

# **Sask DLC Family Newsletter**

February 2025

## **Happy New Year**

Welcome back to returning families and a warm welcome to our new students! Each month, you'll receive a Sask DLC newsletter with key dates, events, and learning resources.

February is off to a great start! We're gearing up for the 2025-26 school year with some exciting new courses with registration opening March 3. Summer School will also be available for students needing an extra credit or wanting to get ahead, with registration opening May 1. Visit <u>SaskDLCandMe.ca</u> to stay up to date.

# **Upcoming dates to remember**

Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

- Feb 17 21 February break no school for students and education staff
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day, students invited to wear pink to stand up against bullying
- Feb 27 K- 9 Winter Family Fun in Saskatoon and Moose Jaw
- **Feb 28** Recommended deadline to register for high school Semester 2 courses with work placements
- March 3 Grade 10-12 Course Selection and Kindergarten/New Student Registration for the 2025-26 school year opens
- March 10 K -9 field trip to Moose Jaw Public Library
- March 14 Professional development day for Sask DLC teachers, no school for students
- March 25 & 26 Parent Teacher Student (PTS) conference evenings
- March 28 No school for teachers and students in lieu of PTS conferences
- April 30 Deadline to enroll in Semester 2 Grade 10-12 Asynchronous courses
- May 1 Registration for Summer School opens

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

#### **Grade K-9**

## 1) Winter Family Fun February 27 from 1- 3:00 p.m.

Students in Grades K–9 are invited to enjoy an afternoon of skating, trail walking, and hot chocolate. You can choose to participate in Saskatoon at the Meewasin Rink or in

Moose Jaw at the Wakamow Valley Skating Oval. Check out the email you received from your teacher with details on how to register for this fun-filled day of activities and opportunities to make new friends. The registration deadline is February 14.

#### **Grade 10 - 12**

### 2025-26 High School Course Catalogue and Registration Dates

It's never to early to start planning - course selection for the 2025-2026 high school year will open Monday, March 3. To ensure you're ready to begin courses on your selected start dates, we appreciate if families were able to register for fall courses by May 15.

New high school courses for the 2025-26 school year include:

- Energy and Mine Oil & Gas 30 (with work placement)
- Football Skills 20L and 30L
- Sport Psychology 20L
- Tourism 30 (with work placement)

For a full list of our high school courses, please visit our website.

We've expanded our selection of synchronous live classes, now offering modified courses and Financial Literacy 10! These real-time classes give students the opportunity to interact with their teachers and actively participate in learning at a scheduled time. To view our Synchronous Live courses and timetable, please visit our website.

If you are interested in exploring Dual Credit courses, they are outlined on our website here.

#### Summer School - Save the Date

If you're looking to catch up, get ahead or explore new subjects this Summer we have 39 high school courses for you to choose from. We will be offering online Summer School from July 2 to August 8, 2025. Student registration for Summer School will be open from May 1 to July 2. Click here to learn more.

#### **Driver Education for full-time Sask DLC students**

The upcoming online Sask DLC Driver Education course for full-time Sask DLC students will run from March 17 to April 4. To participate, students must be at least 15 years old by March 17, 2025. Students aged 15 – 16.5 should have received an email by February 6 with more details. Students older than 16.5 as of March 17 can contact their Academic Advisor or email <a href="mailto:helpdesk@saskDLC.ca">helpdesk@saskDLC.ca</a> for information on how to enroll.

#### **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 <u>find</u> <u>scholarship information on Sask DLC and Me</u>. Full-time students can reach out to their Academic Advisor, while part-time students can contact their local school guidance counsellor for support.

## Saskatchewan Polytechnic Post Secondary for Indigenous students

For the 2025-26 academic year, Saskatchewan Polytechnic is implementing three initiatives to help remove barriers for Indigenous students:

#### 1. Apply for free

Indigenous applicants can apply to one Sask Polytech program for free until March 7.

**2.** Entrance scholarship for Mining Engineering Technology students Eight entrance awards, covering one year's tuition and books, are available to

Indigenous students enrolled full-time in the Mining Engineering Technology program for the 2025-26 academic year. Interested applicants can join us for an in-person information session on January 29.

## 3. Entrance bursary for Business diploma students

Indigenous students enrolled in the <u>Business Diploma</u> program will be eligible for up to \$1,000 in bursaries. The first \$500 will be awarded in year 1. Those continuing into the Financial Services or Insurance specialties in year 2 will receive an additional \$500.

For full details on each of these initiatives, please visit www.saskpolytech.ca/applyindigenous.

#### **Events**

- 1)Pink Shirt Day Sask DLC is proud to participate in Pink Shirt Day, a movement dedicated to raising awareness about anti-bullying while promoting kindness, inclusion and respect. Students and staff are invited to wear pink on February 26 to show support for creating a safe and welcoming space for all. Every small action makes a difference let's spread kindness and positivity! To learn more about Pink Shirt Day, visit our Resource Bank. We'd love to see your pink feel free to share photos with us at communications@saskDLC.ca.
- 3) Are you interested in competing at the **Skills Canada Saskatchewan** competition in Saskatoon Friday, March 28? The competition events range from Animation, Autobody, Hairstyling, ELA, Food Studies, Electrical, Graphic Arts, Mechanical and Automotive and much more. If you'd like to learn more visit <u>SaskDLCandMe.ca</u>.

The registration deadline is February 28, 2025.

## Clubs

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

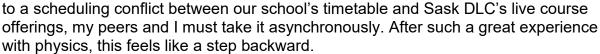
Don't wait—join a club today at Sask DLC and Me!

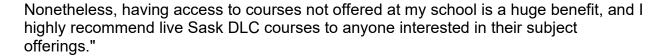
## Student Spotlight - Jeffrey Hutchinson, Grade 12

"Last semester, I took Physics 30 through Sask DLC, and it was a great experience. Sask DLC is fantastic for providing opportunities for students in rural schools where certain courses may not be available.

Having taken multiple courses through Sask DLC, I've become a strong advocate for their live courses. I've learned that asynchronous learning isn't ideal for me, so having the chance to take physics in a live format was exciting. Live classes are the closest thing to an in-person experience in an online setting. Meeting with my teacher daily allowed me to ask plenty of questions and establish a consistent routine, which greatly improved my understanding of the material.

That said, I hope to see greater coordination between Sask DLC and school divisions to ensure more students can enrol in live classes. This semester, I just started Calculus 30, but due





# 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 March 17.