



BORDEN SCHOOL
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Dear Borden School Families,

I apologize for this being a little late – there are some staffing pieces that I wanted to have finalized before sharing. I also am sorry for the length of this update.

In this update I will share information on the following topics: Attendance & Mental Health, Grad 2021, Staffing Updates & Classroom Teachers, Bell Schedule 2021-2022, Phys. Ed Training, Hot Weather Precautions, Final Day of School, Final Exams 2021, and PAA in 2021-2022.

Attendance and Mental Health:

The 2020-2021 school year has been challenging at times for students, families, and staff alike. In typical school years, June is a month where field trips and excursions have been joyful ways to end the year. Unfortunately, those same experiences will not be happening in 2021.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience that Borden School students have displayed all year, and we are eager to finish the year learning and growing together. We also understand that families and students need to maintain balance and mental health through the end of the school year. Please know that we are doing our best to support and engage all our students on a daily basis, and we will continue to do so through the end of the school year. We have noticed an increase in student absences lately for various family reasons. Please know that we understand the need and importance for these times, yet we still encourage students to attend school as often as possible.

Grade 2021:

The Grad ceremony is scheduled June 11th. It will be a small, invite-only event held outdoors. We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of Levi Gough, Takomee Kiskotagan, Jiho Lee, Jade Matte, and Emma Usselman.

Staffing Updates:

At this time, we can announce teacher staffing for the 2021-2022 school year. Support Staff updates will follow soon.

First of all, we are saying farewell to Baylee Kauk, Allison Dyck, and Nate Donauer.

Baylee will be transitioning to the Spirit eLearning online school next year. Baylee has been a dedicated Borden School teacher for nearly a decade! Please join me in wishing her all the best in the next chapter of her teaching career!

Allison Dyck will be on a maternity leave next year. Please join me in wishing her and her family health and safety as they will be welcoming the newest member of their family!

Nate Donauer will be moving on to new teaching opportunities outside of Borden School next year. Please join me in wishing him all the best as he is beginning his teaching journey.

Secondly, we are excited to welcome Laura Tebay and Blair Biech to our teaching staff at Borden School.

Laura worked at Borden School for the first part of the 2020-2021 school year where she quickly endeared herself to students and staff alike. We are very excited to welcome her back to Borden School!

Blair Biech is joining us from Lake Vista School. Blair is a top-notch teacher with multiple years of experience in several schools. We are excited to welcome her into our staff team!

Also, over the summer months, two Borden School staff members will get married and take the last name of their spouse. So, Miss MacKenzie Fisher will be Mrs. Martell and Miss Gina Smith will be Mrs. Moir for next year.

With the news outlined above, here is a look at the teacher assignments for the 2021-2022 school year:

Grades	Teacher
K	Mrs. Moir (formerly Miss Smith)
1-2	Miss Laura
3-4	Mrs. Troupe-Logue
5-6	Mrs. Biech
7-8	Mr. Morris, Mrs. Kaufmann, and Mrs. Martell (formerly Miss Fisher)
9-12	Mrs. Martell (formerly Miss Fisher), Mrs. Kaufmann, and Mr. Morris

Bell Schedule:

Next year, the school day is being lengthened by 3 minutes to a total of 315 instructional minutes in all Prairie Spirit School Division schools. This is the daily schedule for the 2021-2022 school year at Borden School:

Warning Bell 8:50
Period 1 8:55
Period 2 10:00
Break 11:05 – 11:20
Period 3 11:20
Lunch 12:25
Break 12:40 – 1:05
Warning Bell 1:05
Period 4 1:10
Period 5 2:10
Dismissal 3:10

Phys. Ed Training:

Sadly, there will be no Track & Field days or events at Borden School this year. Having said that, all of our Phys. Ed teachers have made a plan to practice, develop skills, and showcase skills within their Phys. Ed programs. Although this will not replace the event and the excitement of previous years, there will still be skills taught and competitions held (within cohorts).

Hot Weather Precautions:

In the same way that we have asked families to ensure adequate winter clothing, we are also asking that families are mindful of the heat. Please ensure that your children have a hat, sunscreen, and a functioning water bottle to help outdoor time on hot/sunny days be as safe and enjoyable as possible. Thank you for your support with this!

Final Day of School for K-8 Students:

The Final Day of school for K-8 students is Monday, June 28th. Progress Reports will be sent home for K-8 students on June 28th at the end of the school day. Families of students who are absent on the 28th will have Progress Reports emailed to them (physical copies can be distributed in the fall).

Final Exams 2021:

The Final Exam schedule for Grade 10-12 in the 2021 school year will be as follows:
Thursday, June 24th – Math (all Grade 10-12 students in a math class will write their final this day)
Friday, June 25th – Biology 30
Monday, June 28th – Chemistry 30

If students are not in the class with the scheduled final, they are not required to come to school those days (Grade 10 students have no finals on Friday, June 25th or on Monday, June 28th, and not every grade 11-12 student is taking both Bio and Chem).

Progress Reports for High School students will be available on Tuesday, June 29th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Families and students who are unable to pick up during that narrow timeframe will have progress reports emailed to them (physical copies can be distributed in the fall).

PAA in 2021-2022:

Students in Grades 7-10 will be required to take Practical and Applies Arts courses next year (these courses are Industrial Arts and Home Economics). Students in Grades 11-12 will have the option to take PAA courses next year.

At the time of writing this, students are still not able to travel on buses as a COVID restriction. If/when this restriction is lifted, the plan is to have students once again commute by bus to Langham for their PAA instruction.

Important Dates:

June 7 – No School for K-12 (prep day)
June 11 – Graduation
June 21 – Pizza Lunch
June 21 – Digital Awards Ceremony
June 24, 25, 28 – High School Final Exams
June 28 – Last day of school

Conclusion:

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have questions or would like to speak about anything at Borden School, please reach out to me. I can be reached by email at brody.morris@spiritsd.ca, a phone call to the school at (306) 997-2090, or you can call or text my cell phone which is (306) 371-2888. Your gracious support and kindness are always appreciated!

Brody Morris – Borden School Principal