

# January 28, 2022 Newsletter

## Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first month of 2022!! Students and staff have transitioned well back into in-person learning after the first week of the new year being pushed back for all learners. We are all pleased to be back in the building together!

As an educational team at SCS, we are acutely aware of the number of missed instructional days due to buses not running and the later start in January. We, too, are very concerned about the high number of missed days this year. As always, teachers will continue to meet students where they are at and meet their educational needs. The staff at SCS are creative, hard working and dedicated, and we will do our utmost to bridge the loss of instructional time. Please be reminded to have your child check the Google Classroom for activities and review work to do on days when the school buses do not run.

Northern Gateway Public Schools would like to encourage staff, students, parents and community members to register in an online platform ngpsTALK. ngpsTALK is an online space where parents, students, staff and community members can share their ideas and feedback on a variety of topics affecting our school division. Please register at [ngpsTALK.ca](https://ngpsTALK.ca) AND participate in the first engagement. This engagement is open until February 21, 2022. Please read the [linked letter](#) for details around registration and exciting prizes being offered for participation.

Language Arts teachers worked with literacy consultant Cheryl Gascoyne, to continue to develop their capacity as literacy teachers. One day this month was set aside for teams of teachers and individual teachers to work directly with the consultant to gain her expertise in the area of literacy. Teachers worked with Mrs. Gascoyne on individually determined topics, to support their literacy classrooms. We will be fortunate to work with Mrs. Gascoyne one more day in the spring.

Sangudo Community School students and staff participated in the annual food drive organized by SANG (Ste. Anne Natural Gas) *Stuff A Truck* prior to Christmas. SANG provided a monetary donation to the school as a thank you for our generous donation, to provide the staff and students with a paid lunch. All will enjoy a bowl of soup and piece of bannock from the Rochfort Bridge Trading Post on February 1 courtesy of SANG! We are all looking forward to not having to pack a lunch that day!

Teachers at SCS will participate in the annual North Central Teachers' Convention on February 10 and 11. As with many things this year, the Convention will be delivered on an online platform. Teachers choose from a variety of sessions over the two days depending on their interests and needs. There will be no school for students these two days.

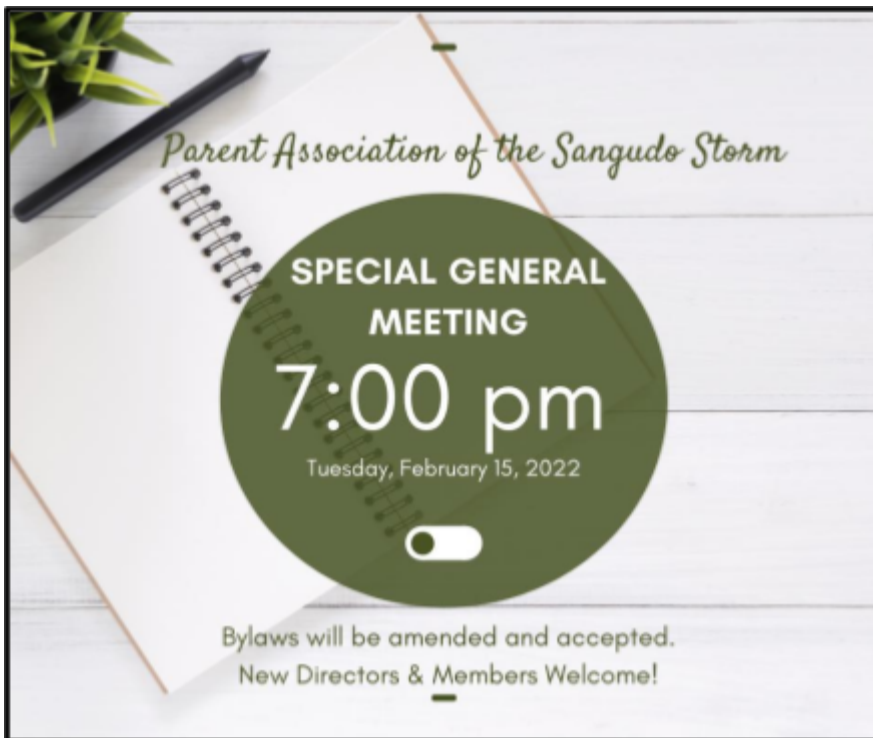


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On February 23, the students and staff will recognize Pink Shirt Day. Activities and learning in each individual classroom will be planned particularly around the theme this year “Lift Each Other Up”. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to Lift Each Other Up and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important. Students are very fortunate to receive a free Pink Shirt this year compliments of PASS and generous private donations, who will be recognized on the shirt. Be sure to thank these generous individuals and businesses!

As always, January has been a very busy month despite the challenges of weather and road conditions! Please continue to feel welcome to contact me for any questions or concerns.

Stay safe and warmest regards,  
Principal Sherry Pfannmuller



## COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Each SCS family will receive one cookbook at a discounted price \$10

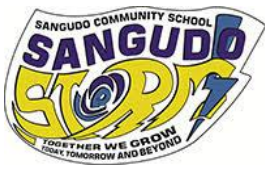
Regular price \$20

Available at the School, Pit Stop Gas and ATB

### Let's Talk

Please take a moment to read the latest article from our Northern Gateway Public School Student Support Facilitator, Tammy Charko. It can be found on our school website. [Let's Talk](#)

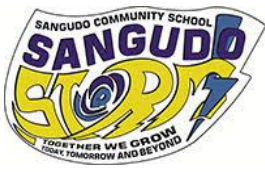
Please refer to the NGPS website at [ngps.ca](http://ngps.ca) for up-to-date information.



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# FEBRUARY 2022

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		Free Soup Hot Lunch 1	2	Candy Gram Orders Due 3	4	5
6	7	8	9	Teachers' Convention - No Classes		12
13	HAPPY Valentine's Day 14	PASS - Special General Meeting, 7:00 pm 15	16	17	18	19
20	Family Day No Classes 21	22	Pink Shirt Day 23	24	25	26
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to share with you our new engagement platform **ngpsTALK**.

Northern Gateway Public Schools is excited to introduce a new platform, ngpsTalk, where stakeholders (students, staff, parents, community members) will have the opportunity to offer ideas, feedback and stories of their experiences and thoughts regarding schools and education. It allows students, parents, staff, community members to add their voice to support the work of our schools.

In order to access the ngpsTALK platform, you must register and have a login. We are encouraging staff, students, parents, and community members to register and participate in our current and upcoming projects.

The registration process is as follows:

- 1) go to [ngpstalk.ca](http://ngpstalk.ca)
- 2) click the register now button
- 3) fill in the short registration form
- 4) confirm your registration through an email sent to your inbox

Once confirmation is complete you are able to log in and participate in the active engagements.

Our first engagement is titled *What makes your school community shine?* In the spirit of the new year, we are kicking things off with a "feel good" discussion aimed at celebrating our schools.

**If you could only pick one thing, what is the one thing you would say makes your school community shine?**

We look forward to sharing your submissions and celebrating each and every one of our school communities!

As part of the registration drive, we are offering prizes to those who sign up.

- 1 'Family Fun Pack' prize per school community (all parent and community registrants names are entered into the draw; not students)
- 2 Grand Prizes which are new touchscreen Chromebooks (all registrants names are entered into the draw including students)

There will be promotional material and a school newsletter article coming out in the next few days regarding this. Please watch social media for more.

**Your voice is important! Register today to join the conversation - LET'S TALK!**

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