

Dear EFCHS/AHCFA Families,

We hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying the beautiful fall season. As we embrace the crisp October air and the vibrant colors of autumn, we are excited to share some important updates and events happening at our school this month.

Did you know that if you want more details, you can view the daily announcements on our website at [Daily In-School Announcements \(foothillsschooldivision.ca\)?](https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca)

Cell Phones Policy

The new policies we have implemented continue to go well. We have heard a lot of positive feedback from various members of our community, including students!

We are having to remind students that spares are considered instructional time in the school. Students who have spare time can go to the learning commons to use a laptop to complete schoolwork. They are not permitted to use their phones.

School Council

- Our first meeting is October 8th at 6:30 and you can attend either virtually or in person. We will send out a link on the day of the meeting. If you attend in person, there will be snacks!
- There are many ways you can be involved in supporting our school. We also have an Athletics Society and a Fine Arts Society. See dates below for more details.

Other Updates

- As the weather gets cooler, school opens at 7:45 when the first bus arrives. Please do not drop off your child before then, unless they have an early practice.
- Twenty seven students have signed up for our Yearbook committee and our first meeting was yesterday. Our administrators are leading this committee and Lifetouch are supporting us and providing training for the yearbook students.
- Volleyball, Soccer, Football and Cross Country are actively running this month.
- Welcome to Kathy Layton, our new Cosmetology Instructor!
- If your child was in band last year, please ensure their uniform was returned, or check in with Ms. Ashcroft to make arrangements to continue to use the uniform for the year.
- 3-credit concert choir is now running every Tuesday at lunch in the music room.

- Our student blood donation club will be donating on October 22nd. The Fifteen appointments were filled almost instantly for this date. What thoughtful students!

Surveys

- Every year we are required to conduct student surveys, but we tend to have few responses. To improve student responses, we will be having students complete a survey on October 17th at 3:00. They will be permitted to use their phones during that time if the teacher doesn't have Chromebooks available. Using cell phones is not ideal, but we want to make sure the voices of our students are heard!

Academic Advisor information

In September, the Academic Advisors hosted two presentations on how to apply to post-secondary and what to expect in life after high school! If you were not able to attend, please visit our [website](#).

- Start by viewing the "Grade 12 Checklist" then move through the website from there. All our "how to" instructions are provided on the website.

Slides from the "Life After High School" presentation have been posted here: [Academic Advisors \(foothillsschooldivision.ca\)](#)

Learning Coach Individual Learning Plan Information

If your child has an ILP (Individual Support Plan), it will be ready for you to view and sign effective Oct 21st.

Please see the attached instructions to view your child's ILP on the portal system.

Teachers have indicated the strategies they are using with your child. At the end of Semester 1 (end of January), teachers will complete a "Review of Strategies" and indicate on the ILP the successful strategies that were proven effective for your child's learning. The ILP is a live document and evolves throughout the school year and is a collaborative document.

Please book a PT interview with your child's teacher(s) if you wish to discuss your child's ILP further related to specific strategies and goals used within a specific subject area.

Important Dates

Thursday October 3rd -Foothills Falcons Athletic Association meeting (Learning Commons 4pm)

Thursday October 3rd- Fine Arts Society meeting (virtual) 7 pm

Tuesday October 8th - School (Parent) Council meeting 6 pm

Thursday October 10th- Awards night 7 pm for 2023/24 School Year

Monday October 14th- Thanksgiving- No school

Monday October 21st -Grad Parent Committee meeting 6 pm

Monday, October 21st: -ELAA Post Secondary Event 6 pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, October 24th- Sweet Show Case in the Large Gym 6pm (fundraiser for the Fine Arts)

November 1st – P.D. day. No school for students

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our admin team,

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