17 <i>Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day</i>	18 School Community Council Meeting 5:30	19	20
23	24 <i>Clan Shirt/Clan Color Day</i>	25	26	27
30 Orange Shirt Day 				

During instructional time, 8:55 am–3:30 pm, we ask that all families and visitors check in at the office. If assistance is required, we will help your student get to their classroom. We want to ensure we are protecting instructional time for teachers during the day. If you need to speak with one of the teachers, consider sending an Edsby message to communicate with teachers or to request a meeting. Thanks for your cooperation in helping our teachers navigate the day to maximize student learning.

STUDENT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

For the safety of our staff and students, the **staff parking lot is not a pick-up or drop-off point.** Help us to keep our children safe!

Important information about Bussing:

Any students needing the school bus this fall must be registered. It only takes 2 to 3 minutes and is very easy to do. Registrations do not have to be done every year, but a student must be re-registered if their information (such as school, address or contact info) is changing. If you are not sure if you already have registered, please give us a call at the number below or simply register again. Doing so now will ensure your child is placed on the proper bus for the first day of school. Not registering on time could delay having your child assigned a bus several days into the new school year.

Click here <https://www3.srsd119.ca/busgarage/transport/request.php> or type "Sask Rivers School Division" or "SRSD119" in a search engine (we recommend Google). Scrolling down you will find the "Transportation" section with some helpful tools like a bus notification set up and the "School Busing Request Form".

If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 306 763-2323.

Because our fountains have been converted to bottle filling stations, please ensure you send a water bottle to school with your child. Like utensils, we do not supply cups.

Lunch Hour

Please provide necessary utensils in your children's lunches. We do not distribute utensils. Also, the school has no microwaves to heat up lunches.

RETURN OF THE STINGER CANTEEN!!

Starting **Friday, September 13th**, John Diefenbaker will bring back the Stinger Canteen!!! We want to provide you with some information on when and how it will operate, and an idea of what will be available.

If you are a parent of one of our younger students, we ask that if you send money, **PLEASE send it in an enclosed bag or envelope with their name written clearly on or inside the bag. If possible, please also try to write down their order ahead of time on a small piece of paper or post-it note.*

WHEN? Our canteen will run every **Friday** (it will NOT be open any other day of the week). It will open at the start of lunch recess and will run until the end of lunch.

WHERE? Come to the library at the start of your lunch period.

WHAT? We will always have a few varieties of Doritos/Chips to choose from, and the same goes for pizza. We will have cheese and pepperoni until supplies last. Some selections may change over time, but this is what we'll be starting with:

Hotrods - \$1	Bottled Water - \$1
Yogurt Tube - \$1	Juice Box - \$1
Ice Cream Sandwich - \$1	Gatorade - \$2.50
Chips/Doritos - \$1	Pizza (Pepperoni or Cheese) - \$2.50

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.

Edsby Parent Information

Please watch this 2-minute video: <https://tinyurl.com/mr26cv4b>

- If you have not received an Edsby invitation email from your school, please contact your school.
- You will receive an invitation for each child that is enrolled in our school division.
- You will only need to create one account.

Do I have to use a computer to use Edsby?

Edsby works on all browsers, iOS, and Android devices. For more information on using Edsby on smartphones and tablets: <https://tinyurl.com/2tx3dam4>

If you download the **Edsby App** for your mobile device, you will need to enter this code "srsd119" to connect to our Saskatchewan Rivers School Division server.



Submitting Student Absences - 1 min 30 second video and written instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/mv3nth8k>

Managing Your Notifications - You decide when you receive emails or alerts as updates are made within Edsby. Instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/29uehnwf>

Communicating with Your Child's Teachers - How to message your child's teachers through Edsby. Instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7cjws3>

Viewing Your Child's Grades and Assignments through My Work - Edsby enables parents to stay up to date on their child's homework and assignments, as well as monitor how they are doing in each class. Instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/3744e424>

Edsby Privacy Policy: <https://edsby.com/privacy-policy/>

What are the benefits of using Edsby?

Edsby is a great way to support your child at school. Edsby pulls together information about each of your children and presents it in a clear, easy-to-understand format. Parents are an important part of the school's family. For each of your children – even if they go to different schools – you'll see all their teachers and classes. Some teachers will assign work through Edsby and if they do, you will be able to see academic progress, upcoming assessments, and current assessments. Each child has a calendar that will display tests and events from their classes and groups, if the teachers are entering the information. Parents may also see what teachers are posting in a class to support their child.

