



Nov/Dec 2023

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
from the  
Staff  
&  
Students  
of  
Dr. Folkins Community School**



**Thank you  
for your generous donation to our  
Newsletter**

**Leon and Val Gramlich  
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Betty Swanson**

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Dr. Folkins Community School

Chauvin Chronicle

## December Principal Message

To the Dr. Folkins School Community and the Town of Chauvin, everyone here at the school would like to continue to say thankyou for all of your support for our school. Students have been skating at the arena, practicing for the Christmas concert, and getting excited for all the activities that happen at this time of the year, from door decorating, ugly sweater day and so on.

Thank you for supporting the school's Thanksgiving food bank, and our current Christmas Toy drive for others who are less fortunate. It is a wonderful thing for our students to practice the grace of sharing with others.

There are so many reasons to be grateful at this time of the year, the staff is particularly grateful to the incredibly thoughtful School Council for doing a noon supervision and providing lunch for the staff, and to the Chauvin Gospel Centre who are bringing cupcakes for the school on December 18th.

We are blessed and I hope the students of Dr. Folkins will always remember the people of their community and pay the generosity and community spirit forward, never taking this their town and community for granted. .

So Merry Christmas from the staff and students of Dr. Folkins Community school, wishing you peace, joy and love this Christmas and always.



Celeste Matovich  
Principal

## **2023-2024 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

Please make note of the submission deadlines and suggested donations to help cover costs for our newsletter for the **2023/24** school year.

Deadline will be **NOON** on the dates below, so that newsletter can be put together that day, and printed early the next day.

**November/December combined issue-** December 6th

January 24th

February 21st

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 5th

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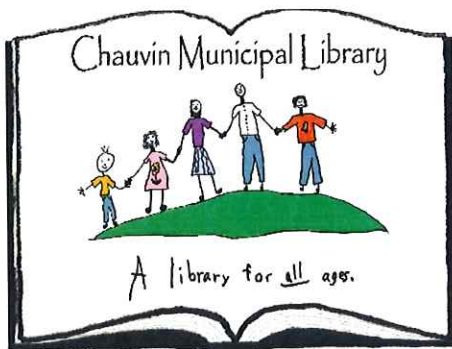
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[www.chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca](http://www.chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca)

Located in Dr. Folkins Community School

[jwaters@chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca](mailto:jwaters@chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca)



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Website

## Library Hours

Mondays, Thursdays 3:30-6:30pm

**Call 780-858-3744**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 14 – library fun Gr. 3+  
December 18 – library fun Gr.2-  
December 21 – Teen M.A.G.I.C.  
December 25 – closed  
December 28 – closed  
January 1, 2024 – closed  
January 4, 2024 – closed  
January 25, 2024 – Book Club

### Community Puzzle table

*Come find one piece or a  
dozen.*

*All ages welcome.*

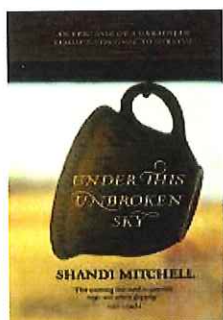
### Teen M.A.G.I.C. Program

December 21, 2023

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Create a Christmas item, to cherish for years  
to come.

Register by **December 18, 2023**  
for craft supply purposes.



### BOOK CLUB: January 25, 2024

**Under this Unbroken Sky by Shondi Mitchell**

7:00 pm in the Chauvin Library

"Utterly gripping. Epic in scope, this tale of family feuds, violence and hardship follows the fortunes of Theo Mykolayenko, a Ukrainian survivor of Stalin's labour camps who starts a new life in the harsh Canadian Prairies.

In the spring of 1938, Teodor Mykolayenko returns to his family after nearly two years in prison for the crime of trying to feed them. Given shelter by his sister Anna, his wife, Maria, and their five children barely survived on the harsh and brutal Canadian prairie landscape. Channelling a determination gained from escaping starvation and Stalin's crimes in the Ukraine, Teodor is committed to making a home. With unbending resolve, he takes to the land and as the crops grow, his family heals and strengthens, but their comfort is soon challenged: Anna's rogue husband returns with an unforgivable plan. Mesmerizing and passionate, *Under This Unbroken Sky* is an astonishing tale of family, love, betrayal, and the resiliency of the human spirit.

### Winter Reading Program January 1, 2024 – February 29, 2024

WIN, WIN, WIN, Prizes from Northern Lights Library Systems as well as  
Coles gift cards from Chauvin Municipal Library.

### Reading Takes You EVERYWHERE



Winter Reading Program 2024 starts Monday, January 1.  
Visit the library to join or check out [nllsreadingprograms.ca](http://nllsreadingprograms.ca)!

### CHECK OUT:

[nllsreadingprograms.ca](http://nllsreadingprograms.ca) for  
more contests during the  
Winter Reading Program.  
Don't forget to participate in the  
**Friday15 challenge**. You read for  
15 minutes every Friday and log  
it in. We won last year for most  
read per population.

### Chauvin Book Club

#### Reading List 2023-2024

**January:** Under this Unbroken Sky  
by Shondi Mitchell

**February:** All the Seas of the World  
by Guy Gaurielkay

**March:** Sometimes I Lie  
by Alice Feeney

**April:** Strawberry Shortcake Murder  
by Joanne Fluke

*Book club gatherings are held the  
last Thursday of the month in the library.*

### Christmas Fun

Dec. 14, 2023, Gr.3 and up

Dec. 18, 2023, Gr. 2 and under  
3:30 - 5:00pm

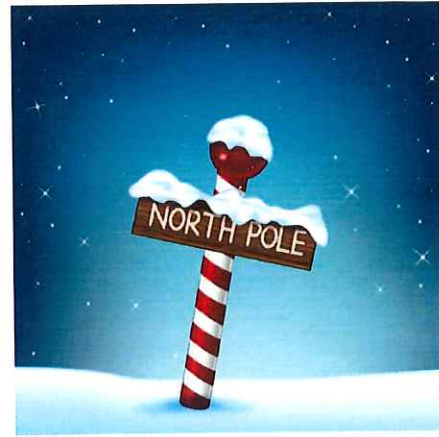
*Books, crafts, and games.*

**Register by email Dec.11, 2023**  
for supply purposes.

[jwaters@chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca](mailto:jwaters@chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca)  
*Subject: Library Fun. You will receive a reply  
that your child is registered.*



