



# BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## September 12-16, 2022 Weekly Update

Good Afternoon.

The first week of this school year is behind us. BSS held the first Camp Cougar where students engaged in a number of activities that focused on Core Competencies as well as physical/mental health activities and student voice session designed to provide an opportunity to share ideas directly with school leaders on issues of school safety and school improvement. The last day students participated in a Cougar version of the Amazing Race and lunch was provided for all students.

One activity had students design a T-Shirt. The Tie Dye station was extremely popular! Students should be bringing home their designed t-shirt including the instructions on the final steps of the creation. Throughout this week Mrs. Fennell and our Office Admin team worked exceptionally hard to adjust schedules based on student needs. As a result, we anticipate that there should be few disruptions next week when full scheduled classes begin. On Monday morning, all students should report to the Assigned A block class.

### **Athletics**

The Sr Girls Volleyball team held their first practice last night. There was also an open drop-in session for all boys interested in Volleyball. Next week other teams will begin practising. Students are encouraged to sign up for fall sports. The sign up sheets are posted outside of the gym (across from the Art room).

### **PAC**

The first PAC meeting of the year takes place on Monday in the library at 5:30pm. Please join this group, it is a great way for parents to stay connected with the school as children work their way through the high school years!

The first meeting of the year includes Elections. There are a number of opportunities available.

The positions in PAC executive are as follows:

***Chairperson-*** chairs the meetings, distributes the previous minutes, creates the agenda

***Vice Chairperson-*** assists Chairperson, fills in when Chairperson not available

***Secretary-*** takes the minutes and makes them available for the membership

***Treasurer-*** keeps track of the financials, provides summary for the meetings

### **DRY GRAD 2023**

The first Dry Grad planning meeting takes place at 6:30 on Monday in the library. Grads are encouraged to attend with their adult!

### **VERIFICATION FORMS**

On the first day of school, students were given a verification package to bring home. Please ensure these forms are returned ASAP, if the package has not been returned already.

## **GRADE 7 COUGARS**

The Grade 7 students appeared to enjoy the Camp Cougar week this week. Mr. McVittie and I will be meeting with the Grade 7 classes next week to discuss a number of key items that help students transition to the school and keep them safe here at the school. One item that we ask families to support us with - Grade 7 students are expected to remain on school property throughout the school day (they are not to leave at lunch). We typically review this expectation after Spring Break and will communicate with families if anything changes at that time.

### **Breakfast Program**

The Breakfast Program began this week. Breakfast is available to all students Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

Mon., Sept 12 - Chicken, veggie, rice soup with biscuit -\$4.50 or Taco bowl salad - \$6

Tues., Sept 13 - Ham, cheese & lettuce sandwich with veggies - \$4.50 or Perogies & sausage - \$6

Wed., Sept 14 - Club wrap - \$4.50 or Shepherd's pie - \$6

Thur., Sept 15 - Tortellini with garlic toast - \$4.50 or Butter chicken with rice & pita - \$6

Fri., Sept 16 - Creamy broccoli soup with herb bread - \$4.50 or Chicken quesadilla with Spanish rice - \$6

### **Barriere Outdoor Club Amazing Race**

Come join the Amazing Race at the Barriere Forks Trails on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for some great FUN! Teams of two race to the finish. Registration is \$10 per team. For more information contact Louise Lodge at 250-879-1268.

### **Looking Ahead**

Looking ahead, September 19<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development Day (no classes for students) and September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school is closed)

Have a great weekend ahead!

John Tyler  
Principal  
Barriere Secondary School