

September 21, 2024

Welcome Back!

As we settle into the rhythm of the new school year, we hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for new learning experiences! As an administrative team, we are very thrilled with the vibe in the school and the maturity students are displaying, especially with the new cell phone policies being put into place. We appreciate everyone's support!

We are having an Open House Thursday September 19th from 4:00-6:00. This is an opportunity for students to show their families where they spend their days! Teachers will be in the building to share what the students are learning and the curriculum outcomes. Teachers will not be sharing individual information for each student at that time, but you are always welcome to check marks in Edsembli and contact the teacher for more information.

Communication and collaboration between school and home are essential for student success. We encourage you to check our website regularly for updates. We encourage you to reach out to your child's grade level administrator at any time.

Interested in knowing what is happening in the school? Attend our school council meetings which take place every second Tuesday of the month. 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! Did you know we also have a Fine Arts Society and an Athletics Society? If you are interested, reach out!

Updates

- We are going to have a Yearbook this year, but it may look a little different than in previous years. Next week we are meeting with students to get the ball rolling! If you are a parent with a skill set in this area and want to help, contact us!
- Many Sports have started up, including Volleyball, Soccer, Golf, Football and Cross Country. Please note there will be no backpacks or bags permitted during home games this season
- There are some choir and band trips coming up
- Six of our students are involved with a student exchange to Spain and Quebec through Alberta Education the exchange students will be arriving at our school soon!
- Life After High School Presentation (Parents and Students) on September 25th at 6pm in the AHSFA theater. This informative presentation will help guide students and parents through the post-secondary application process, scholarships, and what to do in preparation for students' next steps.
- Timetables are now complete, and we will be assigning school fees and sending emails once assigned

We welcomed several new staff this year!

- Band teacher- Emma Ashcroft
- Art Teacher- Shauna Kelly
- Math teacher- Gary Lipon
- Mechanics teacher – Jeff Laslo
- Learning Coach -Cassi James
- Science Teacher- Mattias Strom
- Academic Counselor- Raji Samra
- Secretary – Tamara Watkins
- Learning Commons Facilitator- Carla Nott
- Wellness Counselor (replacing Jamie Malcolm’s position)- Sabrina Hayward
- New and returning Educational Assistants – Sbeydy Garcia, Jordan Harpell, Rachelle Droit and Jaquie Ragudo

Important Upcoming Dates:

Thursday September 19th - Open House 4:00-6:00

Wednesday, September 25th - Life After High School Presentation (Parents and Students) 6:00pm

Thursday September 26th - Orange Shirt Day

Friday September 27th- P.D. Day - No school for students

Monday, September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No school

Tuesday, October 1st - Picture Day

Tuesday October 8th - School (Parent) Council meeting

Monday October 14th - Thanksgiving- No school

Monday October 24th - Sweet Show Case

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a wonderful school year!

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