*You are  
Invited*



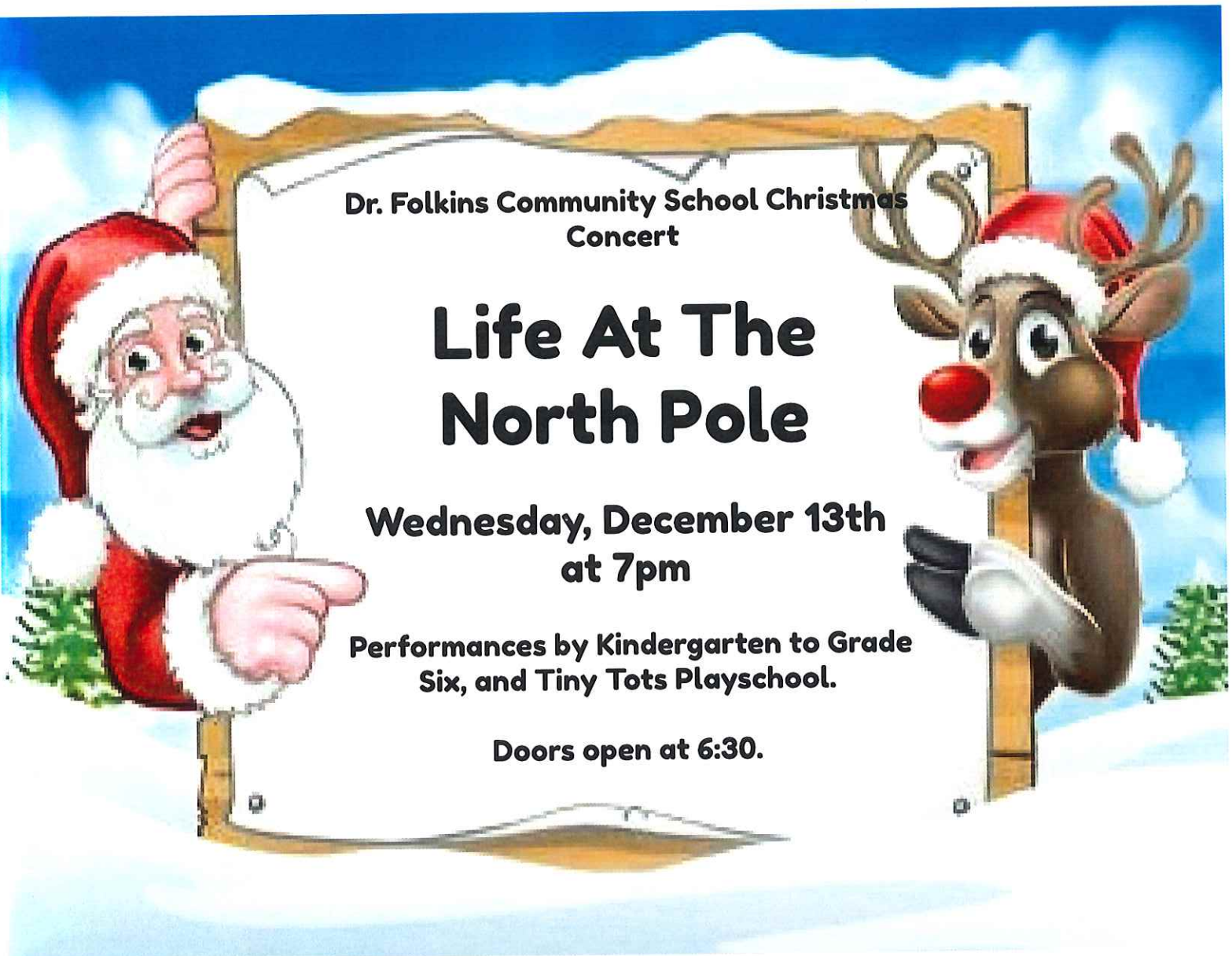
**Dr. Folkins Community School Christmas  
Concert**

# **Life At The North Pole**

**Wednesday, December 13th  
at 7pm**

**Performances by Kindergarten to Grade  
Six, and Tiny Tots Playschool.**

**Doors open at 6:30.**



# KINSMEN CHRISTMAS WISH

**DFCS Leadership Students** would like your help in bringing Christmas gifts to children who may not get a gift this year.

New, unwrapped gifts can be brought to the school until **Monday, December 11, 2023**. The gifts will then be delivered to Wainwright (Bison Printing) to be wrapped and distributed.

They usually have trouble getting enough gifts for children 9-12 years of age. Other things that can be purchased include; gloves, toques, mitts, scarves, books or stuffed animals. These items are placed in family bags as extras.

**Please remember that all of the items must be new.**

## **Toy Suggestions:**

### 9 & 10 YEARS

- chapter books
- puzzles with 100 to 300 pieces
- bead sets (intricate)
- backpacks
- shoulder bags
- board games
- sports balls (inflated)
- Lego and K'Nex (more complex)



## 11 & 12 YEARS

- chapter books
- puzzles with 300 to 500 pieces
- craft set
- science set
- board games
- watches
- fashion jewelry (no pierced earrings)
- hair accessories
- Lego

They make every effort to have toys “immediately playable” on Christmas morning, therefore they always need:

- Barbie Clothes
- Colouring and Activity Books
- Crayons, Pencil Crayons
- Books (from cloth for infants to novels for 12 year olds and everything in between)
- Alkaline Batteries (AAA and AA)

If you purchase an item that requires accessories please include them. For example send batteries with battery operated toys and extra clothes with a Barbie.

They want to ensure that every toy that is sent out is new, safe, age appropriate and is as special as each child is. In that spirit they do not gift the following:

- Games that require a console (XBox, Wii etc)
- Games that require a computer and/or an internet connection
- Food due to possible food allergies (except Easy Bake Oven packets)
- Used Items - They provide new toys only, helping children to maintain their dignity and self-respect.
- Makeup and bath products due to allergies and possible household rules
- Clothing

- Fragile items like glass, porcelain or china. These items may not survive the wrapping, stacking and delivering process
- Toys requiring adult supervision
- Realistic weapons (except Nerf dart guns)
- Poor quality plush animals. Does it say "This is NOT a Toy"? Are there wires that poke out, loose eyeballs, or extremely hard heads? When you tug on the seams does stuffing come out?

