



STS Saskatoon Chapter

JUNE 2026

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan is an organization of retired teachers who are dedicated to promoting the welfare of all superannuated teachers, and to maintaining the ties which bind them to fellow professionals. The STS Saskatoon Chapter has over 2900 members and is the largest Chapter in the organization.

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and encompassing the land of the Cree, Dakota, Nakota, Saulteaux and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Reconciliation and Treaty 6 are honoured and respected.



June Days

June for new retirees means packing up classrooms for the last time and wondering what to do next. Finally warm weather brings us summer. For all of us, may your summer be filled with many special joys: treasured moments with family, long walks in the sunshine, wonderful books, relaxing evenings on your deck, delicious barbecues, and happy travels wherever the season takes you.

Your 2025-2026 STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive



Back Row: Kaye Wolfater, Darlene Danyliw, Peter Stroh, Barbara Alberton, Freda Robinson, Corinne Morton, Randy Danyliw, Shirley Henderson, Jane Isinger, Zonia Krushelniski, Pat Orchard, Gladys Somerville, Karen Cymbalisky, Janet Christ, Tom German.
Front Row: Judy Pidskalny, Irma Kittelson, Lyle Markowski, Janet Lowndes, Bonnie Semenoff, Phyllis Wilson, Linda Ashley, Stella Shulhan, Rod Holowaty.
Missing: Linda Kindrachuk, Margaret Martin, Loretta Metzger, Diane Selby, and Carol Shanner.

The **STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive** is an active group of superannuated teachers, who work on a variety of sub-committees to plan, organize and share information for the members of the STS Saskatoon Chapter.

We welcome two new members to the 2026-2027 STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive: Hospitality—Lyn Carduner & Archives—Brenda Croft.

Congratulations to Jane Isinger and Bonnie Semenoff, who were elected to the 2026-2027 STS Provincial Executive.

**HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH... Have you moved?
Does the STS have your new email address?
Changed your phone number?**

**Send your updated information to the STS Provincial
Office so our Chapter can keep in touch with you! Call
306-373-3879 or Email: sts@sts.sk.ca**



*Remember the Luncheon
next Wednesday!*



Note: Ticket sales closed June 2.

Love to Walk?

Join the

Saskatoon Chapter Walking Club

Walks leave Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

Our Monthly Start Points will be:

June - Stonebridge north side of Circle Alliance Church off Preston Ave.

July - Lakewood dog park off Boychuk on Slimmon Rd.

August - the Weir off Spadina Cres.

For more information contact:

Loretta Metzger – metzgerl@shaw.ca





Spring
Golf Scramble

Tuesday, June 16
9:00 am

Texas

GREENBRYRE
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

To register email
Janet: jlchrist@sasktel.net
or call: 306-934-6722

\$39.75 Walking
\$59.25 Riding



ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A TEAM. There is still room for a few more golfers. It is always a GREAT TIME!

Register by Friday, June 13th for the Texas Scramble email Janet Christ, jlchrist@sasktel.net or call 306-934-6722.

Sew Much Fun

We are having personal sewing days on June 17 and 18. The afternoon of June 18 is set aside for our annual Sharing Time. Everyone is invited to bring something they made or are in the midst of making this year.

There will be treats! No pressure to bring anything to Sharing Time . . . come for the visiting and viewing!

Please register with Wanda at wandaldrew@gmail.com

STS Saskatoon Chapter...one day bus trip

Thursday, June 25, 2026

SOLD OUT

iew Colony



Cost: \$40

Buying tickets ...

or Registering for an activity...

eTransfer

Pay for tickets using e-transfer; send to:
saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com

Please include **your name(s), email address,**
and the name of the event you are registering/
purchasing tickets for in the Message Box.

**** Please DO NOT send e-transfers to
Judy's or Irma's email or cell number.****



Important Ticket Information

Beginning June 2026 and for all banquets going forward...

Anyone purchasing tickets *in person*, will receive a *printed numbered* ticket(s).

If purchasing tickets by **e-transfer**, you will receive a confirmation email with a *photo of a ticket*.

Assigned Table #s will be posted on charts near the banquet hall entrance. **There will be no ticket collection at the door, thus no line ups.** Reception hosts will be available to give seating information.

TICKET SALES...

For the Sep 16th Welcome Brunch (\$20)

Begin at the June Luncheon, June 10, 2026. Sales end Sep 8 or when sold out.

