

MURRAY MOMENTS OF THE MONTH

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Saskatoon Public Schools

TIMETABLE CHANGES

August 27 (not 28) **9:00–11:00**
29, 30

First Come First Served.

STUDENT SERVICES office
closed on Wednesday,
August 28 for PD/Planning.



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



Sept 3	School Begins Gr. 9 AM only; Gr. 10-12 PM only
4	All grades attend full day
10 & 11	Student Pictures
12	Early Dismissal 1:05 (staff meeting)
17	Grade 9 Parent Orientation 7:00
24	SCC 7:00
26	Early Dismissal 1:05 (staff meeting)
30	No School For Students and Staff National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 12:10
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Stat Holiday



"Roll Call!"

**REPORT
AN
ABSENCE**

With the increased enrollment, we continue to welcome parents and guardians to report an absence on Edsby or School Messenger. Please click [here](#) to access your options. You may also contact the Attendance Office at (306) 683-7855 to leave a message or to speak to the Attendance Secretary.



2024 - 2025 Bell Schedule

[Click here to access our current bell schedule.](#)



Our school nurse, Tori Meijer is here on Monday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00 for students to pop in to Room 201 (Culture Room) with quick questions and sometimes longer conversations. All visits are confidential.

Alphabetical bulletin boards will list where grade 9 students first class will be. Staff will help students in the right direction. Your period 1 teacher will help you log onto your student Edsby account.

****All Student schedules will be available on Edsby a few days before school starts.****



Our first School Community Council meeting will be held in our school library on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

All WMC parents/guardians are invited to attend.

* November 12 * March 11 * May 13

First Day of School, Tuesday, Sept 3rd—Staggered Start

Grade 9s begin at 8:50 a.m. in their period 1 classroom. Dismissal at 12:22.

Grades 10, 11, and 12 begin at 1:05 p.m. in their **period 4 classroom, followed by period 5.** Dismissal at 3:25 p.m.

Walter Murray upcoming events are posted on the Edsby calendar.
If you don't have Edsby access, contact the office at (306)683-7850.



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School Email: waltermurrayschool@spsd.sk.ca ♦ Web Site: www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/school/waltermurray/

Mr. Dave Fisher ♦ Ms. Candace Elliott-Jensen, Vice Principal ♦ Mr. Jay Harvey, Vice Principal
Ms. Colleen Norris, School Superintendent ♦ Ms. Charmaine Bellamy, School Trustee

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School Photos

All students will have their picture taken by Lifetouch on **Tuesday, September 10 and Wednesday, September 11**. Students need to dress appropriately in suitable clothing and may not wear sunglasses or hats. These photographs will be used for the yearbook and may be purchased online after viewing the student card and photo package. Photo retake day is **Friday, October 25** in the morning.

School Supplies

On the first day of school, please have students bring paper, a pen, and pencil. It is recommended that a separate binder be used for each class or two binders (one for morning classes and one for the afternoon) or one binder with subject dividers. If there are any specific supplies required for a class, the teacher will inform the students. [Click here to see a comprehensive school supply list for grades 9 to 12 posted on our school website.](#)

TEACHER WISH LIST

Mrs. Mudrik, art teacher, is gratefully accepting the following items for her art class...

- Hot glue guns and sticks
- self-hardening clay
- precious moments ornaments
- cookie cutters
- hammers (all shapes and sizes)
- rolling pins
- bib aprons
- yogurt containers and lids
- ziplock bags
- sewing machine
- scissors
- 6 muffin trays
- yard sticks
- microwave
- mini fridge
- artist brushes
- pencils and erasers
- watercolour paper
- cardstock
- scrapbooking paper
- stretched canvases
- compass sets
- folding lawn chairs in bags
- seed beads
- felt
- masking and packing tape
- wool for felting
- tweezers
- cutting mats
- djembe drum
- interesting hats (no ballcaps)
- crokinole boards
- chess pieces/boards
- white house paint
- lego
- art games and puzzles.

Please mark for Art Room or Mrs. Mudrik to let us know who to thank.

To see the up-to-date SSSAD sports schedules, please click [here](#).

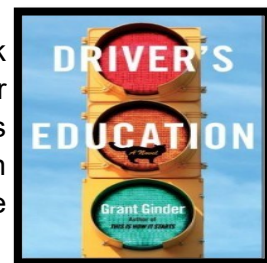
These coaches are sending out invitations for the following teams:

- ♦ **Senior Boys' and Girls' Volleyball:** Tryouts will be taking place on the **first day** of school when students return. Whether you are a seasoned volleyball player or newer to the sport, this is your opportunity to showcase your skills, dedication, and teamwork on the court. All grades are welcome to attend. Tryout Details: Date: Sept. 3rd Time: 3:40pm Location: Gym 1 & Gym 2. To participate in the tryouts, please come prepared with appropriate athletic attire and shoes.
- ♦ **Boys' Soccer:** Open to students in grades 9-12. Bring cleats, shin pads, and water and come to try outs at James Anderson field (on Arlington Ave off Preston Ave) on September 3rd and 4th. Go to room 208 to sign up on Sept 3rd.
- ♦ **Green and Blue Girls' Volleyball:** Mr. Thiessen announces tryouts for grade 9 and 10 will start Wednesday, September 4. We will have three teams and encourage all girls interested in volleyball to try out. We are excited for the new season coming up and look forward to seeing Walter Murray Athletes compete this fall.

JAPAN EXCHANGE 2025

To find out information regarding the Japan Exchange 2025 (application deadline September 23) please click on [this link](#).

