

WOLFPACK HOWLER



Principal's Message

Hello everyone and welcome back. Along with the staff here at Woodhaven I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you face to face. While the typical school start up is a busy time, this year we have been working even harder to ensure we are doing all we can to make our school safe for our students and staff.

PSD Re-Entry Survey

As you recall, you were asked to complete the PSD Return To School Survey in early August. The survey outlined the educational options the school division is providing for the upcoming school year. With over 450 responses, we have spent much of the last two weeks calling those who expressed your questions and concerns within the survey results. Thank you for completing the survey; you have done much to facilitate our planning for the upcoming school year. You'll recall, the survey provided four options for parents and guardians. Two of these, options one and two, meant that your child would remain here at Woodhaven. For the many parents and guardians who chose option one, a full time return to classes

Pandemic Response

Without question, this will be a very different school year for your child. Many of you have questions, concerns, and have even acknowledged being apprehensive about school re-entry. We get it.

To address these questions, we have compiled for parents and guardians a [handbook](#) that outlines the protocols and procedures we will be following to ensure we can make the school as safe as possible for students and staff as we can. That said, like your child's education, we all are partners in keeping children safe during this pandemic. And while the uncertainty surrounding school re-entry may make some feel like there are many situations and circumstances are beyond their control, it is the simplest behaviors that are well within our control that will make the biggest difference in keeping everyone safe. Handwashing, mask wearing, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, and being aware of physical distancing are all relatively straightforward behaviors that empower each of us to protect ourselves and others. It is also important to have ongoing discussions with children, both at home and (Cont. on pg. 2)

with additional safety protocols, we will begin with a staggered re-entry, your child's first day of classes will be either Monday, August 31st or Tuesday, September 1st. (As a reminder, if your child attends on August 31st, they are not to attend on Sept. 1st). As I mentioned in my video message, on these days we will be working on establishing routines and procedures for handwashing/sterilization, when, where and how to wear masks, and the do's and don'ts of physical distancing amongst other things. All option one students will return on Wednesday Sept 2nd. If you have yet to be contacted regarding your child's start date please contact the office. For those of you who have selected option two, you can expect that our online learning component will begin on Tuesday Sept. 8th. Shortly, you will be receiving an email outlining our approach for educating your child this year.

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Key Dates:

Staggered Entry

Aug. 31st/Sept. 1st

First Full Day for All Students

Sept. 2nd

Option 2 Online School Start

Sept. 8th

Meet the Staff BBQ

Postponed

School Council Meeting

Sept. 16th

Principal's Message (con't)

On Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st, grade seven, eight, and nine students should assemble near their respective entry/exit door, grade five's and sixes' are to assemble in the field east of the parking lot (cenotaph).

(Cont. from pg. 1) at school: not only to reinforce proper behaviors, but also as to check up on their emotional well-being. As a parent or guardian, perhaps the most important thing you can do is keep your child home and have them tested if they are displaying any COVID-19 related symptoms. You'll find information on this and other topics in our [Re-Entry Notes for Parents and Guardians on pg. 7](#) of this newsletter.

Aug. 31st/Sept. 1st Staggered Re-Entry

Over the past few days you have received a message from child's homeroom teacher outlining details of where and when they should be upon arrival at school. It is very important that students arrive no sooner than 8:15 am. Students are expected to wear their masks as they enter the building. Another important detail I need to share with you is that there will be no microwaves available for the foreseeable future. Please ensure you pack a lunch that does not require re/heating. Opposite of this page you can see the entrances/exits students will assemble for the 8:15 entry to the school. While grade, seven, eight, and nine students should assemble near their respective entry/exit door, grade five's and sixes' are to assemble in the field east of the parking lot (cenotaph). When you arrive at the school you will notice staff holding colour coded signs indicating where students

should assemble. While we know everyone is looking forward to connecting with friends again, students will be encouraged to social distance in these assembly areas. Please keep your eye out for:

Grade 5: Yellow
Grade 6: Blue
Grade 7: Purple
Grade 8: Orange
Grade 9: Green

Due to staggered breaks this year, there is the chance that siblings may not have the same recesses and lunches. If you have an older sibling bringing a younger sister or brother to school, I ask that you establish a meeting point for dismissal away from the entrances/exits in order to respect physical distancing. Unfortunately, parents and guardians will not be permitted to accompany their children into the school; for the safety of all of us in the Woodhaven community, this is simply not permitted at this time. In my many conversations with the parents and guardians of grade five students and those of students new to our school I, along with my staff, completely appreciate the anxiety your child may be experiencing and, as parents ourselves, we understand how difficult this is for you. Please know we have been working diligently since the beginning of August to ensure a safe and comfortable re-entry to classes. That said, we need to ask for your patience and co-

operation. We know our students are resilient; soon enough these routines and behaviors will be a part of daily life and Woodhaven.