For the Dec 9th Christmas Banquet (\$25)

Begin at the end of the Welcome Brunch, Sep 15, 2026. Sales end Dec 1 or when sold out.

STS Explore Local

Another travel opportunity...*STS Explore Local* is a "private" Facebook Group open to members of Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan. We find activities and then members get together for short trips throughout Saskatchewan. Members should be prepared to help plan trips, provide ideas and actively engage in all aspects to the best of their ability. It is set up so any member can get an idea for a trip and post it on this Facebook page. People could get then get together and organize a trip. Last summer many went to the Bruno Cherry Festival; another time a group attended the play, Stag 'n Doe in Rosthern. Over this festive season, Christmas markets have been featured. Note to be a member, you must be given "permission" to be part of the group. **Open your Facebook page..**then search for **STS Explore Local**.

STAY IN THE KNOW! Find a wealth of information - something for everyone! Please peruse through the various links and opportunities for information that is pertinent for you.

Please take time to visit:

The **STS Saskatoon Chapter Website** at <http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca> [CLICK HERE](#) is a quick way to check out planned activities, acquire forms, become more familiar with membership benefits, and read **The Voice**.

The SPRING issue of The Voice is available to read and shows many upcoming events.[CLICK HERE](#).

Be sure to check out the **STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook** page - another fine way to stay current and in-touch with activities and announcements. [CLICK HERE](#)

Don't forget that **OUTREACH SPRING Edition** [CLICK HERE](#) is the provincial publication of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan and is available online in PDF form. It is an excellent resource for current updates and provincially planned recreation activities. You can look up previous issues of OUTREACH [CLICK HERE](#)



College of Education Centennial Anniversary

In 2027, the College of Education will mark its 100th anniversary through celebration, engagement, and storytelling.

College of Education Alumni Story Submissions

As we celebrate 100 years of the College of Education, we invite you to share a reflection, memory, or story from your time as a student or throughout your career in education. Please share a meaningful moment from your studies, an experience that shaped your teaching, or a personal or professional update you would like to share with the College community.

Share your stories, memories, career milestones, achievements, and life updates since you graduated (300-word limit) on the submission website:

<https://education.usask.ca/centennial/alumni-story-submissions.php>

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT!

If you change your address, email address or phone number, please contact the **STS Provincial Office** at 306-373-3879 or email sts@sts.sk.ca.

Need to contact the Provincial STS Office [CLICK HERE](#)

CHAPTER OUTREACH

Visits and phone calls can be a source of support, comfort, and a way to stay connected with others...



If you know of anyone who is a member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers and is hospitalized or considered a shut-in, please contact **Carol Shanner** at cshanner63@shaw.ca or **306-514-8415**.

We have a wonderful team of retired teachers who are willing to make contact with a phone call or a personal visit.



We have TWO (2) Health Plan Opportunities

Please review the information below on the Health Spending Account (HSA) and the Extended Health Plan. Please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 if you have any questions about either plan.

***Your HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT—
A Priority to Use!***

Your Health Spending Account runs until December 31.

HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT (HSA)

All STS Group Benefit Plan members (Primary Plan Holders) that enrolled in the Plan prior to January 1, 2025 have a Health Spending Account--\$200 if you have "Single" coverage, \$400 if you have "Couple" coverage, and \$460 if you have "Family" coverage. **This amount must be utilized before December 31, 2026. These allocations may be used by anyone covered by the Plan Holder and used for any health expenses allowed by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) which are not included in, or completely covered by, the STS Extended Health and Dental Plan.**

What if I didn't use my HSA in 2025? Health Spending Account funds remaining after the first year (2025) will be carried into the next calendar year to be utilized between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026.

Should you not have medical expenses, it is possible to use the HSA for reimbursement of premiums paid. If you wish to go that route, please contact the STS office (306-373-3879 or sts@sts.sk.ca). The office will provide a statement of premiums which would then be submitted to Saskatchewan Blue Cross. You do not need to wait until the annual premium statement is mailed out in January.

If you have any questions about your HSA coverage or the STS Group Benefit Plans (Extended Health and/or Dental), please contact the STS Office by email sts@sts.sk.ca or by telephone 306-373-3879.

