

EVERY STUDENT IS

- Known
- Valued
- Believed In



Saskatoon
Public Schools

January 13, 2021

FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Award of Excellence recipient exemplifies division's vision, goals

A Tommy Douglas Collegiate graduate who combined academic excellence with engagement in her school and community has received the 2020 Award of Excellence.

Jordan Friesen, a 2020 Tommy Douglas graduate, received the \$5,000 award presented by the Saskatoon Board of Education. The annual award is given to a graduate who best exemplifies the vision and goals of Saskatoon Public Schools based on academic excellence, personal qualities, leadership, and participation.

"Jordan is a shining example of a student who is working toward excellence in all areas, and who is a leader in her community," Principal Dave Fisher wrote in the nomination letter.

Other 2020 graduates nominated for the award were: Millie Jamieson, Aden Bowman Collegiate; Abdullah Qureshi, Bedford Road Collegiate; Seba El-Baroudy, Centennial Collegiate; Yiping Xue, Evan Hardy Collegiate; Eileen Knox, Marion M. Graham Collegiate; Alexander Shipowich, Mount Royal Collegiate; Andrey Caswell, Nutana Collegiate; Shane Murphy, Walter Murray Collegiate.


Other meeting highlights included:

- Trustees received a report on how the division's Counselling, Behaviour, and Safe Schools branch is focusing on student well-being. That includes Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools efforts around areas such as healthy relationships and diversity. There has also been additional emphasis on supporting students, staff, and families who are experiencing increased anxiety.
- Senior administration updated the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, with student and staff safety the top priority. The Level 3 status of large collegiates, isolation period for positive COVID cases, and Saskatchewan Health Authority notification process were part of the update.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at 5 p.m. Due to COVID-19 and physical distancing guidelines, members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. If you wish to attend please contact [Estelle Allington](mailto:Estelle.Allington@spsd.sk.ca), Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, to request the link to the virtual meeting.

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ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE



CHARACTER



ENGAGEMENT



WELL-BEING



ADEN BOWMAN
COLLEGIATE



BEDFORD ROAD
COLLEGIATE



CENTENNIAL
COLLEGIATE



EVAN HARDY
COLLEGIATE



MARION M. GRAHAM
COLLEGIATE



MOUNT ROYAL
COLLEGIATE



TOMMY DOUGLAS
COLLEGIATE



WALTER MURRAY
COLLEGIATE

Collegiate Open Houses are moving online!

Want to take a tour of a collegiate? Learn about the programs? Meet the staff?

All of this and more will be available online this February. Instead of in-person meetings, each collegiate will be welcoming prospective students and families into their schools virtually.

Visit www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca for more details.

UNSUNG HEROES

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
FEBRUARY 7-13, 2021



Your friendly neighbourhood school staff are going above and beyond this year, and we know they are doing more than meets the eye.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU—Who is an unsung hero in your school? Tell us how they make a difference, especially this year.

Visit www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/unsungheroes to tell us about a unsung hero in our schools, or share a message with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



Saskatoon Public Schools
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STAY TUNED

Our schools will hold **Virtual Kindergarten Open Houses** the spring. Until then, learn more about our Kindergarten program by visiting the Saskatoon Public Schools website.

There will be more opportunities to learn about Kindergarten in the new year. If you have questions or would like to register for September 2021, please contact your neighbourhood school.

www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/kindergarten

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 9 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 5 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15 Family Day Holiday

FEBRUARY 16-19 Feb. Break—no school

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MARCH 2 Final Day of Quint 3 for collegiate students

MARCH 4 First day of Quint 4 for collegiate students