**Please help us make this Christmas special for every child!**



# Thank You!



# **Dr. Folkins Community School**

## **Staff and Students**

**Would like to thank the following sponsors**

**For supporting our Awards Presentations**

**ATB Financial – Chauvin Agency, Benoit Oilfield Construction,**

**Benoit Rentals, Buffalo Trail Public Schools, Chauvin Gospel Centre,**

**Chauvin Elks, Chapman Family-In memory of Don Chapman**

**Circle M Stables – Kris & Wendy Molle & Family, Celeste Matovich,**

**Vision Credit Union- Edgerton Branch,**

**Folkins Family – In memory of Claire, Governor General of Canada, Goodall Motors,**

**Ken-Fab Welding Ltd., Haldenby Family – In memory of Chelsey, Ken-Fab Welding Ltd.**

**L& V Contracting – Larry & Vicki Schultz,**

**Marlene Meier Family, Nutrien Ag Solutions - Provost, Open Circle CTS Award,**

**Oscar Buck Family,**

**McMann Family in memory of Shelly McMann,**

**Cornish Family in memory of Tessa Cornish,**

**Park Plains East Teachers Association,**

**Pare Farms 1917 Inc. , Chauvin School Council,**

**The Goede Family, The Perry Family, The Olson Family,**

**Marty & Annette Dallyn, Powell Cats, Ribstone Community of Christ- In memory of Tamara Turcotte,**

**Ribstone Community of Christ Peace Award, Repsol Oil & Gas Inc.**

**Rob & Rae Beatty, Dr. Folkins School Staff, Steel View Energy & Industrial Services Ltd. ,**

**Watson Family Farm**

**We are grateful for the continued support of local business and our community, in  
supplying & presenting awards & scholarships to the students of Dr. Folkins  
Community School. Thank You!**



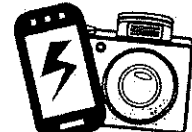
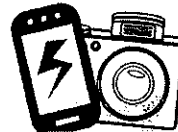
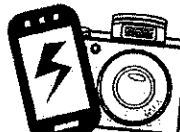
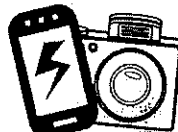
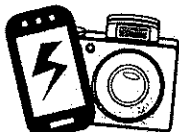
# D.F.C.S. YEARBOOK

## PICTURES WANTED!

### Community yearbook uploads

Have any student activity pictures that would look great in the 2023-2024 yearbook? Send them in using the link or QR code below:

<https://community.lifetouch.ca/invite?code=DFCSCAVS-24>



Order your yearbook today at  
**ybpay.ca**

Scan to order today!



Order Deadline: May 1, 2024

Yearbook ID Code: 14851724

School Name: Dr Folkins Community School

**Yearbook**

**\$30**

- Hardcover stands the test of time with high-gloss lamination
- All-colour pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
- Durable Smyth-sewn binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear.

Prices include sales tax where applicable. When you pay by check, you authorize us to process the payment as a check transaction, or to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your checking account. A service fee may be charged on returned checks. First dated checks are not accepted. By completing and submitting this order form, you are agreeing to all of Lifetouch's terms and conditions located at [www.lifetouch.ca/terms](http://www.lifetouch.ca/terms) and to our privacy policy located at [www.lifetouch.ca/privacy](http://www.lifetouch.ca/privacy).

Contact our Help Center for assistance at [lifetouch.com/support-ca](http://lifetouch.com/support-ca). Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.



# Chauvin Home and School Parent Council Highlights

## **\*Delicious News\***

Thanks to Caitlin Gilchuk, our Hot Lunch Organizer, the yummy hot lunches continue! The kids have enjoyed Subway, Edo and Pizza! This month they will enjoy Subway, Pizza and a delicious homecooked meal from Winter Beans! Yum!

## **Say hello to our Parent Council 2023/2024**

Chair: Duane Skinner

Vice Chair: Deanna Volk

Treasurer: Tara Schaffer

Secretary: Shantelle Skinner

Gr 10-12 Rep: Jennifer Waters

Gr 7-9 Rep: Jodie Waselick

Gr 4-6 Rep: Amanda Pare

Gr 1-3 Rep: Caitlin Gilchuk

ECS Rep: Ashley Pare

## **Thank You**

To everyone who purchased bacon and helped make our fundraiser a great success!

## **Thank You**

To Teine Energy for their generous donation to cover all costs of our Grade 4-6 swimming program! Thank you Teine!

## **2023-2024 Parent Council Upcoming Meetings**

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

All meetings are at 7:30pm in the Home Ec room.  
Everyone is welcome!

# DF SCHOOL GAME CLUB

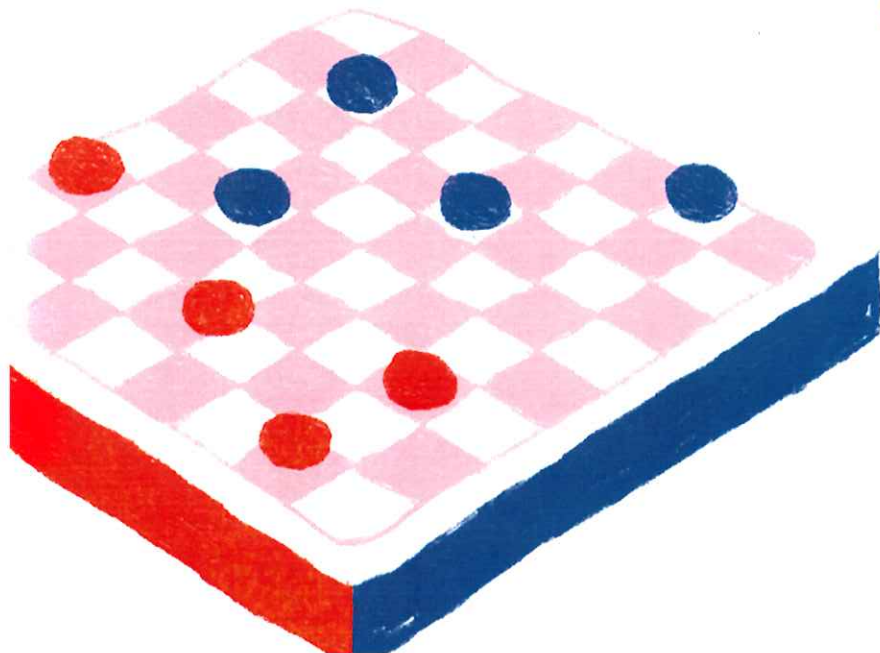
WELCOME  
BACK!

