

January 4-7, 2021.

Happy New Year from Aurora Middle School !

Staffing Announcement

Aurora Middle School is excited to announce our new Student Advocacy Counselor (SAC) **Ms. Sofia Ennest**, who begins her SAC duties as of January 4, 2021. Congratulations!

Online learning for January 4 - 7, 2021

We are receiving many questions from parents about what the week will look like for Monday January 4th through Thursday January 7th, 2021. (Friday is now a Family Friday with no school). Please make this clear to your child that this is NOT an extended holiday; just like the grade 7 through 12 students, online learning is rigorous, robust, regular curricular programming -- but just done remotely! There will be **attendance taken** each morning and each afternoon. Lessons with new content or instructions/directions will be recorded and uploaded to Google Classroom. Contact your teacher for a week-long daily schedule if you haven't yet received one. Teachers will be providing feedback and **assessing student work**, so learning continues, so your child's hard work will need to continue too! Unlike last year's closure of schools, your child **must still meet curricular outcomes** to progress to the next grade level, so please ensure students are taking this seriously. There is some speculation that if the status of COVID-19 continues to worsen in Alberta, that this online learning could be extended. While that is beyond the control of our school jurisdiction, we want parents to know that we are prepared to provide a rich program regardless of doing so remotely. Aurora is ready to guide your child through a much better remote learning experience for this first week in January and -- if need be -- beyond. **Parental support** in taking this week as seriously as any other week of school will be critical in your child's success.

Our Grade 5, 6, 7, and 8 students will have a daily schedule similar to the one they have in person, so be ready to have your child in online class or doing schoolwork from 8:50am through 3:30pm. Offerings for students in ECS through grade 4 will look a bit different, and your child's teacher will have a daily schedule for you and your child to follow. Mandatory attendance for Grade 4s will take place from **8:50am-9:50am** and again at **12:30pm-1:00pm**. We encourage you to speak to your child's teacher about any scheduling concerns for device access times while at home. Here's some resources for parents: [Google Classroom for Parents](#) [Google Classroom: A Guide for Parents](#)
[Joining Your Scheduled Class through Meet \(via Google Classroom\)](#)

Call for Parent Volunteers!

While BINGO operations are temporarily suspended due to the confirmed cases in Lac La Biche County, our future dates for BINGO worker days in 2021 are: **Jan 22, Feb 19, Apr 29, May 16, June 27, and Aug 28!** Enjoy a free meal while watching the bingo action and helping out the students of our school! The shift runs from 5pm to about 9pm and we require three people to work the shift. Free food and wonderful people make for a great Sunday night out. Please call or text our amazing and hard-working BINGO Fundraising parent volunteer coordinator Joyce Cloutier at (780) 623-8203 if you are able to volunteer.

Pre-Order Lunch and Snack Cards

All lunch orders must be made by midnight on the **Saturday before** that week of school. Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> to order for lunches or for concession cards. Our breakfast program still runs with all safety precautions in place. Service will be suspended until in-person classes resume.