



February 2022

Our Mission Statement – To respect and enable learners to grow intellectually, emotionally and socially by providing a safe, nurturing environment that encourages risk taking.

Principal's Message

The school year continues to speed along as February is upon us already. I want to thank families for continuing to complete daily health checks and sending your children with masks. We have been continuously told by both the Ministry of Health and Education to be ready for change regarding COVID, so I will update you as anything changes. I would encourage you to check our website for updates as well.

We do have many exciting things happening in the school this month, such as hosting Sportball on Tuesdays after school until 4:30 for Gr. 4-7 students, we have two ski trip days to Harper Mountain for DIV 002 & DIV 003, the basketball team has started league play, we have Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 22, and course selections start during the week of Feb. 28 for our future SKSS students of next year, to name a few. In classes, we are rolling with amazing learning opportunities, building off the progress reported on in the recent report cards.

As a staff, we are starting to explore our Vision of a Savona learner, so we can build lessons and student tasks that parallel that vision. This work will help us develop future Professional Development sessions that will collectively meet staff learning needs that will help us move students towards that vision. I am very excited about this work, and I look forward to reporting about it as well as our collective progress on our School Learning Plan goals of improving student literacy and numeracy and student social-emotional learning.

As always, if you ever have questions, concerns, or good news, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Scott Galloway

Updated Daily Health Check

We are into cold and flu season and just want to thank parents for keeping their children home when they are not feeling well. The [daily health check](#) was updated in January and has been posted on the home page of our school website. Please continue to follow the guidelines listed on the health check to keep everyone safe and healthy.



Sportball After School Program

The Sportball after school program is being offered for students in Grades 4 – 7 and will run each Tuesday until Spring Break. It is being instructed by Marvin Mercado of Sportball Kamloops and will focus on fundamental movement skills in soccer, hockey, baseball and golf. The program begins after school and runs until 4:30 pm. If your child would like to participate in this 7-week program, please fill out and return the [permission slip](#) as soon as possible.



Harper Mountain

Skiing

Mrs. Regan's and Mrs. Walker's classes will be heading to Harper Mountain for two days of Skiing on February 11th and February 23rd.



Information packets went home in January and are due back to the office by Monday, February 7th.

On February 11th, the bus will depart at 8:30 am and will arrive back at school at approximately

3:30 pm. Students who take the bus will be dropped off at that time on their regular bus route (about 45 minutes later than usual.) Students who do not take the bus will need to be picked up from the school at 3:30 pm.

On February 23rd. The bus will depart at 8:30 am and will arrive back at school by 2:40 pm.

Students will take the bus or get picked up at their regular time.

Update to SchoolMessenger

We would like to thank everyone who is using SchoolMessenger to report their child's absence or late arrival. SchoolMessenger has added a new Text Messaging Service so that information can be shared by text as well. If you would like to opt-in to the text messaging service, you may send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to 978338. You can opt-out any time by replying to one of the messages with "Stop."



*if your number is Canada-based.

Progress Report Envelopes

Student Progress reports were sent home with students on Friday, January 28th. Please take some time to read over your child's progress report, then sign, comment and return the envelope to the school. We will use the same envelope for progress reports at the end of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Valentine's Day

This year Valentine's Day is Monday, February 14th. It will also be spirit day at our school and we ask everyone to wear Pink or Red.



Students are allowed to share Valentine's Day cards with their classmates, however, we are not allowed to share any treats so we ask that you please **do not** send candy or other items for the class or attach them to Valentine's Day cards. Thank-you for your cooperation!

Pink Shirt & Positive Day

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 is Pink Shirt Day all across Canada! Because two of our classes will be skiing on this day, we are asking students to wear a pink shirt on **Tuesday, February 22nd** instead as a symbol of commitment. On



this day we will all make an effort to practice kindness and acceptance towards both ourselves and others. Throughout the month of February, we are challenging all students and staff to focus on only positive and encouraging talk – all day long! Talking to children about positive, pro-social behaviors on a regular basis, and modeling this behavior as adults, has shown to decrease negative student to student interactions at school, in the community, and at home.

For information on how you can erase bullying, visit the official E.R.A.S.E. website at

<http://www.erasebullying.ca/>



Grade 7 Parent Information Night

There will be a Zoom meeting for parents of children in Grade 7 who will be attending SKSS in September on Thursday, February 24th. More information and a Zoom meeting link will be sent home closer to the date.

Purdy's Chocolate Bars

We still have Purdy's milk chocolate bars available as part of our ongoing school fundraiser. Chocolate bars are \$2.00 each.



Chocolate is always a great Valentine's treat.

Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing some, or you can send an order form and payment with your child. [Order forms](#) are available on our school's website.

Kindergarten Registration

It is that time of year again to register your little ones for

Kindergarten in the fall of 2022! To be eligible for Kindergarten in

September 2022, a

student must be five years of age by December 31, 2022. Registration week is February 7th through February 11th. Due to the current visitor restrictions within schools, registration packages will be available to pick up and take home. If you already have a child attending Savona Elementary, please let us know and we will send the registration package home with their sibling.



To register your child for Kindergarten you will need your child's original birth certificate, BC Services Card (front and back), proof of address and any legal documents concerning custody.

When you have completed the package, please call the office at 250-373-2520 to arrange a time to drop it off. If you do not have access to a photocopier, we can make copies for you at the office. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and families soon!



Upcoming Events

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| February 1 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |
| February 2 | Basketball Game @ Dallas |
| February 3 | Kindergarten Roundup Night – Zoom 6:30 pm |
| February 3 | Unplug and Play forms Due |
| February 4 | Non-Instructional Day – No School |
| February 7-11 | Kindergarten Registration Week |
| February 8 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |
| February 9 | Basketball Game @ Summit |
| February 11 | Skiing @ Harper Mountain
DIV 002 & DIV 003 |
| February 14 | Red/Pink shirt day & Valentine's Day Activities |
| February 15 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |
| February 21 | BC Family Day - No School |
| February 22 | PINK SHIRT DAY for Savona Elementary |
| February 22 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |
| February 23 | Skiing @ Harper Mountain
DIV 002 & DIV 003 |
| February 24 | Zoom for Parents of Grade 7 students (more info to come) |
| February 28 | Young Artists submissions due |