



# BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## October 24-28, 2022 Weekly Update

Good Afternoon,

This week we held the first school-wide assembly in nearly 3 years! The Cougars welcomed Jason Simon, a retired professional hockey player, who shared his journey with the students. The theme was around perseverance and believing in oneself to achieve personal goals and dreams. The students were engaged throughout and many took the opportunity to pick up an autographed hockey card and snap a picture with him.

Leadership and PE students partnered with Interior Coast Savings on a local food drive throughout the week as well.

Leadership students also began to decorate the school for Halloween and are in the planning stages of a number of Halloween activities, including a pumpkin carving contest and a costume parade. Check below for reminders about school appropriate Halloween costumes.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our community for their generous support of our Grads Bottle Drive. The Grads raised nearly \$5900 towards their Graduation activities, thanks to the generosity of our community!

### Proficiency Scale Assessment

At the October PAC meeting I shared information about Barriere Secondary School's move to the use of Proficiency Scale Assessment. This framework of assessment replaces the traditional grading model. The move to this scale of reporting is a Province-wide shift and aligns our work with Barriere Elementary School and the rest of SD73 Reporting for Kindergarten through Grade 9 students. year that will see all classroom teachers use Proficiency Scales to communicate student learning.

#### *Why the Shift?*

Proficiency Scales are based on communicating and describing each student's growth and progression along a continuum of learning. All reports will continue to reflect strengths, areas for improvement and ways to deepen learning.

### PROFICIENCY LEVEL

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
<i>The student is beginning to demonstrate basic knowledge in relation to the learning standards</i>	<i>The student demonstrated some knowledge in relation to learning standards</i>	<i>The student demonstrated good knowledge in relation to the learning standards</i>	<i>The student demonstrated knowledge beyond the learning standards</i>
<i>Works with ongoing support</i>	<i>Works with some support</i>	<i>Works independently</i>	<i>Works independently and supports the learning of others</i>

We believe it is important for families to receive information about their child(ren)'s learning. Some of the benefits of shifting to the Proficiency Scale include:

- Focus on learning as a continual process;
- Support an improved understanding of learning by focussing on next steps;
- Promote a growth-mindset, and;
- Foster hope for a successful future.

### **Halloween Costumes**

For students planning to wear a costume to school on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>, please ensure the costume meets the standards outlined in the SD73 [Student Dress Code Administrative Procedure 350.2](#) Further, no replica weapons nor full face masks should be a part a student's costume.

### **School Fees**

School Fees are now **past due**. [Please go to school cash online to pay your school fees](#). If you need assistance navigating the online payment system. Please contact Mrs. Luison in the office.

### **Cafeteria - Next Week's Menu**

Monday, Oct. 24 -Chicken Caesar Wrap \$4.50 or Taco Bowl Salad \$6

Tuesday, Oct. 25 - Beef Barley Soup w/Biscuit \$4.50 or Chicken Enchilada w/Spanish rice\$6

Wed., Oct. 26 - Grilled Ham and Cheese w/veggies \$4.50 or Chicken dinner w/mashed potatoes and veggies \$6

Thursday, Oct. 27 - Greek Wrap \$4.50 or Perogies and sausage w/onions and bacon\$6

Friday, Oct. 28 - Tuna Melt w/veggies \$4.50 or Sausage & Penne Bake w/garlic toast. \$6

John Tyler

Principal

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