**Thursday  
NOVEMBER 2nd**

**THURSDAYS  
3:30pm-5:00pm  
Room #103**

NEW!

TIME  
AND PLACE



***Please bring an  
after-school  
snack to have  
during game  
club.***







# The Village Office

## Christmas Greetings from Council

It was a busy year for projects in the Village of Chauvin. Here are just some of the projects completed with Grant monies this year.

Stay tuned for more!



### Landfill Hours

Tuesday 9:00am–Noon

Thursday Noon–3:00pm

Saturday 10:00am–4:00pm

*The Landfill will be Open  
regular hours  
over Christmas.*

### Office & Public Works Christmas Hours

Closed at Noon December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Closed December 25<sup>th</sup> –  
January 1<sup>st</sup>

Regular Office Hours Begin  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>

*And Council Said, “Let  
There Be Light!”*

Fortis will be adding street  
lights around Chauvin in  
the Spring of 2024!



- We had Olson Construction in town this summer fixing and replacing sidewalks mainly along 1st Avenue.
- Council approved the creation of the Chauvin Economic Digital Development Initiative, community members are working diligently on projects and generating new ideas for Economic growth in the Village!
- Regular sewer line root cleaning was done, and lines were inspected with cameras to see if any needed repairs.
- We had so much success with our heat tape that we've added it to more areas of Chauvin to prevent freeze ups in the spring!
- The Chauvin Recreation Board received extra funding from the Village due to a one time increase in grant funding from the Alberta Government. Council allocated all the extra funding to the Chauvin Recreation Board.
- We purchased a new wheelchair for residents that might need one on a temporary basis. This is free to use and is available at the Village Office.
- We purchased a new gas line locator to aid Public Works staff.
- Thank you to Down and Dirty for fixing the Public Works Shop roof to get us through the winter months!
- Thank you to the many businesses and organizations in Chauvin that contributed to the purchase of the Digital Sign on Main Street!
- Thank You to Spectre Systems for doing a major over-haul to the Arena and Hall parking lot! Thank you to the Recreation Board for taking on funding of this huge project!

*The Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!*

## Utility Rates for 2024

Albertans have recently witnessed dramatic increases in natural gas and electricity prices as well as an increase in everyday items such as groceries. Chauvin Council upon reviewing the utility rates for 2023, determined that no changes be made for our residents in 2024!

*Rates will remain as follows:*

Water \$28.00 — Sewer \$26.00 — Garbage \$31.00 — Recycle \$6.50 — Gas \$27.00



# Village of Chauvin

## Land Use Bylaw

December 2023  
Newsletter #1

### HELLO!

The Village is embarking on an important project; to update the Village of Chauvin Land Use Bylaw. The current Land Use Bylaw is 25 years old and does not reflect current requirements. The purpose of the update is to improve the readability of the Bylaw and bring it up to date with current development trends and requirements.

The purpose of Newsletter #1 is to provide residents with background information about the project and outline opportunities for residents to get involved.

### WHAT IS A LAND USE BYLAW ?

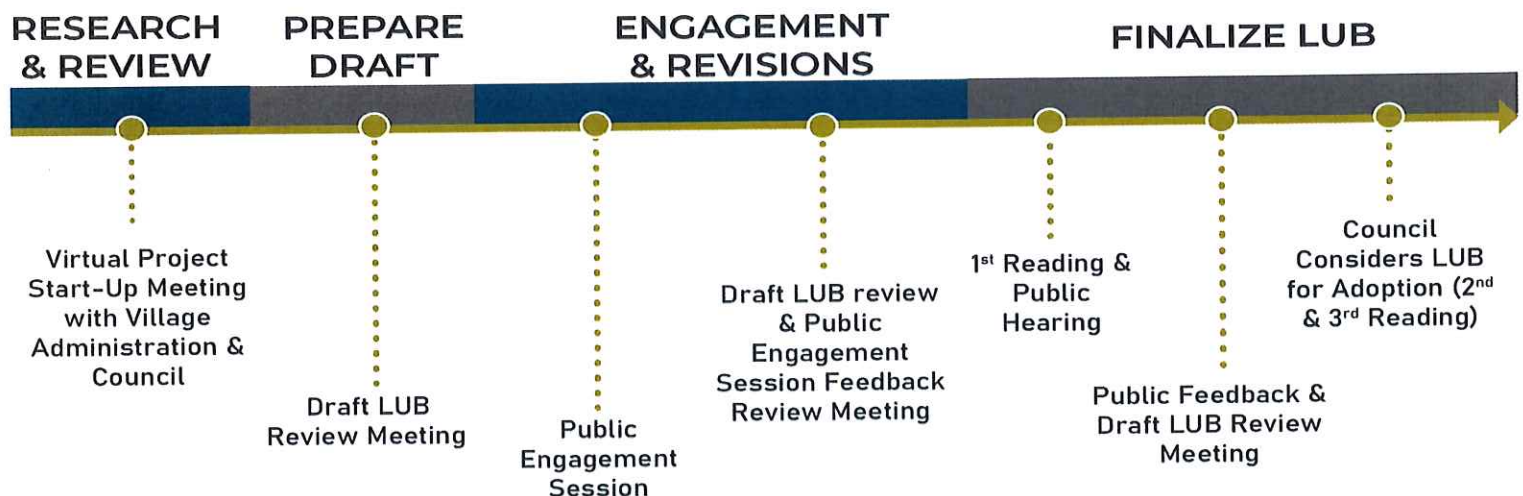
The Land Use Bylaw establishes regulations to guide how land is used and developed. It divides a municipality into different districts or a zoning map, and identifies what uses are either permitted or discretionary for each district.

