



# BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## September 10, 2021 Updates from Barriere Secondary

Good Afternoon

It has been an excellent first week back in classes for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. I have enjoyed meeting and speaking with students throughout the week. I have appreciated the warm welcome from everyone throughout our school community.

Today we held an assembly for each grade, 7 through 9. Monday we will bring each of our grade 10 through 12 groups together. These assemblies focus on starting the year on a positive note and it is an opportunity for Mr. McVittie and myself to share expectations that help us all to achieve success throughout the year.

Below you will find several reminders and a few events or news that is on the horizon as we work through September. I hope that the transition of back to school routines has been relatively smooth in your homes, as a parent of two, I know from experience that this week can be an adjustment from the freedom of summer schedules to more regular routines.

Enjoy the weekend ahead!

### **Next week**

**Monday** –Grade 10, 11 and 12 assemblies

PAC Meeting at 5:30pm in the Library (Visitor CDPP information listed below)

**Tuesday** – Breakfast program (provided for all students)

**Thursday** – Breakfast program (provided for all students)

### **Start –Up Packages**

Earlier this week, your child(ren) should have brought home a package of forms. The cover form indicates which forms need to be signed and returned and which forms stay home for your reference. Sheets that indicate 'return to school' are due now. Please return them ASAP to the main office. by

Please note that some courses and activities require additional fees. Across District 73 online payments will be made available. We are currently targeting mid-September to launch our SchoolCashOnline system. This system provides a secure system for fees to be paid from the comfort of your home or office. We encourage everyone to sign up. Details will be distributed next week.

### **Breakfast Program**

As part of our commitment to providing a healthy school, we are once again offering a free breakfast twice a week for all students. Designate Breakfast Program days will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

### **Extra-curricular**

We are pleased to be offering extra –curricular activities again this year. Sign has begun for fall sports. Students are encouraged to indicate their intent to participate by signing up at school. We are currently planning for the following teams to participate in Fall Sports:

Boys – Grade 7 through 12 Soccer

Girls – Grade 7/8 Volleyball, Grade 9/10 Volleyball, Grade 11/12 Volleyball

Clubs will be offered beginning later this month

### **PAC**

Our first PAC meeting will be held at the school in the library on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. We are excited to be meeting in person again this year. Please ensure that you follow the [SD73](#) and [Barriere Secondary School Communicable Disease Prevention Plan Visitor protocols](#), including signing in upon entry at the main entrance. PAC is a great way to stay connected and be involved in the High School experience. Come out and join us Monday!

### **Future Events**

School Wide September 21 Terry Fox Run –

Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day no classes for students

Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day

Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

John Tyler

Principal

Barriere Secondary School