What do I do if I forget my password? Where do I get help or support on how to use Edsby?

On the Edsby login screen, there is a link for Can't Log In. Click on this and enter your email address that you used when you registered for Edsby. An email will be sent with instructions to follow. For more help with forgotten passwords: <https://tinyurl.com/2p936exd>

Benefits to Registering Today for SchoolCash Online

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

- 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

1. Go to <https://srpsd19.schoolcashonline.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 account

1. Sign in to SchoolCash Online:

<https://srpsd19.schoolcashonline.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

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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SMUDGING IN SRPSD SCHOOLS AND AT JDPS

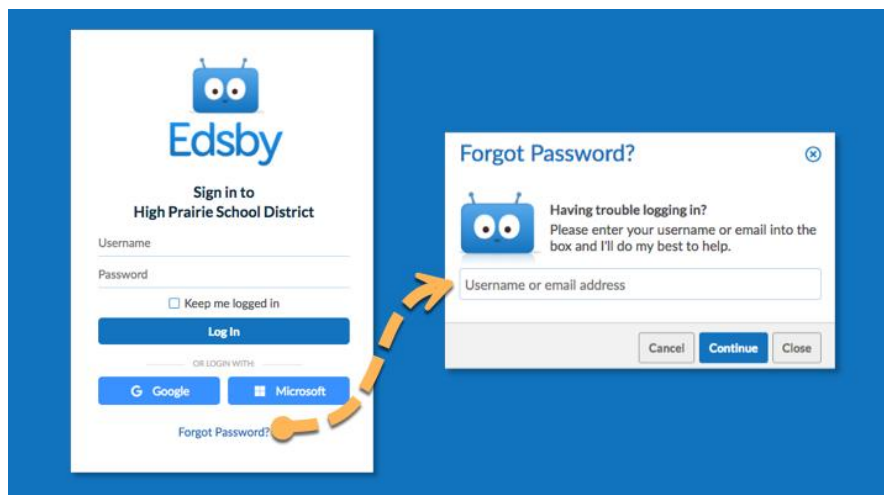
A common shared experience among many First Nations and Métis peoples is the tradition of smudging. Smudging involves the burning of one or more plants gathered from the land. The four sacred plants commonly used in ceremonies are tobacco, sage, cedar, and sweetgrass. The most common sacred plant used in smudging is sage, which is sometimes referred to as the woman's smudge as it can be used at any time of the month. It is a common teaching that people on their moon time should not smudge with sweetgrass. Therefore, it is recommended that only sage be used while smudging in SRPSD schools.

This ceremony has been passed down from generation to generation. A smudge invites people to become mindful and center themselves. This allows people to remember, to connect and to be grounded in the event, task or purpose at hand. It is considered a cleansing ceremony.

Smudging is always voluntary. One should never be forced or pressured to participate. It is acceptable for a person to say that he/she does not want to smudge and may choose to stay in the room while the ceremony takes place or leave the room before the ceremony begins. However, if this occurs during class time the teacher should accompany their students and show respect for the practice, even if they choose not to smudge. It is respectful to stand in the circle, cross arms over your chest and the person will pass you by. Being present sends a positive message to your students and acknowledges an important cultural practice. A smudge is led by a person who understands what a smudge is and why it is done. That person may be an Elder, a knowledge keeper, or a cultural advisor. It may also be led by a school staff member, a caregiver, or a student, if they are aware of the teachings and protocols.

The sacred medicinal plant is placed in a smudge container such as a shell, a ceramic bowl or a metal pan and is lit with a match. Once it is lit, the smoke may be pushed forward with a feather or fan or hands. The person who lights the smudge smudges themselves first.

There is no right or wrong way to smudge. One way is to cleanse our hands with the smoke first, as if we are washing our hands. We then may draw the smoke over our heads, eyes, ears, mouths and our bodies. These actions remind us to think good thoughts, see good actions, hear good sounds, speak good words and show the good of who we are. Smudging usually happens on a weekly basis at JDPS. Elder Pearl Morin comes in to facilitate our smudge. She meets students at the door of their classes. Students that wish not to participate simply remain in their seats. If you have any questions regarding smudge at JDPS, please reach out to our in-school admin with your questions. If you are present and wish to participate when Elder Pearl comes by, please accept the offer to smudge.