The Land Use Bylaw also includes procedures for submitting, processing, and deciding upon subdivision and development applications. For some specific land activities, land use regulations are included to provide further clarity on how these activities may be developed in the municipality.

The purpose of a Land Use Bylaw is to separate uses that might conflict with each other, and to protect property owners and residents from developments that may negatively impact the use and enjoyment of your property. The Land Use Bylaw supports the Village's economic development goals and objectives established through the Municipal Development Plan.



### PROJECT TIMELINE



## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

We want to hear from you! You will have multiple opportunities to contribute and give your feedback during the project. Once the draft Land Use Bylaw is prepared, it will be available on the Village website for community members to review and provide feedback.

### Survey

Help us better understand your community and what you envision for the future!

Please complete the survey using the qr code or the survey posted on the website <https://forms.office.com/r/uaHcacECnN>

The survey can also be downloaded and emailed to [r.paonessa@munplan.ab.ca](mailto:r.paonessa@munplan.ab.ca). Please complete the online survey by January 5, 2024.



### Public Open House

A Public Open House will provide community members the opportunity to learn about the draft Land Use Bylaw and provide feedback to the project team. Details regarding the format and scheduling of the Public Open House will follow later this spring on the Village's website and in a second newsletter for community members to review and shared with the Village's Council.

### What We Heard Report

After the Public Open House and community members have shared their comments and input in a feedback survey, Municipal Planning Services will compile and summarize all feedback received from community members into a What We Heard Report. The Report will be shared with Council and will be posted on the Village's website for community members to review and shared with the Village Council.

**Please stay tuned to the Village's website  
for more information about this project!**

**[WWW.VILLAGEOFCHAUVIN.CA/](http://WWW.VILLAGEOFCHAUVIN.CA/)**

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 #206, 17511 - 107 Ave  
Edmonton, AB T5S 1E5

If you have any additional questions  
or comments please contact us at  
any time!







# **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SUPPER**

***Tuesday December 19, 2023***

***6:00 pm at the***

***CHAUVIN SENIORS DROP IN  
CENTRE***

***Meat will be provided; please bring your favorite side dishes  
&/or desserts!***

**Musical Entertainment will be provided by “Over  
the Moon” Accoustic Roots Duo – Craig Bignell &  
Suzanne Levesque**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



The Chauvin Elks #261 would like to thank the Chauvin Rec Board for their generous support of the new playground equipment that was installed in the Elks Playground this year. Your donation to help fund this project is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the following for their help with this project:

- Kevin Beatty for providing surveying services, which made installation much easier.
- Benoit Oilfield Construction for use of the front-end loader.
- All of the volunteers who made time to help with the installation.

Projects such as these do not come together without a team effort from dedicated volunteers, and the contribution from everyone is greatly appreciated.



I would like to thank the following sponsors for the awards I won this year. I am attending Augustana in Camrose, and I will put the money towards my tuition fees for the winter term. I am very grateful for the opportunities that Dr. Folkins Community School has given me in both academics, as well as athletics.

CLASSMATE OF THE YEAR - Ken-Fab Welding Ltd. (Ken and Tara Schaffer)  
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - Goodall Motors & Oscar Buck Family  
REPSOL AWARD – Repsol Oil & Gas Incorporated  
GOVERNOR GENERAL AWARD – Government of Alberta  
MARLENE MEIER MEMORIAL AWARD - Meier Family  
PARKS PLAINS EAST TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AWARD - ATA LOCAL #31  
SENIOR HIGH CITIZENSHIP AWARD – Government of Alberta & Chauvin Elks  
SENIOR HIGH ATHLETIC AWARD – Watson Family Farm  
THE GOEDE AWARD - Goede Family

*Samson Olson*

### *Thank-You!*

The Chauvin Tiny Tots would like to thank Winterbeans in collaboration with the following businesses:

- ★ The Chauvin Elks
- ★ Blue Earth
- ★ Scorpion
- ★ White Wolf Mechanical
- ★ Teine Energy
- ★ Value P & N



And various other community members for their generous contributions to our program.

The pumpkin carving contest hosted by Winterbeans was a great success and we are grateful for all the continued support!





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FIXER UPPERS/ PARTS

OFFERS!

PHONE 780-272-1003



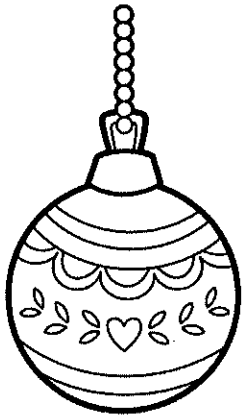
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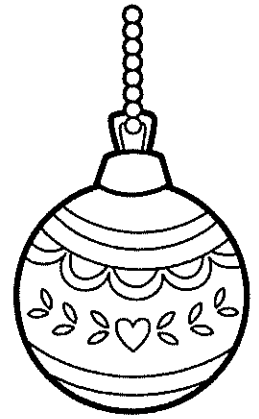
**CONTACT**

**RENAE 780-704-0001 OR IAN 780-808-9533  
FOR PICKUP**



Over the weekend we had a fantastic turnout for both breakfast and lunch at the Christmas in the Village Market. Having so many volunteers come out to help made this day a success! Without your help none of these fundraisers would be possible!

We are very thankful to P&H Wainwright for sponsoring part of breakfast! Thank you to all those who purchased wreathes, poinsettas and planters from our Winter Fundraiser, your support is very appreciated as we continue our new projects!



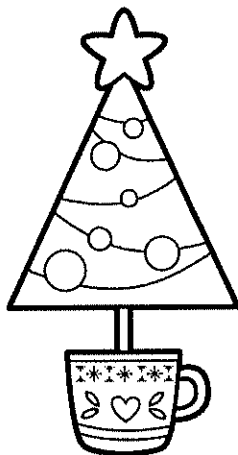
To one of our longtime volunteers,

Thank you so much for your generosity with your incredible talents. It was so very kind, donating the Christmas quilt for us to raffle, with proceeds to ongoing renovations at the museum.

Thank you very much Heather Seim, it is an absolute masterpiece!

