

# CANORA COMPOSITE SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Thank You Crossroads Credit Union



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CCS would like to send out a huge thank you to Crossroads Credit Union! CCS received \$5000 from the Crossroads Community Investment Fund to be used towards the Student Wellness & Sustainability Initiative. This funding will allow the school to have the opportunity to offer new programming in the school that enriches the students learning.

So very  
THANKFUL

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 11 —Remembrance Day

Nov. 12—NO SCHOOL

Dec. 18 - Jan. 3—Christmas Break

Check for upcoming important information on our school website:

[www.gssd.ca/school/ccs](http://www.gssd.ca/school/ccs)

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# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Abby Wilson a grade 12 student here at CCS. Abby has been selected as a member of the twelve students across Saskatchewan around the province by providing input to help shape the future direction of education in Saskatchewan.



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## CCS Would Like to Welcome the New Staff!



Welcome!

Top Row: Kimberly Merriam, Candace Lowes, Amber Weinbender

Bottom Row: Jeff Davis, Peyton Secundiak, Hannah Maurer

Welcome!



# Thank You

Thank you to all parents and community members who came out to support our CCS Farmer's Market throughout the summer and fall. We held a Farmer's Market at Rainbow Hall on July 23rd, Canora street festival on August 21, and at Canora Composite School on September 10, 2021. In total we were able to raise a little over \$1000.00 dollars. We will use this money to ensure the garden is sustainable and invest in our kitchen renovation.

## History Of Our Garden

Agriculture is an essential industry in our province and community. We are passionate about teaching our kids the importance of agriculture and the opportunities it can offer. Additionally, one of our goals is to offer our students authentic and engaging learning opportunities through gardening. With the help of Canada's Farmer's Grow Communities Grant sponsored by Bayer in the total of \$2500, Nutrien Garden Grant in the total of \$2500, and lastly a \$3000 grant from Nutrients for Life we were able to purchase the supplies needed to build a garden shed, a garden, and purchase the necessary tools and equipment. Additionally, Leson's Funeral Home, Korol Farms, Danny Rakochy and a number of other businesses including Canora Home Hardware, Canora Greenhouse, and Logan Stevens Construction donated to our cause, helping our dream become a reality. Students in Construction 30 and PAA helped build the shed. Students in grade 9 shoveled the manure and helped build the garden equipment. The entire school including the grade 4's from the elementary school came to plant the garden in early June. We planted potatoes, corn, beets, pumpkins, peppers, cucumbers, dill, cabbage, radishes, watermelon, tomatoes, wild flowers, peas, carrots, turnips, swiss chard, lettuce, and zucchini to name a few.

## Our Plan

Students will have opportunities to work and learn in the garden. They will learn to plant, maintain, and harvest the garden throughout the year. To ensure the garden is maintained, students receive an honorarium to weed the garden throughout the summer. This year Daylia Lukey, Methyl Trask, and Latifah Severight all helped maintain the garden and worked the community farmer's markets. Methyl and Daylia put in many hours, sometimes with family, helping to weed and pick produce. When we are able to get community members involved, our goal will be to have garden experts, and agricultural experts teach our students about gardening, soil science, plant science, and share their knowledge with us. We hope to plant fruit trees and native plants to Saskatchewan around our school yard, using the fruit for our classes and students to eat. Experts could come teach our students and staff about techniques such as grafting and pruning of trees, not to mention looking at traditional Indigenous teachings that incorporate different plant species in Saskatchewan.

## What we need?

We are continuing to raise money and applying for grants this year. We are inquiring about installing an in-ground watering system and purchasing outdoor furniture for students to sit and enjoy the outdoors as they eat and learn. Our largest expense going forward is our kitchen renovation. A newly renovated kitchen would allow us to offer Food Studies courses and PAA courses that focuses on cooking and food preparation, enhancing our students' learning opportunities. The appliances alone will cost nearly \$100,000 but will ensure students at CCS will learn essential skills for life after secondary school. The kitchen would also help utilize our garden produce for classes offered and reduce cost for our lunch and canteen program. Having healthy and affordable options for students is a goal of ours. Any extra produce we had left this year and going forward would be sold to ensure our program is sustainable or donated to the Canora food bank. We were able to donate fresh produce to the food bank this summer.



## Challenges We Faced

Every year we strive to learn how to improve our garden and how to utilize it. This year we planted a variety of vegetables that were ready in July, but without constant supervision some of this produce went to waste. Our students and staff will be reassessing what we plant next year to make the garden more manageable. Secondly, we were worried about the impact of animals on the garden. We did attract one or two deer but nothing major. Unfortunately, some community members believed that the garden was a community garden and helped themselves to the produce. Beets and cucumbers are a hot commodity in town! Luckily, we had donations and were able to sell quite a bit of produce to ensure we have the money to keep our garden program sustainable. We were also pleased with how respectful kids were with the garden throughout the school year. We love having the community involved but will need our own produce to achieve our goals and to ensure we can afford to plant the garden yearly.

