



BORDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Borden Bruin Families,

This update has information on:

- Dressing for the weather
- Edsby
- Safety Drills
- SCC
- Extra-Curricular
- Fees and
- Dates to Remember

Dress for the Weather:

Dress warm. Temperatures will be dipping soon, and mornings can be a bit chilly – warm shoes, warm jackets, and even warm mitts at this time of year is not unusual. Students are expected to be prepared to go outside every day, and if there is ever an emergency in which students need to evacuate the building, students need to be prepared to go outside.

Edsby:

Edsby is a great tool for school and families to communicate, enter absences, and view the progress of each Borden Bruin. Thank you for your patience as we learn how to best utilize Edsby. If you would like to join, please email angelena.lukan@spiritsd.ca to receive an invitation.

Many internal groups have been created for sports and for specific grades/courses; invitations have been sent for you to join. We are also using Edsby for permission requests, and soon, families will be able to book Parent Teacher Interviews online through Edsby. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held Wednesday, October 25 from 3:30 to 8:30. You will receive a message in Edsby when it is time to book, along with directions.

Safety Drills:

Each year our school conducts safety drills to ensure students and staff know what to do in the event of a situation. The safety of our students is our primary concern.

Throughout the year, we will be conducting fire drills, lockdown drills, and hold and secure drills. A lockdown is activated when there is a threat inside or in the direct vicinity of the school building and there is an immediate risk. A hold and secure is activated when there is a serious emergency occurring outside the school and may pose a risk. When activated, staff and students follow the procedures they have been taught. Practicing is important so that everyone knows what to do, where to go and what to expect for each drill.

SCC Update:

The SCC provided and prepared delicious burgers, refreshments and fellowship with a welcome back BBQ on September 20th! Staff and students also helped cook, serve and set up games. It was a great afternoon and evening, and we are grateful to everyone who took the time to come out!

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 @ 6:30.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Activities are in full swing at Borden School with students participating in Cross Country, Junior Volleyball, Co-op Senior Volleyball, Co-op Senior Football, Co-op Senior Soccer, and SRC.

Coaches are helping students develop skills, learn sportsmanship, and create opportunities for students to learn and grow. It is a learning process. If you would like to discuss certain aspects of the game, how things are going, or an issue that you feel needs to be addressed with coaches, please reach out; however, we do ask that you practice the 24-hour rule before doing so; this process is recommended and supported by Prairie Spirit School Division. If you are new to sport and are not aware of what this is, it simply means to wait 24 hours before reaching out to coaches with your concerns.

Jr. Boys Volleyball:

The junior boys have been working hard in the gym to build their skills and refine their technique. Finding games has been a bit more difficult this year which has resulted in later scheduled game play, which will start October 13th at VCA. We are excited to hit the court and gain game experience as well as build relationships with teammates. Just a reminder the junior boys will be using the triple ball format for some of their games.

Jr. Girls Volleyball:

The Jr. Girls volleyball team has had a great start to the season, playing Hepburn last week and winning 3 out of 3 sets. We had a great opportunity to attend a tournament in Langham this past Saturday, the girls worked hard and won 2 out of their 3 games. It has been amazing to see how much they have improved over these past few weeks, working as a team, encouraging one another, and celebrating each other's success! We are looking forward to hosting Hepburn this Wednesday at 4pm, and would love to see fans from the community there to cheer us on!

Cross Country:

Our Cross Country athletes have had a busy month! We had a successful first meet in Langham on September 18th with eight athletes representing Borden. We have been working hard on improving our stamina and speed in preparation for the district meet this upcoming Wednesday, October 4th. We are proud of the progress and dedication these athletes have demonstrated during this short, exciting season!

Co-op Teams:

Senior athletes are grateful for the opportunities to play the sports they enjoy, joining Hepburn for volleyball, Langham for soccer, and Hafford for football. So far this season teams have shown a great deal of success. We will continue to support our Bruins with announcements and encouragement as they strive for excellence.

SRC:

Borden School SRC has started the year off strong with two senior student co-presidents who have already started planning the year ahead with the help of student members. Class reps have been decided on, and will be leading their grade peers as they contribute to the overall planning of activities for the school. Activities in the works include Halloween activities, spirit days, and the operation of Bruin Buckets on Fridays.

Fees:

Just a reminder to please send in your student fees (\$55 for Supply and Activity Fees and \$20/Sport – volleyball/cross country). Thank you kindly!

Dates to Remember:

2023-2024

Wednesday, October 4 – Cross Country Districts

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

Monday, October 9 – No School for Students - Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, October 11 – SCC Meeting @ 6:30PM

Wednesday, October 25 – Picture Retake Day
Wednesday, October 25 – Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 8:30)
Friday, October 27 – No School – Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, November 1 – Take Your Kids to Work Day – Grade 9s

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

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

Wednesday, December 13 – Christmas Program @ 7:00PM (Borden Community Hall)

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

Thursday, March 7 – Grade 7-12 Ski Trip

Friday, March 8 – No School – Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews

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 – Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 8:30)

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

Practices:

Jr. Girl's Volleyball – Monday/Wednesday (3:15-4:15)

Jr. Boy's Volleyball – Tuesday/Thursday (3:15-4:30)

Cross Country – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday (3:15-3:34)