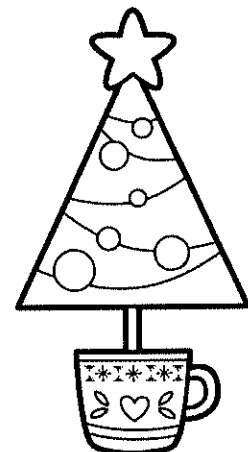
Raffle tickets will be sold again during the wiener roast (5-7 pm) before the Ag. Society's Parade of Lights on Thursday, December 21.

Draw will be made that evening at the community bonfire following the parade.



**Please join us for our  
AGM at 7:30pm on  
Monday,  
January 22/2024  
At the Village Office**

\*\*\*Please note this has changed from the original post stating January 15\*\*\*





*Cheery Wishes to You  
from the Chauvin Museum!*

*Executive:*

Christine Smith, President  
Doug White, Vice President  
Jodie Waselick, Secretary-Treasurer  
Nancy and Darryl Goede, Co-curators

*Directors:*

Valerie Gramlich  
Allan Skinner  
Joanne Haldenby  
Tammy Channon  
Mel Haldenby (Honorary)



**Chauvin's Local Talent**

# **OVER THE MOON**



**In concert, January 27, 2024**

**Provost Recreation & Cultural Centre**

**Show starts at 7:30 pm Reception to Follow**

**Advance Tickets \$35**

**Please contact Jodie for tickets 780 753 1037**

**Presented by**



*Provost & District  
Performing Arts  
Guild*



Church – 780-858-3920

Email – [info@chauvingc.ca](mailto:info@chauvingc.ca)

Web – [www.chauvingc.ca](http://www.chauvingc.ca)

Worship at 10:30 Sundays

*Everyone always welcome!*

Message taken from:

*Kiley Butler (Renew Your Mind tribe for women, Facebook group)*

*“ As Mary watched, helplessly for hours, her son die on the cross,  
I can’t help but wonder if she knew ,,,, I can’t help but wonder if she  
started to remember that Christmas morning and began to understand.*

*I wonder if it all started to make sense why she was to name Him Jesus  
– The one who saves, Emmanuel, God with us? And as He claimed,  
‘It is finished’, did she finally understand why she couldn’t save Him,  
but that He came to save her?*

**HE CAME TO SAVE US!**

*A dramatic act of God that’s almost unfathomable. The baby who was  
born over 2000 years ago was named Savior because He would save the  
world. The gift of Christmas is our eternal salvation and God’s  
forgiveness.*

*No gift can ever compare to that PRESENT – the baby born in Bethlehem  
that saves us from ourselves and the corruption of the world. Jesus came  
to show us the way, teach us the truth of Gods Word, and invite us to  
come back to the purpose we were created to fulfill. He lived to show us  
who God is and what it means to be a loving and serving human.*

**LET’S BREATHE IN DEEP THE HOPE AND CELEBRATION  
THAT THE BIRTH OF OUR JESUS CHRIST BRINGS.**

*Christmas is a time to reflect on THE ONE who came to teach us how to live  
in the truth and the way, and to show us how to shine the truth for others to  
see. Even though this life is difficult and challenging, God is always at work.  
Jesus taught us how to live and love through it all.*

*So in the midst of your struggles, in the middle of the hard, TRUST IN JESUS.  
The one who came to offer hope, love, and grace.*

**THE ONE WHO CAME TO SAVE YOU.”**

*For to us a **child** is  
born, to us a son is  
given, and the  
government will be on  
His shoulders.  
And He will be called  
Wonderful  
Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting  
Father, Prince of  
Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

*She will give birth to  
a son, and you  
Joseph, are to give  
him the name Jesus,  
because He will save  
his people from their  
sins.*

Matthew 1:21

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Submitted by Shelley Johnson



# THREE AND COMPANY



*Live in*  
**CONCERT**

LOCATION

Chauvin Gospel Centre Christmas Banquet  
Chauvin Community Center

DATE AND TIME

Saturday, December 9, 2023  
Doors Open @ 5:30pm Supper @ 6:30 pm

Evening by Donation with no obligation  
Call Cecile @ 780-806-3617 or Paul @ 780-753-1238 for tickets

[www.THREEANDCOMPANY.com](http://www.THREEANDCOMPANY.com)





# Make a big impression



In our small community, corporate support is essential to providing recreation and entertainment opportunities for local families. We are seeking a corporate partner to assume the naming rights of our Community Centre. If your organization is interested in learning more about this unique opportunity to showcase its brand, please contact Aric Pare at 780-872-8933.

**CHAUVIN  
FIRE &  
RESCUE**



## **FOOD BANK DRIVE**

**December 21 @ Chauvin Fire Hall  
During the Parade of Lights!**

**Donations can be dropped off at the Fire Hall or one of the fire trucks will be set up to accept donations.**



THE CHAUVIN AGRICULTURAL  
SOCIETY PRESENTS

# Parade of Lights

Thursday, December 21, 2023

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5PM - FREE HOT DOG ROAST & HOT CHOCOLATE WITH SANTA AT CHAUVIN FIRE HALL  
7PM - PARADE DEPARTS STAGING AREA (SOUTH OF CARDLOCK)  
8PM - COMMUNITY GATHERING / BON FIRE

THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

ALL BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS & VISITORS ARE  
WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

PARTICIPANTS & SPECTATORS ARE ASKED TO BE  
MINDFUL OF SAFETY.

For more info:  
Brad - 780-842-7158  
Chris - 780-205-2246





*Chauvin Minor Hockey*

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE NIGHT FILLED WITH JOY, LAUGHTER, AND

HOLIDAY CHEER!

# Christmas Family Skate

DECEMBER 22, 2023 5:30-9:00PM

@ CHAUVIN ARENA

SANTA / MUSIC / PIZZA / HOT CHOCOLATE / COOKIES / SNACKS

\*UNDER 18 HELMETS REQUIRED\*



# Westminster Presbyterian Church



## THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS



WHEN I WAS growing up, Christmas would never begin without the annual trip our family always made to a very special destination. That special place was my maternal grandmother's home in the town of Ashcroft B.C. - eleven hours distance from our house in Terrace, and at the end of a long drive on, mostly, gravel roads.

