



BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back: September 6th-9th Weekly Update

Good Afternoon.

Welcome back to returning students and families and welcome to new students and families! This email contains a number of items, I hope you find it useful as we return to school next week. For those families new to BSS, I aim to send out a Weekly Update at the end of each week.

The Custodial and Clerical teams have been hard at work to ensure that everything is ready for students' return to school. The school looks immaculate and course schedules have been completed.

First Week

Tuesday the school re-opens for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes are scheduled 10:30-12:30. When students arrive, they will find a table located in the cafeteria sorted by grade level. Students check in at the appropriate table to pick up the course timetable and verification package. Students will then attend each class and teacher for approximately 25 minutes. Buses will pick students up at approximately 12:40 p.m.

On the first day, students should bring a minimum of a binder/book and something to take notes with. Students will receive a locker and combination lock on Wednesday so they may wish to bring more materials then and leave them in the newly assigned locker. Students may also wish to meet with teachers and learn more detailed supply requirements based on classes.

One of the key elements identified by students and staff last year, include strengthening school culture and community. To begin the year on a positive note and kick off our work in this area, I am pleased to share that Wednesday through Friday, instruction will focus on building a positive learning community. Camp Cougar will take place Wednesday through Friday and is designed to transition students for a successful school year. Lessons will cover a variety of different content including the Core Competencies.

Staff Changes

Over the summer, Ms. Dohla was appointed as the Vice Principal at Sahali Secondary. Ms. Dohla's commitment to her classroom and our school community will be missed. I know that students and families join me in wishing her every success in her new role.

This year I welcome Ms. Balogh, Ms. Foxall, Ms. Harpman, Ms. Pellegrino and Mr. O'Reilly as new teachers in the Cougar Community.

Course Changes

Occasionally students find that they require course changes in order to meet Graduation or Post Secondary requirements, or, in the unlikely event that a student has failed a previous course and has been incorrectly assigned. Should a student require a course change based on the above criteria, please request an appointment and continue to attend all classes on the original schedule, until such time as Mrs. Fennell is able to attend to the requested change.

Fees and Forms

On the first day of school, students will be given a verification package to bring home. Please follow the instructions and return any necessary forms no later **Friday September 9th**. All fees will be posted through the [SchoolCashOnline](#) system again this year. Invoices for Semester 1 fees will be handed out to students and attached to the SchoolCashOnline on September 22nd.

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program will begin 2 days per week. During the first week, the program will be available Wednesday and Thursday.

PAC

The first PAC meeting of the year will be Monday September 12th at 5:30pm in the library. This is a great way to stay connected with the school and support student activities and the school community.

Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

Following Provincial and Interior Health recommendations, SD73 continues to evolve the District CDPP. [The current Plan is available here](#). BSS and SD73 will continue to work with Health partners and evolve our planning as required.

John Tyler
Principal