STS Members - Know how to use the Extended Health Plan

The **\$500 vaccine benefit** that was authorized as of July 1, 2024 for members of the STS Extended Health Plan is **per person - \$500 for you and \$500 for your spouse if you are paying premiums for a couple** – and it is an annual amount, **so you have \$500 each**. Just a reminder that the plan will cover 80% of the vaccine cost and you will pay the other 20%. **If you have any questions about the STS Extended Health Plan, please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Saskatoon
Open Door
Society

Join Us! Volunteers Wanted!

Youth Study Group

Calling university students, retired school teachers, or individuals who are comfortable tutoring high school subjects.

Why Volunteer With Us?

- Gain tutoring experience
- Get strong reference letters
- Support youth in your community

Monday-Thursday
3:30-5:30 PM
@ Various High Schools

School-specific schedules will be provided to qualified volunteers.



**A High School-Based
Tutoring Program**

Contact Info

yzhao@sods.sk.ca

(306) 370-3681



www.sods.sk.ca

Welcoming. Connecting. *Belonging.*

Prairie Hospice Society - Volunteer With Us



Prairie Hospice Society is a charitable, non-profit community organization working to ensure access** to compassionate, community-based, end-of-life support in Saskatoon. Our goal is to enhance quality of life at the end of life, wherever people call home. We provide one-on-one companionship and non-medical support for clients and their families, raise awareness and educate the community about end-of-life care, and advocate for quality end-of-life care.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about Prairie Hospice.

Please contact Mary-Anne Parker for further information.

We'd love to have you on our team

**Mary-Anne Parker,
Quality Coordinator,
Prairie Hospice Society Inc.
302-506 25th St. E., Saskatoon, SK. S7K 4A7
306.249.5554
www.prairiehospice.org**



Need Transportation to a Chapter Event?

We have a Possible Solution

The Saskatoon Chapter would like to re-introduce a trial program to provide transportation to Daytime Chapter events.

We realize that some of our members may not drive anymore or currently have a medical condition that prohibits them from driving. We would like to offer a taxi voucher for a return trip to a daytime Chapter Event for these members. A member is limited to one event/year and vouchers will be dispersed on a first come basis. **If you are interested in receiving a voucher, please request a copy of the application form by sending an email to STS.Saskatoon@gmail.com. You may return your application to STS.Saskatoon@gmail.com or mail to J. Pidskalny, 111 Costigan Road, Saskatoon, SK S7J 3P5.**

Please ensure that the form is submitted at least two weeks in advance to ensure enough time to receive the taxi voucher by mail. If you do not have email or require more information, please call Judy @ 306-955-0026.



This information is included as we continuously add new members to our contact list.

Join the Saskatoon STS Chapter by becoming an Associate Member.

If you are or know a teacher who has left the teaching profession but has not met the requirements for superannuation/retirement eligibility, **you are invited to become an Associate Member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.** Also, we welcome superannuates **from other STS Chapters to consider becoming an associate member with the Saskatoon Chapter. An associate membership will ensure that you get up-to-date information about our many events**

while still maintaining contact with your 'home' chapter. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

Important Group Benefit Reminder

To all STS members who have *recently retired or are leaving another Group Benefit Plan* - there is a 60-day window to join the STS Group Benefits Plan – the Extended Health Plan including travel and/or the Dental Plan--*without having to provide medical evidence of good health*. It is possible to join later but you will be asked to provide medical evidence. **This same 60-day window applies to a spouse of a deceased superannuate or of a deceased active teacher, who must apply to become a member of STS and join the STS Group Benefit Plan without having to provide medical evidence of good health.**

JUST IN CASE you have missed taking time to check out lots of great information...you are just a CLICK away!

The Voice is a newsletter that is **currently published three times in the 2025-2026 year**. Please note that **The Voice will produce two editions in 2026-2027**.

To change reading ***The Voice*** to online only, or if there is a label error in your name or address, please contact Irma Kittelson at ijkitt@sasktel.net.**

Read THE VOICE ONLINE [CLICK HERE](#)

The **STS Provincial Newsletter, [OUTREACH](#)**, is also available to read online; contact the provincial office sts@sts.sk.ca to make a change to reading their newsletter.

Don't forget to follow us on FACEBOOK - STS SASKATOON CHAPTER

You can see photos of past events on [Facebook](#) or our Chapter website - <http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca> [CLICK HERE](#)

The right side of every page of our website has a contact link for contacting the Executive - messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Executive member.

On behalf of the STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive, Bonnie Semenoff and Darlene Danyliw are the Email Co-Chairs. If you wish to contact us with a question or clarification, our contact email address is info@stssaskatoon.ca.

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