



BORDEN SCHOOL

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Welcome Message:

Welcome back Bruin families! Our staff is excited for another school year and we look forward to greeting your students on the 5th of September. I hope all of you have had great summer breaks and that our students are rested and ready to go. New to our school this year will be Megan Ekstrand, who will be teaching grade 5/6 and we also welcome back a familiar face, Allison Dyck, who will be teaching Kindergarten as well as PE.

PAA Update:

Our grade 9-11 students will begin their PAA trips to Langham on the afternoon of September 5. Our 7/8 students will take PAA 'in-house' and remain in Borden this year. They will study a variety of modules all taken from Saskatchewan PAA curriculum guides including some wood-working, financial literacy, tourism, and Life Transitions.

Communication:

Communication between school and home is vital to student success. Please feel more than free to give the school or your child's teacher a call or email whenever you have questions or concerns. Also, if you could let us know if there have been **any changes to your contact information** that would ensure communication continues smoothly.

SCC:

The Borden School Community Council will be having their first meeting on Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:30PM in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend. They are also excited to share that they will begin the year with a "Welcome Back to School" BBQ. This event will be held on Wednesday, September 20th from 4:30PM until 7:00PM in the gym or outside – weather pending. This event is free and is open to our Borden School families. Our SCC and Borden School staff look forward to seeing you there.

Fall Athletics:

Back to school also means kick off to school sports. We have several activities starting in the first few weeks of the school year, please see the list below.

Senior Joint Sponsorships:

Students in grades 10 and 11 are eligible to participate in the following sports. If interested, please contact Mrs. Kaufmann either by calling the school or through email – nicole.kaufmann@spiritsd.ca.

- **6-Aside Sr. Football:**
 - This is a joint sponsorship with Hafford. Students would travel to Hafford to participate in this sport. Practice has already started so please contact Borden school immediately if you are interested in playing.
- **Sr. Boys Volleyball:**
 - This is a joint sponsorship with Hepburn. Students would travel to Hepburn to participate in this sport. Tryouts will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30pm-9pm in the Heritage Common Gymnasium.
- **Sr. Girls Volleyball:**
 - This is a joint sponsorship with VCA in Osler. Students would travel to Osler to participate in this sport. Contact Mrs. Kaufmann if you would like more details.
- **Sr. Boys Soccer:**
 - This is a joint sponsorship with WWB in Langham. Students would travel to Langham to participate in this sport. Contact Mrs. Kaufmann if you would like more details.

Junior Fall Sports:

- **Jr. Boys Volleyball:**
 - This year Ms. Junop and Mrs. Kaufmann will be coaching Jr. Boys volleyball. The program will expect respect for coaches, teammates, refs and fans. We want to provide a fun, discipline and developmental environment for our athletes. Sign up will be during the first week of classes. Practices will be scheduled for Tuesday and Thursdays.
- **Jr. Girls Volleyball:**
 - This year Mrs. Dyck and Mrs. Bezugly are going to provide the Jr. Girls volleyball program. The direction of the program will be dependent on the number of participants. Sign up will be during the first week of school. Practices will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesdays.

2023-2024 Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 5 - School year begins for students

Wednesday, September 6 – K Home Visits

Friday, September 8 – K Home Visits

Monday, September 11 – Kindergarten Orientation @ 9:00AM

Wednesday, September 13 – SCC Meeting @ 6:30PM

Tuesday, September 20 – SCC Welcome Back BBQ – 4:30PM to 7:00PM

Wednesday, September 20 – Picture Day with McMaster's

Friday, September 29 – No School - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes)

Friday, October 6 – No School for Students - Teacher Preparation Day

Monday, October 9 – No School for Students - Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, October 25 – Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, October 25 – Three-Way Conferences

Friday, October 27 – No School – Day in Lieu of Three-Way Conferences

Friday, November 10 – No School for Students - Teacher Preparation

Monday, November 13 – No School for Students - Day in recognition of Remembrance Day

Friday, December 22 - Last day of classes before winter break

Monday, January 8 - Classes resume

Wednesday, January 31 – No School for Students - Teacher Preparation

Friday, February 16 - Last day of classes before February break

Monday, February 26 - Classes resume

Friday, March 8 – No School – Day in Lieu of Three-Way Conferences

Monday, March 11 – No School for Students - Teacher Preparation/PD

Thursday, March 28 - Last day of classes before spring break

Monday, April 8 - Classes resume

Monday, April 22 – No School for Students - Teacher Preparation Day

Tuesday, April 23 – Three-Way Conferences

Friday, May 10 – No School for Students - Teacher Preparation/PD

Monday, May 20 – No School - Victoria Day

Monday, June 3 – No School for Students - Teacher Preparation Day

Thursday, June 27 - School year ends for students