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**Good Spirit School Division Back to School Update**

Good Spirit School Division would like to welcome our families back for the 2018-19 school year. The first day of school for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 10 is Tuesday, September 4, 2018. All Grade 11 & 12 students will begin school on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

We would like to remind drivers to watch for children walking to and from school and to be aware of bus stops. When the bus lights are flashing and the stop arm is out, traffic from both directions must come to a complete stop. We urge the public to assist us in keeping our students safe.

Over the summer, the GSSD Facilities Department has been hard at work in schools across the division making improvements to ensure our students and staff spend their days in safe, welcoming environments. Highlights of the infrastructure improvements and projects include:

- The asbestos abatement at the Yorkton Regional High School has been completed. Classrooms impacted will be ready by the end of August with new ceiling and lights. In addition, the C-wing classrooms are scheduled to be upgraded with new ceiling and lights.
- The Anne Portnuff Theatre project at the Yorkton Regional High School is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. The enhancements being made include a new ceiling, lights, sound system, carpet, curtains, and seating.
- The gym ceiling and lights project at Melville Comprehensive School will be complete for the start of the school year.
- Preeceville School saw six classrooms renovated for the start of the school year.
- The completion of the main floor renovation project at the Sturgis Composite School will see new flooring in four classrooms, two bathrooms and the hallways prior to school start up.
- The Saltcoats School roofing project has been completed.
- The Norquay School roofing project will be complete by the end of August.
- A cultural room, complete with new furniture and technology, has been added to Kamsack Comprehensive Institute and the Yorkton Regional High School.
- The wheelchair accessible washroom was completed at Kamsack Comprehensive Institute.

- PJ Gillen School in Esterhazy saw three classrooms and the staff workroom updated.
- Heating systems at Columbia in Yorkton, Esterhazy High, Invermay, and Norquay schools were flushed.
- Invermay School and Macdonald School in Stockholm will have the installation of their phone/bell/intercom system completed by October.
- Canora Composite School will have new blinds installed throughout the school.
- The addition of two portable classrooms at Columbia School in Yorkton is now complete.
- Grayson School had four classrooms renovated, and a wheelchair accessible washroom and sidewalk were completed for the start of school.
- In conjunction with Christ The Teacher Catholic School Division, the gym lighting at MC Knoll/St. Michaels school has been upgraded.

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