



## **BORDEN SCHOOL**

*Achieving Success Together*

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### **Welcome Message:**

Welcome back families! We are excited for another school year and we look forward to greeting your students on the 3rd 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 Natalie Anderson, who will be teaching grade 7-8, Talon Hall, who will be teaching senior math and sciences, Rachel Baerg, who will be teaching grade 3-4, and MacKenzie Janzen, who is teaching Kindergarten; she is also our Learning Support Teacher. We also welcome back a familiar face, Gwen Dyck, who will be one of our Educational Associates.

### **Personal Electronic Devices in Borden School:**

1. Phones and personal electronic devices are not to be used in classrooms during class unless used temporarily for a very specific purpose and permission has been given by the principal to do so.
2. When entering a classroom, students must turn their phone OFF and place it in the phone daycare. They may pick it up upon exiting after the bell. Students may not have a phone on their person or within their reach during class.
3. Students may use their phones during non-instructional times such as breaks, at lunch, or on the bus.
4. If a student breaks these rules, the following will occur:
  - a. First offence – teacher confiscates the phone and returns it at the end of the class period.
  - b. Second offence – teacher confiscates the phone and it is held in the office until the end of the day when it can be picked up by the student.
  - c. Third offence – phone will be held at the office until a parent comes to pick it up.

### **PAA:**

Our grade 9-12 students will begin their PAA trips to Langham on the afternoon of September 3. 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 an Edsby message 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 shortly. Stay tuned for the date. 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 18th from 4:30PM until 6:30PM 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, 11, and 12 are eligible to participate in the following sports. If interested, please contact Taylor McGregor either by calling the school or through email – [taylor.mcgregor@spiritsd.ca](mailto:taylor.mcgregor@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 3rd 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 Taylor McGregor 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 Taylor McGregor if you would like more details.

### **Junior Fall Sports:**

- **Jr. Boys Volleyball:**

- This year Talon Hall and Trevor Gerwing 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 from 3:15-4:30 with the first practice on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hall is currently putting together a schedule with will be shared when games and tournaments are finalized.

- **Jr. Girls Volleyball:**

- This year Natalie Anderson is going to provide the Jr. Girls volleyball program. The direction of the program will be dependent on the number of participates. Sign up will be during the first week of school. Practices will be scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:20-4:30. The first game is in Maymont on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. More games will be scheduled throughout the season and communicated through Edsby.

- **Cross Country:**

- Taylor McGregor will be coaching cross country once again this year. Students in grades 4-12 may sign up for cross country the first week of school. Practices will be from 3:15-3:45 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. Practices will begin on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The first meet will be on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in Langham. More information to come.

### **Progress Reports:**

Borden School will be continuing this year as a pilot for using Edsby to communicate continuous student learning. We will be using the Learning Story and the Gradebook to show student progress. Because of this new practice, students in grades 1-9 will have two reporting periods: February 7, 2025 and June 26, 2025.

### **Healthy Hunger:**

The Hot Lunch Committee is continuing our hot lunch program through Healthy Hunger. With this program, you will be asked to place student orders online and to pay online. It will be a quick and easy way to organize upcoming events with vendors such as Boston Pizza, Subway, Pizza Hut, and more. This program only allows for online purchasing; we will not be able to accept payment at the office for these hot lunches.

We will also be organizing other hot lunches in-house, like a hot dog and bag of chips hot lunch. For these events orders and payment will also be through Healthy Hunger.

For directions on how to create an account and for other information, please see River News in Edsby.

### **Permission to Leave:**

All students in grade 7-12 are allowed to leave the school during recess and lunch breaks provided they have permission from their parents. Forms were sent through Edsby for families to complete. Thank you.

### **Student Fees:**

The student activity and supply fees are due. Please visit Rycor to access your child/ren's account to submit payment online. If you wish to use a cheque, please make payable to Borden School. Thank you.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Stay informed! These dates are also communicated through Edsby. Look for the "Sneak Peek at the Week" banner in River News. The "Sneak Peek at the Week" is updated once per week and includes important dates until the end of the school year.

### **2024-2025**

Tuesday, September 3 - School year begins for students

Monday, September 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day with Kindergarten students

Friday, September 13 – Terry Fox Walk

Wednesday, September 18 – **School Picture Day**

Monday, September 23 - Teacher Preparation/PD Day **(no classes)**

Friday, September 27 – Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation **(no classes)**

Friday, October 11 - Teacher Preparation Day **(no classes)**

Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving Day **(no classes)**

Wednesday, October 16 – **Picture Retake Day**

Thursday, October 24 – **Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 – 8:30)**

Friday, October 25 - Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews **(no classes)**

Friday, November 8 - Teacher Preparation (no classes)

Monday, November 11 - Remembrance Day (no classes)

Monday, December 2 - Teacher Preparation/PD Day (no classes)

Friday, December 20 - Last day of classes before winter break

Monday, January 6 - Classes resume

Friday, January 31 - Teacher Preparation (no classes)

Friday, February 14 - Last day of classes before February break

Monday, February 24 - Classes resume

Friday, March 7 – Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

Monday, March 10 - Teacher Preparation/PD (no classes)

Thursday, April 3 – Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 – 8:30)

Thursday, April 17 - Last day of classes before spring break

Monday, April 28 - Classes resume

Friday, May 9 - Teacher Preparation (no classes)

Monday, May 19 - Victoria Day (no classes)

Friday, June 13 – Grade 12 Graduation

Thursday, June 26 - School year ends for students