

December is here – let's finish strong!

As we prepare for all the excitement that comes along with the holiday season, it's a good time to tie up loose ends and get ahead on your schoolwork so you can fully relax and recharge during the holidays. If you're feeling unsure about what needs to be done or you need a helping hand, don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers – they're here to support you.

Upcoming dates to remember

Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

- **Dec 23 – Jan 5** – Holiday break
- **Jan 6** – first day back from break
- **Jan 22** – last day for Grade 10-12 students to submit Semester 1 course work
- **Jan 23-28** – Semester 1 course exams
- **Jan 29 and 30** – no school, PD days
- **Jan 31** – Semester 2 begins

Stay in the loop! You can find all the important dates and Sask DLC events on our family-focused website: [Sask DLC and Me](#).

Grade 6 - 9

The Saskatchewan Science Center has an opportunity for students in grades 6-9 to meet women working in science, technology, engineering, arts and math fields. Students will gain new skills and have a lot of fun with hands-on activities. To learn more and register for the 2025 Girls+ in STEAM Conference [click here](#).

Grade 10 - 12

Semester 2 registration is open!

Semester 1 is flying by! Now would be a good time to start considering which Semester 2 courses you would like to take. If you have questions, contact your local school guidance counsellor / principal or Sask DLC academic advisor for more information. [Check out our course options at Sask DLC](#).

Scholarships

Many post-secondary institutions offer early admissions and scholarships, so it's a great time to check their websites for requirements and deadlines. You can also [find scholarship information on Sask DLC and Me](#). Full-time students should reach out to their academic advisor, while part-time students can contact their local guidance counsellor.

Nominate a Teacher today!

Nominations for the **Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching and Early Childhood Excellence** are open until January 15, 2025. Do you know a teacher who should be considered for this prestigious honour? [Visit the Prime Minister's Awards website](#) for details and nomination forms.

Events

December was a busy and exciting month!

We had the pleasure of connecting with students and families during our high school field trips to the RCMP Heritage Museum, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Canadian Light Source and the UofS Veterinary College.

Students in our Parts Technician, AET and Mechanical and Automotive courses gained valuable insights by meeting Sask DLC alumni, exploring career options and participating in hands-on instruction during our learning camps at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon. [Keep an eye on saskDLCandme](#) for upcoming field trips and learning opportunities in the new year!

National Ribbon Skirt & Shirt Day – Honouring Culture and Tradition

January 4 marks National Ribbon Skirt & Shirt Day, a time to honour Indigenous culture, traditions and language. This day provides an opportunity for Indigenous people to celebrate their identity by wearing ribbon skirts or shirts, which have been a part of their culture for centuries. Non-Indigenous people are encouraged to recognize and learn about the importance of these customs. If you have been gifted a ribbon skirt or shirt, or purchased one from an Indigenous person or business, you are invited to wear it in support of Indigenous traditions.

We invite you to learn more about the significance of this day and print a template of a skirt or shirt to decorate by [visiting saskDLCandMe](#). Please feel free to share your creations by sending photos or videos to communications@saskDLC.ca.

Clubs

Sask DLC clubs offer a great opportunity to connect with other students, explore new activities and create lasting memories. Whether you want to meet new people, dive into your interests or simply have fun, there's a club waiting for you! Don't wait—[join a club today at Sask DLC and Me!](#)

We're excited to introduce our new Business Club, designed to help students build leadership skills and gain valuable business experience. You'll enjoy networking opportunities, guest speaker presentations (both in-person and online), an eight-week investment challenge starting in February and much more.

Student Spotlight

We're happy to spotlight Logan, a Grade 11 part-time student with Sask DLC. Logan is a competitive water polo player taking Financial Literacy with us because it offers him the flexibility he needs to juggle the demands of his busy athletic and academic schedule.



Hobbies: fishing
Favorite Food: hamburgers
Hero: Ted Lasso because of his positivity and attitude towards challenges

Good luck with water polo Logan!!!

Resource Bank

Don't forget to check out the [December Monthly Must Collection](#) for featured resources before we move on to the new year. These materials encourage exploration of holiday traditions while promoting empathy, generosity and goodwill. There is even a resource to foster [Random Acts of Kindness ONLINE](#).

RCMP Advisory

The **RCMP** have issued a **national advisory**, warning of the presence of online groups targeting and manipulating vulnerable children and youth. These groups operate virtually in readily accessible online spaces such as social media platforms, apps and

online games. The advisory indicates these groups encourage participation in acts of violence, including self-harm and producing child sexual exploitation material.

The [attached information](#) offers some warning signs and key indicators you should be aware of, in your interactions with your child.

****Note: There is no reason to believe these groups have specifically targeted any Sask DLC students. This information is being shared as a precaution so that families are aware as we head into the holiday season.**

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 on your course information in DLCgo. You will also find a link to book a meeting with them.

You also have access to an online 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: [Support: Sask DLC Student Services](#).

Helpful Links

[Student Helpdesk](#) remember to "sign up" using the top, right, sign up login

[Microsoft 365 login instructions](#)

Sask DLC Store

[Check out our Sask DLC store](#) to find a selection of school clothing, gifts and more!

From all of us at Sask DLC we wish you a safe and happy holiday!

**Watch for your next Sask DLC Family Newsletter the week of
January 20.**