In Ashcroft, my grandmother was the unofficial historian for the generations of the Dougherty and Peters families - the ranchers, miners, and pioneers whose triumphs and tribulations were immortalized in the photographs and other memorabilia kept in my grandmother's home. Ashcroft was where my great-grandfather first organized caravans of freight wagons and stage coaches - sending them south through the Fraser Canyon to the coast, and north to the gold-fields of Barkerville. Ashcroft was also where my great-grandfather's only son repaired used "horseless" carriages until his untimely death in 1923 from appendicitis, when his own horseless carriage failed to navigate the sixty miles of bad roads to Kamloops in time to have life-saving surgery. His sudden passing left my grandmother to raise three young children alone and in very difficult circumstances. She persevered, but never remarried. Devoted to her family, she found her greatest contentment in helping her children, and grandchildren, grow up to lead productive lives.

Every family has a history; a record of their journey through the world. In every family, the most cherished stories are usually about those who went "above and beyond" in their willingness to make sacrifices for the sake of others. For people of faith, Christmas is the story of the most cherished sacrifice of all - made by the One who left His home in Heaven, and came to rescue our human family. God sent us His Son, so that our sad history of darkness and loneliness might become a living history of joy, and of light, and of hope; a story about us and God no longer living separate lives, but finding ourselves, instead, suddenly together and on the same journey.

This is the story we celebrate at Christmas - a story of hope for a world that's ready for a different and better story than the one it's presently living. Today, our world is tired; tired of being afraid, tired of the darkness, and in despair over how to fix it. Christmas offers us the opportunity for that to change; to begin a new chapter in our human journey by remembering that we are never alone. Christmas is God's perpetual, wonderful, and loving invitation to step into the Light, and reconnect with Joy, and Hope, and Faith. Christmas shows us the remedy for our despair.

This Blessed Season, let's celebrate the history God has made, and is making, with us all - a joyful history where, after many faltering starts, God and us are finally and truly together - not just for awhile, but forever! And yes, it will be enough to make all the difference.

Christmas Blessings...!

Rev. Steve

## **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Upcoming services December 16<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve Service December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. 2024

No service Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. 2024

Services the first and third Sundays of each month 10:30 am

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**SATURDAY 1:00PM-5:00PM**

**SUNDAY 8:30AM-10:00AM**

If anyone wishes to speak to Steve he is always available at 780-385-1141



**Christmas Eve Service 4:30 pm.**

**Come and join us for a candlelight service of Christmas stories  
and carols!**

**Our prayer for you is a joyous peaceful Christmas season  
and a happy healthy New Year!**

**Blessings from Westminster Presbyterian Church**

If you are searching for a welcoming, traditional, scripture based atmosphere in which to worship join us. Blessings to you all!

Westminster Presbyterian Church



ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2ND AVE EAST, MARSDEN, SK

# DECEMBER MASS TIMES

Regular Sunday Mass  
10:30 AM MST

\*First weekend of each month mass is held on  
Saturday Evening at 7:00 p.m. to allow Father to say  
mass at the indigenous Reserves the following Sunday.

## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24, 7:30 PM MST

Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 25, 10:30 AM MST

Regular Sunday Mass

Sunday Dec. 31, 10:30 AM MST

New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 1, 10:30 AM MST

Everyone Welcome!

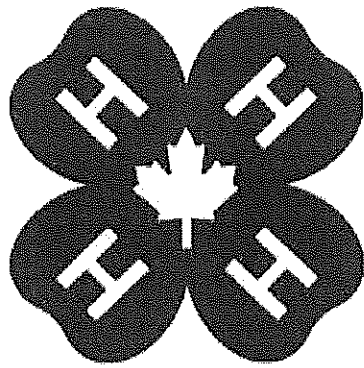
**QUESTIONS? CONTACT**

**FR. PETER 1-306-344-7867**

**OR JENNIFER WATERS 780-808-6210**







**CANADA**  
4-H Alberta

# ***CHAUVIN 4-H NEWS***

**“LEARN TO DO BY DOING”**

Meetings are the first Sunday of the month at  
7:00 at Caesar's Palace.

## November News:

Our club met on November 11th at Larouche's to weigh our market steers.

This marks the beginning of the 200 days of work that goes into preparing our animals for Achievement Day.

Chauvin Club will have 6 steers, 5 females and 4 calves to show.

## Upcoming Events for Members:

Dec 17 - Small Engine Project

Dec 21 - Decorating float for the Parade of Lights

Dec 21 - Parade of Lights

Dec 28/29 (TBA) - Table Mountain skiing

Jan 3 - Christmas Party

## Bottles Pick Up:

Dec - Smith Family

Jan - Beatty Family



## Save the Date:

Chauvin is hosting the  
District 4H  
Achievement Day

June 5, 2024



**Welcome to our new members!**

For information about 4-H, contact Jace  
Larouche (780) 806-9741.



Community of Christ

Co-Pastors: Darleene & Leila

[www.ribstonecommunityofchrist.com](http://www.ribstonecommunityofchrist.com)

SERVICES AND KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAYS 10 AM



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

Christmas  
"Eve"  
Morning  
Service

10 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24



EVERYONE IS WELCOME



**NO CHURCH**

**December 31  
& January 7**



Merry Christmas



We invite you to  
join us for a

Christmas  
Meal

after church on  
December 10





# A PRAYER FOR THE *Grieving* THIS CHRISTMAS

*Jesus,* as we ache for what we have lost this Christmas, we turn to you for comfort and peace. Your birth is the very reason we can grieve with a confident hope, we can believe that what's ahead of this life is filled with immeasurably more than what we could imagine.

Though we hurt and though we cannot see it, we believe You. We believe Your Word is true. We ask you to draw near to our broken hearts. To hold us close through our tears. To remind us that You came to give us abundant life and that life starts right here with you.

Keep our eyes on you this Christmas. *Amen.*



The Wise Men  
were packing,  
the angels  
were watching,  
and the shepherds  
had no idea whose  
mother just walked  
past them.

Everything was  
about to change...

FOREVER.