Once you turn 15, please pick up and complete a "Walter Murray School Driver's Education Personal Information and Consent Form" from the main office.



With the oldest students being invited first, Student Services will notify you if you are scheduled in the upcoming class. To confirm your spot, if you want to take a later session, or have already taken the class, please go to the main office. Commitment involves six weeks of lunch hour classes. *Go to an SGI establishment to obtain an SGI Customer Number..*

PLEASE NOTE: *If you are taking Special Physical Education, are involved in the musical, or have other commitments during 1st semester, let the office know so you will be invited to take Driver Education in the 2nd semester.*

[Click here to see](#)

[2024-2025 Calendar link](#)

Or go to

[Click here to access the electronic student handbook.](#)

Or go to:

[https://
www.spsd.sk.ca/school/
waltermurray/About/
studenthandbook/
Documents/
Walter_Murray_Student
Handbook_Calendar.pdf](https://www.spsd.sk.ca/school/waltermurray/About/studenthandbook/Documents/Walter_Murray_Student_Handbook_Calendar.pdf)

Among other important topics, our Walter Murray handbook contains a Code of Conduct, bell schedules, staff roster, dress code, essay and resumé guidelines, online school information, school maps, and a detailed school year calendar.

STUDENT FEES

Click on [School Cash Online](https://spsd.schoolcashionline.com) or type in url address <https://spsd.schoolcashionline.com>. Fees will not be available for electronic school fees payments until approximately November 2024. The main office will be emailing a detailed invoice home to each student at that time.

Accessing Edsby

Click [here](#) for detailed step-by-step instructions regarding Parent, Guardian and Caregiver Information.

We will be emailing a digital consent form from the school in the near future. Please update your demographic changes (address, emergency contacts, phone numbers, etc.) through Edsby messaging.



This year's Student Services Counsellors are:

Grade 9

- Mr. Dave Berg

Grade 10

- Ms. Kristin Salamon

Grade 11

- ♦ Mr. Craig Schumacher

Grade 12

- ♦ Ms. Kim Grant

Affordable Homemade Cafeteria Specials \$5



The RAP Facilitator teaches students how to be safe and respectful to all *On and Offline*, as well as teaching students how to handle conflict in a healthy way. We will announce the name of our new RAP worker in the next few weeks.

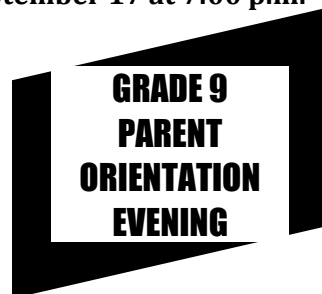
GRADE NINE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME WEEK

There will be a variety of activities planned by the SRC and your teachers to help orientate you to Grade 9 and encourage you to feel part of your new school. Our welcoming activities happen at school, during the day, and under supervision. In the past, we have heard of new students being invited out to lunch or to evening parties by older students declaring themselves to be seniors or mentors to the newcomers. These activities are neither encouraged nor condoned by the school. If students are asked to participate in activities that could harm, demean, or ridicule them, you can be assured that these are not

sanctioned nor supported by the school. Students should refuse to participate.

Grade 9 is an exciting and major step for all young people. It is also a very interesting time for their parents. The staff at Walter Murray would like to invite all Grade 9 parents, along with their son and/or daughter, to an orientation evening on **Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.**



After meeting with administration and counselors, parents will follow an abbreviated version of their child's first semester timetable. They will have a chance to meet their child's teachers and hear about the teacher's expectations for the course. Copies of student timetables will be available on Edsby. [Maps](#) are accessible in the [electronic student handbook](#) and maps of the school will be available. The objective of this evening is to familiarize parents with "school in session" and provide an opportunity for questions.

Corridor Locks, Lockers, and Phys. Ed Department

Grade 9 students will receive their lock and combination in their Period One class on September 3rd.

Grade 10 to 12 students must reuse the lock they received last year. If you do not have a lock from last year, you must purchase one from the office.

Only red Walter Murray series locks may be used on your corridor locker. Non-school locks will be removed. Locks may be purchased at the main office (new is \$10 and used is \$4) starting **September 3** before school hours, during break, lunch time, and after school only. Students have been reassigned lockers and will receive their locker number from their period 1 teacher. Secure your assigned locker as soon as possible

Students enrolled in Grade 9 Phys. Ed. are required to have a Walter Murray physical education uniform (shorts and t-shirt). The cost of the

uniform is \$25.50. If you are in Grade 9, your student fee invoice will reflect this charge. When your student fees are paid, you will receive your uniform. Students enrolled in Grade 10 Phys. Ed. can wear a regular t-shirt, but can purchase one at the main office if they choose.

Grade 9 students have been charged \$10 for a physical education lock in their student fees. Students will receive their lock and locker in their Phys. Ed. class. **Only Walter Murray series locks may be used. Non-school locks will be removed.** Students must also keep the physed locker they are assigned.



Bus Passes/Schedules

To view the current special bus schedule copy on this URL address:

<https://transit.saskatoon.ca/plan-my-trip/schedules-maps/current-routes-schedule> then scroll to Walter Murray.

You may reload your high school student Go Pass card from the main office at the following costs:

- ⇒ \$59 for a monthly pass
- ⇒ 10 tickets for \$21

If you do not already have a Go Pass card, you may purchase one for \$5. **We only accept cash or cheque in the main office.**

PERSONALIZE YOUR GO-PASS!

If your Go-Pass is lost or stolen, the card can be deactivated and the value left on that card can be transferred to a new Go-Pass card. See the main office or call Saskatoon Transit Customer Service at (306) 975-3100 for more information.