## Feedback

Customers and community members we talked to were ecstatic to see students working in the garden. Gardening is a lot of work, and it is a testament to our teachers who utilized the garden in their classrooms. From a teacher's standpoint, we started the year showing students the difference between corn and cucumber plants, weeds and vegetables, how to plant potatoes and what different seeds look like. It was amazing to see the garden grow and do as well as it did. All the businesses, teachers, and students that were involved in making it happen should be proud of what we accomplished in the first year.



**Senior Girls Volleyball**

The senior girls team is coached by Megan Fey and managed by Rebecca Matte this year!

Back Row: Zoe Thomas, Kailey Sleeva, Haydyn Parmley, Elley Tomcala,

Front Row: Robin Skurat, Shayna Leson, Breanne Woloshyn, Bella Mykytyshyn, Drea Beblow,  
Lexie Biletski, Meadow Ostafie



# Junior Girls Volleyball



**Back Row:** Sofia Tratch, Miah Ruf, Jessee Kopelchuk, Falyn Ostafie, Heidi Parmley, Natalie Kosar, Danielle Dutchak, Storey Fehr

**Middle Row:** Ava Love, Makayla Heshka, Reegan Goetzinger, Katherine Hauber, Jada Nordin, Kaelyn Shukin, Rhianna Stefanyshyn, Heidi Mentanko

**Kneeling:** Silver Nordin, Paisley Wolkowski, Natalie St. Mars, Natalie Pshyk, Saphire Peepeetch

**Missing:** Meekah Unick, Alaina Roebuck, Brenna Reine, Jasmine Wasyliv

The junior girls volleyball team coached by Mrs. Ostafie consists of 25 girls in total making up two teams (one grade 7 team and one grade 8/9 team).

Teams the girls have played against this year were Preeceville, Norquay, Kamsask, and MC Knoll. The grade 8/9 team also played in a tournament in Sturgis. Mrs. Ostafie stated that they wished they could of played more but were glad to be back on the volleyball court.





# Junior Boys Volleyball

The junior boys volleyball team are coached by Koren Baillie and Jen Sleeva.

Back Row: Wil Krotenko, Jace Wolos, Owen Friesen, Matthew Makowsky, Chase Fountain, Briel Beblow

Front Row: Jordan Makowsky, Ira Mykytyshyn, Ty Sleeva, Liam Trask



# Senior Boys Volleyball



The above picture is of the entire team and coaching staff.

Standing: Tanner Mak, Jack Craig, Hudson Bailey, Tomas Hauber, Brendon Landstad, Nate Wolos, Logan Wolkowski, Jackson Krotenko, Brianne Murray, Hannah Maurer

Front: Lucas Latham, Ty Baillie, Toby Olynyk, Blake Bolton, Bronson Heshka, Porter Wolkowski, Everett Paley, Logan Lewchuk

The picture on the right is of the boys who played and won the Preeceville tournament on October 23rd.

Back Row: Hudson Bailey, Tomas Hauber, Brendon Landstad, Nate Wolos, Logan Wolkowski, Jackson Krotenko

Front Row: Toby Olynyk, Bronson Heshka



# Cross Country Team



*L-R: Meadow Ostafie, Porter Wolkowski, Hunter Lamb, Toby Olynyk, Dawson Zuravloff, Cole Marcinkoski, Jack Craig*

## Cross Country Provincial Results—Humboldt October 16, 2021

### Junior Boys 4km—out of 80 runners

Hunter Lamb—11th 15:59  
Cole Marcinkoski—25th 17:00  
Porter Wolkowski—30th 17:46  
Jack Craig—64th 20:09

As a team we scored 2nd, in the 2A  
school category!

**SILVER MEDALITS!**

### Junior Girls 4km—out of 44 runners

Meadow Ostafie—24th 21:37

### Senior Boys 5km—out of 90 runners

Toby Olynyk—53rd 22:03  
Dawson Zuravloff—64th 22:39

*Congratulations*

This has been a really successful season for all of our runners. They have had really great weather to practice and compete, plus the injuries and sickness have been minimal! After having a year off due to extra-curricular restrictions, we were afraid that our numbers would be down and it would take a little more work to get the runners to their fullest potential! As always our athletes rose to the challenge!

The great part about taking a team to Provincials is that they can be rewarded for their hard work, in the School Team category and this year they are bringing home second place and silver medals in the 2A School category. This is a very deserving team and we are extremely proud of their dedication, perseverance, and hard work!

*Mrs. Kitchen and Mr. Lowes*



# ATTENTION!



We have some new signs added to our school parking lot and street to help better control traffic.

We now ask all parents/guardians and community members to use **3rd street** or **8th avenue** for pickup and drop off.

CCS wants to continue to keep our students and staff safe when commuting to and from school.

## Scare Away Hunger Champions!

*Congratulations to the grade 5A's for collecting the most points for the annual CCS Scare Away Hunger food drive. Throughout the week leading up to Halloween the SRC had challenges for the entire student body and whoever donated the most non-perishable food items were rewarded the Cougar Cup and a free pizza party!*

*Congratulations!* **5A**

