

Sask DLC Family Newsletter

April 2025

The weather is starting to warm up, and you can feel that spring is in the air! With Spring Break just around the corner and only 2.5 months until summer holidays, now is a great time to stay focused—get those last-minute assignments submitted, start preparing study notes for exams, register for fall classes and consider taking a summer class if you want to lighten your load for next year.

Upcoming dates to remember

Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

- Registration is open for 2025-26 school year
- April 18 Good Friday Stat holiday
- April 21-25 No classes for students and education staff
- April 30 Deadline to enrol in K-9 and S2 Gr. 10-12 asynchronous courses for current school year
- May 1 Summer School registration opens
- May 16- High School Science Field Trip to RCMP Heritage Museum and Royal Saskatchewan Museum
- May 23 K-9 Field Trip to Batoche
- May 30 Deadline for students to drop Semester 2 and Yearlong courses
- June 13 Sask DLC graduation

Stay in the loop! You can find all the important dates at <u>Sask DLC and Me</u>.

All Students

- **1)** Planning ahead for next school year? Sask DLC's <u>2025–26 school calendar</u> is now available—download your copy today.
- **2)** We sent an email to full-time online families to confirm if their child will continue to learn with Sask DLC next year. If you have a full-time student with us and have not seen this email, please check your junk box or call our office 306-252-1000 between 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. We ask that families respond by **Friday, May 2**.

Grade 10 - 12

1) 2025-26 High School Course Registration is open - Register now to be ready for a smooth start this fall. To explore a full list of high school courses offered through Sask DLC, please visit our <u>website</u>.

We've added more Synchronous Live options—including modified courses and Financial Literacy 10. These real-time classes let students connect with teachers and learn together on a set schedule. To view our Synchronous Live courses and timetable, please visit our <u>website</u>.

2) Summer School Registration opens May 1 and closes July 4.

What to Expect: students have six weeks to complete 100 hours of course work and complete their final exam or assignment. They can expect to spend approximately 3-4 hours per weekday to complete the course, plus any time needed to complete homework. All Summer School courses are asynchronous (online). Click here to learn more.

3) Grade 12 Provincial Examinations (Departmental) Discontinued

The Government of Saskatchewan <u>recently announced that the Grade 12 provincial</u> <u>exam program will be discontinued at the end of the 2024-25 school year.</u> With this change to Grade 12 provincial examinations, certified teachers no longer have to be accredited to determine their students' course marks. Beginning in the fall of 2025-26, all Grade 12 course marks will be determined by the teacher, as they are all in other grades. Current practices for certified teachers and provincial exams remain in effect for the remainder of this school year and Summer School 2025.

The Ministry of Education has provided a FAQ document for further details.

Events

1) Field Trips

Our staff and students have been busy exploring and meeting people within Saskatchewan this month! We were able to attend:

- The BKT World Men's Curling Championships in Moose Jaw where students watched Team Scotland play Team Sweden and even got to meet with Team Scotland!
- Moose Jaw City Hall to meet Mayor James Murdock and a pay visit to the police station where students learned more about the roles of police officers.

Upcoming:

- Our Kindergarten to Grade 9 students are excited to attend a fieldtrip May 23 to Batoche to learn about The Métis Resistance of 1885 - Battle of Batoche. <u>To</u> <u>learn more visit Sask DLC and Me</u>. Photos and additional details will be posted after the fieldtrip, so be sure to check back for updates. Learn more about the Batoche National Historic Site <u>by visiting Parks Canada</u>.
- **2) Autobody Learning Camp** on April 9 we hosted a hands-on, interactive Autobody Learning Camp at Sask Polytechnic in Regina that gave students a chance to connect

with instructors, shadow current certificate and apprenticeship students and tour the training facilities. To learn more about the day visit <u>Sask DLC and Me</u>.

- **3)** A huge shout out to the following Sask DLC students who competed in the **Skills Canada Saskatchewan** competition the end of March at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon:
 - Jaxen Dudley won Gold in IT Office Software Application
 - Samuel Maier won Gold in Outdoor Power & Recreation Equipment
 - Jack Unger (Swift Current Comp) won Gold in Car Painting
 - Marshall Lowe had a great learning experience in Automotive Technician

We wish Jaxen and Samuel good luck when they participate in the Skills National competition May 29 & 30 in Regina!

Resource Bank

April Break: Keep the Literacy Momentum Going!

The annual spring break is the perfect time to relax, recharge and explore fun ways to keep literacy engaging! To help make reading and learning part of your daily routine, we'd like to share two fantastic resources:

- <u>Amplify Home Connect</u>: Find quick and engaging literacy activities to do on the go or at home, perfect for busy family schedules.
- <u>ReadWorks</u>: An amazing site filled with daily literacy activities designed to strengthen reading strategies for learners of all ages.

Take advantage of the break to explore these resources together. It's a great way to connect, learn, and make lasting memories while keeping literacy fun and interactive.

Clubs

Our Sask DLC clubs have many opportunities for you to connect with other students, explore new interests and have fun!

Don't wait—join a club today at Sask DLC and Me!

Student Spotlight

We're proud to celebrate full-time Sask DLC student **Catherine Okolita**, nominated for the YWCA Young Woman of Distinction award. At just 16, Catherine has made a big impact through her community initiative, Catherine's Cause, which she started at five years old.

She's raised over \$400,000 in cash and in-kind donations for various organizations that support mental health programs, rescue missions, literacy initiatives, food banks, senior programs and animal shelters. Her largest fundraising efforts have been to support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) through Hospitals of Regina Foundation, where she was able to donate \$343,943. To learn more about her journey, click here.

Her mission to spread kindness and give back has earned her the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. Catherine is a true role model, and we're excited to cheer her on!

How do I get help?

If you have questions about your course, please contact your teacher to assist. You can find your teacher's direct number and a link to book a meeting with them on your course information in DLCgo.

You also have access to an online Student Support Portal for common questions or technical issues. If needed, you can submit a helpdesk ticket by signing up in the top right corner of the homepage. Bookmark this page for easy access: <u>Support: Sask DLC Student Services</u>.

Helpful Links

<u>Student Helpdesk</u> remember to "sign up" using the top, right, sign up login <u>Microsoft 365 login instructions</u>
How do I upload and submit my assignments

Sask DLC Store

Check out our Sask DLC store to find a selection of school clothing, gifts and more!

Watch for your next Sask DLC Family Newsletter the week of May 12.