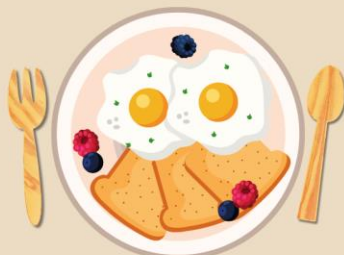


official John Diefenbaker Public School shop!

Customize your own JD merchandise at <https://jdps.entripyshops.com/>. Adult and youth sizes available.

JDPS Breakfast Program 2024-2025

A nutritious breakfast will be served in the mentor room from
8:30-8:55am



At JDPS, we believe in creating a safe and welcoming environment.
We strive to ensure all students have the necessary nutrition to
be successful at school.

Reminder:

Electronic Devices

are not
permitted
during class
time

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How will this help?

- ✓ Removing Distraction
- ✓ Improve focus & Engagement
- ✓ Reduce anxiety caused by constant connectivity
- ✓ Promote face-to-face interactions

Community News

Prince Albert Childcare Co-operative Association is pleased to offer before and after school care at John Diefenbaker Public School. We offer screen-free programming with a combination of active and academic play. Breakfast and snacks are included. Full day care is available on non-school days.

We have a variety of rates to best suit your needs:

Full time-----	\$375.00
-includes before school and after school care and all non-school days	
Mornings only-----	\$125.00
After school only -----	\$250.00
Casual rates (Morning)-----	\$10.00
After School -----	\$15.00



Call 306-930-7511 for availability.

FREE Youth OPEN STUDIO

at the Margo Fournier Arts Centre on Central

ABOUT FREE YOUTH OPEN STUDIO
A free, drop-in art class for youth ages 7 - 18! Explore various art materials in each class through different art projects including drawing, printmaking, watercolours, acrylic painting, sculpture, and more! All supplies and instruction provided. This program is made possible by the generosity of the Prince Albert Council for the Arts.

SESSION 1:
AGES 7 - 13

Thursdays from Sept. 12 — Dec. 19, 2024
5:00 pm — 6:30 pm
Emma J. Anderson & Harmony Johnson-Harder

SESSION 2:
AGES 14 - 18

Thursdays from Sept. 12 — Dec. 19, 2024
6:30 pm — 8 pm
Emma J. Anderson & Harmony Johnson-Harder

Pre-register by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or visit:

<https://bit.ly/youth-open-studio>

Margo Fournier Arts Centre
1010 Central Ave, Prince Albert, SK
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mfac@citypa.com

Winter Arts Centre Hours
Monday—Thursday 9AM—5PM
Friday 9AM—5PM
Saturday 10AM—4:30PM
Sunday CLOSED

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THUNDER BASKETBALL CLUB PRESENTS 2024/2025 Programming

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

3X3

**Training and League Play
Grades 3-12**
Sundays Sept - Dec 2024
No tryouts
All sessions/games in Prince Albert

3X3 REGISTRATION
Registration Fee: \$225
includes 10 sessions and jersey

Club Teams

**5v5 Team Tryouts Sept 2024
U13-U18**
Train and compete as a team
Sept 2024 - June 2025

TRYOUT REGISTRATION
Tryout Fee: \$20
all athletes must have completed
tryout registration to attend tryouts



Registration Night

Prince Albert Sea Cadets



It is that time of year again!
REGISTRATION!
Share share share!

Sea Cadets is a youth program for ages 12 through 18. We offer dynamic training and skill development on topics such as leadership, citizenship, sailing, seamanship, and so much more!
Come on down to the Prince Albert Armouries. Bring a copy of your Provincial Health Card and some form of Canadian ID (birth certificate, passport, etc).

If you have any questions, please send us an email at 118sea@cadets.gc.ca

Please note that if you miss our registration night, we do accept new registrations all year long.

September 6th 2024

118sea@cadets.gc.ca

Prince Albert Armouries
Exhibition Drive

6:30-9:00 p.m.
Thursday nights



JOIN NAVY LEAGUE PRINCE ALBERT

If you are looking for something for your 9 to 12 year old to do this school year I help run a navel based youth program. Throughout their training, Navy League Cadets learn what good leadership looks like, how to work together, and how to overcome challenges. Youth leave the program with a genuine interest in their community's well-being and equipped with skills to become active citizens.

Please come down to the Prince Albert Armouries Sept 6th from 6 to 9p.m. for registration and more information.