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SERVICES AND KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAYS 10 AM



WISHING YOU

Joy Love  
Hope &  
Peace



Merry Christmas



# SCREENAGERS: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Award-winning film addressing  
**VAPING, DRUGS, & ALCOHOL**  
among youth in the digital age

*Screen this movie for **FREE**  
from the comfort of your  
own home anytime from  
**December 15, 2023 to**  
**January 15, 2024***



To get your free link to the  
film, scan the QR code or  
contact Wainwright FCSS

780-842-2555/Community@wainfcs.ca



SCREEN  
AGERS





**merry**  
**CHRISTMAS**






# KIDS SHOPPING NIGHT

OUR MAGICAL ELVES ARE READY TO HELP  
YOUR CHILD PICK OUT A GIFT YOU DESERVE!





# Wainwright Family Resource Network December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Stay N Play times:</b> <b>Mon- 9-2pm</b> <b>Tue- 9-12pm</b> <b>Thurs- 1 -3:30pm</b> <b>(Except December 14th)</b> <b>Friday 9-12pm</b>	<b>*Online Contest Giveaway*</b> December 1st, we will be posting a mugs and muffins giveaway. Like, tag, and share on our social media sites to be entered for this giveaway <i>Details below in Newsletter</i>		<b>Christmas COLORING CONTEST</b> Ages 3-10 & 11-17 Pick up at the FRN anytime from Dec 1st - 14th, during stay N Play hours. Take home or stay @ the center to color. Deadline, 12:00 pm December 15. Winners posted/announced that afternoon.(15th) <i>Will contact for prize pick up.</i>	<b>Collaborative GingerBread House/Village Making</b> 10:30-12:00 pm <i>Supplies provided</i>
<b>4</b> <b>R -Messy Monday</b> 10:30-11:30am <i>Sparkles n glue</i>	<b>5</b> Holiday Traditions 10:30 am-12:00 pm <i>(Traditions Shared and Explained, Bring your Holiday Tradition to the center)</i> <i>*Special Prize Draw for attendees</i>	<b>6</b> <b>R- Baby Bunch</b> 11am-noon 0-12months	<b>7</b> <b>R- Sing carols at Battle River Lodge &amp; Cookie visit</b> @10:30am	<b>8</b> <b>R- Holiday Light Craft</b> 10:30-12:00 pm
<b>11</b> <b>R Messy Monday</b> 10:30-11:30 Salt Dough Ornaments	<b>12</b> Holiday Traditions 10:30 am-12:00 pm <i>(Traditions Shared and Explained, Bring your Holiday Tradition to the center)</i> <i>*Special Prize Draw for attendees</i>	<b>13</b> <b>R- Baby Bunch</b> 11am-noon 0-12months	<b>14</b> <b>R - Sing Carols at Points West living</b> @10:30am *No Stay N Play this Afternoon Center Closed in PM	<b>15</b> Holiday Sweater & Sugar Plums 10:30 - 12:00 pm <i>(wear your most festive Holiday Sweater)</i>
<b>18</b> <b>R -Messy Monday</b> 10:30- 11:30 Cookie Decorating	<b>19</b> Holiday Traditions 10:30 am-12:00 pm <i>(Traditions Shared and Explained, Bring your Holiday Tradition to the center)</i> <i>*Special Prize Draw for attendees</i>	<b>20</b> PJs And Pancakes 10:30-11:30am <i>(while Supplies Last)</i>	<b>21</b> <b>Fire side Story</b> 10:30am-11:00am W/ hot chocolate	<b>22</b> 
<b>Center Closed</b> <b>Dec 22nd - Jan 3rd</b>	<b>Pick up packs:</b> Ages 8+ Please register at the link Deadline is Dec 15. Pick up the week of 18th-21st			









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Other Info:

## December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov/Dec combined Newsletter printing Dec 6th					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Christmas in the Village
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Staff Mtg. Nov/Dec NL Subway Lunch Jr Curling 3:45	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Chauvin Gospel Centre Community Event
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Jr Curling after school	<b>13</b> Winter Beans hot lunch School Christmas Concert@ 7 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Wear your Ugly sweater/sock day Pizza Lunch Jr Curling 3:45 pm	<b>21</b> Ag Society Parade of Lights 5 to 8 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School	
<b>31</b>						





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Diploma Dates for January Gr 12 courses  
See attached exam schedule

# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* All dip dates are updated for 2024 for every subject until we know timetable						
Happy New Year!	1 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6
7	8	9 Jr. Curling 3:45pm	10 Staff Mtg ELA 30 Pt A Subway	11 Social 30 Pt A	12	13
14	15	16 School Council 7:30 @ school	17 Jr. Curling 3:45pm	18 Math 30	19 ELA 30 Pt B	20
21	22 Math 30	23 ELA 30 Pt B	24 Jr. Curling 3:45pm Social 30 Pt B Newsletter Deadline@noon Pizza lunch	25 Bio 30	26 Chem 30	27
28	29	30	31 BTPS Learning Day all staff No school	1 School PL No school	2 Teacher Org. Day No school	

# Exam Schedule January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10 ELA 30 Part A	11 Social 30 Part A	12
15	16	17	18	19 Diploma course marks in
22 Math 30	ELA 30 Part B	24 Social 30 Part B ELA 10/20	25 Bio 20	26 Chem 20 Chem 30
				All Jr/Sr marks and comments in
29 Math 10C	30	31 BTPS Learning Day	1 School PD	2 Teacher Directed Day

Please note regular classes for elementary. Midterms for junior high will be written during regular class time.





January 1 - February 29, 2024

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_



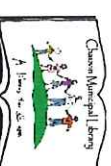
Log reading minutes  
online using the QR code  
OR  
Bring log sheet to the library and  
Mrs. Waters will log online



Winter Reading Program 2024 starts Monday, January 1. Visit the library to join or check out [mlsreadingprograms.ca](http://mlsreadingprograms.ca)

CHAUVIN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY 5200 – 4 AVENUE NORTH, CHAUVIN, AB T0B 0V0, 780-858-3744 [www.chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca](http://www.chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca)

**Deadline to submit log sheets: March 1, 2024.** Drop off at the school office or email [lwaters@chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca](mailto:lwaters@chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca)





### Winter Reading Program log sheet.

January 1, 2024 – February 29, 2024

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