

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Drumming



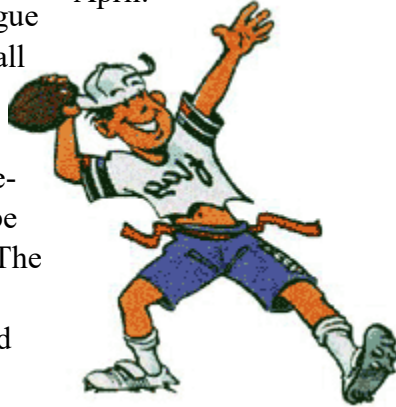
During lunch hours, the sound of drumming and singing can be heard coming from the Assembly Room as our culture teacher, Mr. Terry Bob, instructs a group of elementary school boys. Several of the primary grade classes have also come for singing and drumming, which often leads to some energetic dancing as well!

Fun, Flag Football!

For the first time, we are planning to offer an after school flag football program for grades 5-8. The Hurricanes Football League will focus on football skill development (passing, receiving, ball carrying and defending), and will be for boys and girls. The league will operate on Tuesdays and Thurs-

days in May and June.

Registration information will be sent home with students in April.



High School Football: A New Chapter

In 2016, CKCS fielded a high school football team for the first time. The team included student-athletes from CKCS as well as Kakisiwew School. The team competed in Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association 6-a-side competition until 2019, and in 2020, there was no competition due to the pandemic.

In the fall, the Hurricanes practiced for 5 weeks with a small group of players in grades 6-10. The skill development and football knowledge of the players increased a lot during that time, and the players and coaches are looking forward to having a season in 2021. (insert team photo)

This fall will be a new chapter of high school football for us. After discussions with the chiefs and school principals from Ochapowace, Kahkewistahaw and Cowessess, we will be creating a new program called the OKC Buffalos. The team will continue to practice and play at CKCS, but will include student athletes from the three communities under a team identity that equally represents all three schools and our cultural heritage.



Picture taken pre-covid

We are confident that the cooperative Buffalos concept will be successful for all three schools. In the future, we can expand it to other senior team sports to provide competitive athletic opportunities to the students from all three schools.



NEWSLETTER

2020 - 2021 1st Edition

Welcome to The Eye of the Hurricane! A hurricane is a violent and fast moving storm, but according to legend, the eye, or centre, of the hurricane is a place of peace. Our school is filled with Hurricanes: students and staff members of CKCS, and this publication will seek to slow down the action of our school to communicate to our community the great things that are happening.

Pandemic Pains

When the current pandemic caused the close of schools across Saskatchewan in mid March, 2020, the education of thousands of students in the province came to a stop. On-line learning was optional, and students were automatically passed on to the next grade (K-9) or given high school credits without completing courses (10-12).

To begin the 2020-2021 school year, the province stopped the free passes/credits, and declared that students were expected to be at school, or be actively engaged learning at home. Our school did not open until October, and for K-9 students, they only came once a week.

After stopping in-person learning in November, our students were expected to participate in learning from home until we re-opened in March. That meant that our K-9 students had been in school a maximum of 6 days in almost a year!

Some of our younger students are finding the return to classroom structure to be an adjustment after being away from school for so long, but our elementary teachers are patiently trying to reorient the students to the routines and expectations of the classroom.

We are so excited to be open for school business, and hope that our students can restart their academic progress for the final months of the school year!

Covid Challenges

While we are thrilled to be back at school, we have had to implement significant changes to try to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Hand sanitizers have been installed around the school, areas are labelled for physical distancing, and teachers spray desks and equipment after classes. Our food services staff have been doing extra work packaging and delivering breakfast and lunch meals to classes. Our custodial staff circulates around the building throughout the day, disinfecting door knobs, lockers, bathroom fixtures and other high touch surfaces.

Learning is a little more challenging than normal, as students and teachers all have to wear masks, and students at shared tables have Plexiglas dividers. It is sometimes difficult to hear and understand each other.

Our daily schedule is also different, as the elementary school students have staggered recesses to reduce the number of students on the playgrounds.

Hopefully we can continue to make it safely through this school year, and can start to return to more normal operations next school year.



HELP STOP THE SPREAD

St. Patrick’s Day

Many of our students and staff enjoyed dressing up in green for St. Patrick’s Day on March 17th!



Hurricanes Sports Academy

This year saw the beginning of our own high school sports academy. In the fall, our HSA students engaged in skill development for volleyball and football, and also learned a variety of physical training methods.

This winter, we received the new resistance training equipment for our Training Room, and our students are excited about learning how to use the weights and other equipment to increase their size, strength and power. For sports, they are currently focussing on basketball. We hope that HSA will be a great program to increase the athleticism of our students and the competitiveness of our school teams.



In Their Own Words

Well, my first day of school was great because the school had great food and great lunch. I got a great teacher and a math teacher it feels good to be at school instead being in online school. What I did in school was make new friends and wear a mask, it is an important thing to wear. I like that they smudge every morning.

A’leiya Ironstar, Grade 6



Culture Academy

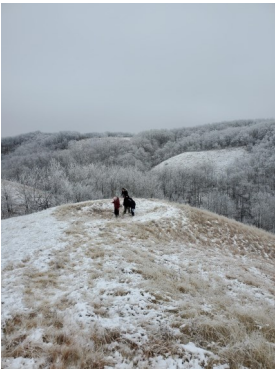
Our high school students also have the option of participating in an academy that focuses on Indigenous culture and ways of living.

Some of the activities and learning the students have been involved in include teepee raising (and spending the night in the teepees), roasting deer meet, making shashkanuk (“Indian popcorn”), beading, painting a local landscape and painting their birth story, preparing a feast in the school, and working with the grade 3 students to make ribbon skirts.

Grade 5 On the Land

In the fall, the grade 5 class participated in several land-based learning activities. The students picked sage and learned about its traditional uses. They also did a wildlife study, looking for evidence of animal habitats. They explored trails and learned about patterns of animal movement, and they even found a crater!

The time outside on the land was both educational and interesting.



PAA – Let’s Get Cooking!

Our school is a wonderful facility! We are very fortunate to have a well-equipped shop and also a spacious home-ec room. Practical and applied arts (PAA) classes are great opportunities for students to learn skills to help them at home, and to introduce them to skills that can help them be employed.

This semester we are offering several PAA classes. The grade 9 and 10 students are currently focused on kitchen safety and cooking skills. Our grade 8 students are working on keyboarding skills to help with computer use. We are

also offering a new grade 11 class called Financial Literacy to help students learn how to manage their money effectively. Our grade 10 and 12 Graphic Arts classes teach students how to creatively do design projects on the computer.



Construction 101

CKCS and Kakisiwew School entered into a partnership to offer Construction 101 to students in grades 11 and 12. This second semester project class will be focusing on the students learning construction skills as they work on the building of a ready-to-move home for a family on Ochapowace.

The plan is for our 6 students to spend approximately 16 hours a week at the job site, working on the project from start to finish. They will also have on-line training modules to complete on the days when they aren’t on-site. They will accumulate a number of class credits to help

them work toward graduation, and also develop marketable construction skills.

The pandemic lock-down at Ochapowace has delayed the project, but we are hoping that the students will be able to start getting their hands dirty in April.



Upcoming at CKCS

March 26 – Parent-Teacher Interviews (Zoom)

March 29 - April 1 Spirit Week

March 29-21 – Pre-K to Grade 6 Mask Design Competition (prizes awarded!)

March 29 – Hat Day

March 30 – Indigenous Pride Day (prizes awarded!)

March 31 – Jersey Day

April 1 – PJ Day

April 2 – 9 – Easter Holiday