Construction Update

Our construction partners have done much work over, and leading up to, the summer. As a result, we can expect to be in our new addition soon after fall break. If new and shiny isn't enough, we will gain five additional classrooms, a massive three court gymnasium, two common areas that will serve as additional learning spaces for students, and perhaps most importantly, an additional washroom amongst many other things. When we move to the new addition, our construction partners will move into the existing building in order to begin extensive renovations. We hope to occupy both sides by the 2021-22 school year (more on this on pg. 6).

Though we are an educational institution the safety of our students and staff always has, and always will be, our number one priority. While last year was a trying year for everyone, I can assure you that in the twelve months I have been the principal at Woodhaven I quickly recognized that the care and dedication the staff have towards all students is second to none: your kids are in very, very good hands. I for one am very much looking forward to welcoming everyone 'back to the 'Pack'. I hope to see many of you next week.

-Mr. Shaw

Woodhaven Entrance/Exit Map



School Council Meeting Notes: Why School Council?

The next School Council meeting will be held virtual via Google Meet on Weds, Sept. 16th at 6:00pm.

Our regular monthly meetings held on the **third teaching Wednesday of the month**, provides parents, guardians, and community members the opportunity to have a voice on matters such as the education plan, school procedures, programming priorities, and to work with teachers, support staff, administrators, and quite often, school trustees to promote student learning and enhance student well-being.

School Council meetings also provides parents and guardians with the opportunity pose questions and provide input to improve the Woodhaven School Community. The September meeting will also serve as our annual general meeting (AGM). While no commitment is required, we invite you to consider participating in School Council elections. Due to COVID-19, the September School Council

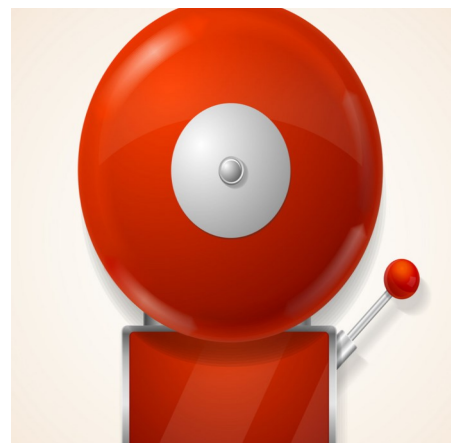
Meeting will be virtual. We ask that you keep an eye on your inbox for an invitation about a week before the 16th. We would also ask that you RSVP so we can send you the link. If you would like to join but aren't quite as confident with GMeets as you'd like, please contact the office for support. Though we are 'virtual' for now, we hope to see you very soon.

Good News! You can now access all School Council and Parent Assoc. meeting minutes online. You can find other information about us and what we do for Woodhaven at <https://woodhaven.psd70.ab.ca/Parent%20Council.php>

WOODHAVEN BELL SCHEDULE 2020-2021

Due to COVID—19 protocols dismissal times will be slightly staggered for some students.

8:22am - 8:25am	Warning Bell
8:25 am - 9:11 am	Block 1
9:14 am - 10:00 am	Block 2
10:00 am—10:15 am	Recess
10:18 am -11:04 am	Block 3
11:07 am -11:53 am	Block 4
11:53 am - 12:16 am (Pt. 1)	Lunch Break
11:16 am - 12:39pm (Pt. 2)	Lunch Break
12:39 pm - 12:42 pm	Warning Bell
12:42 pm - 1:28 pm	Block 5
1:31 pm - 2:17 pm	Block 6
2:22 pm - 3:06 pm	Block 7
3:15 pm	Bus Departure



Reporting Absences

For the safety and success of our students it is important that parents/guardians inform the school when your child is, or will be, absent from school. Please call (780) 962-2626 or email woodhaven@psd70.ab.ca in order to let us know when your child will be absent. If no one is available to answer the call, please leave a message on our answering machine.

Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Maranatha Christian Program (MCP) Highlights

Chapel

In order to honour restrictions related to social distancing, for the beginning of the 20-21 school year, chapel will be limited to individual class cohorts. Worship in class will focus on fellowship and relationship building.

Spiritual Retreat

Unfortunately, the much anticipated spiritual retreat has been cancelled for this year.

For more information please visit our website:

<https://woodhaven.psd70.ab.ca/MCP.php>

Maranatha

Woodhaven Welcomes Mrs. Jill Stankov Counselling Practicum

Woodhaven is extremely happy to welcome Mrs. Jill Stankov to Woodhaven for the 2020-21 school year. Mrs. Stankov has been a teacher in Parkland School division for several years. She is currently a junior high humanities and fine arts teacher at Wabamun School. Recently, she has been pursuing her Masters Degree in Counselling and Psychology from Athabasca University. One of the requirements of the program is to complete a practicum in a school setting. Jill will be closely working under the supervision of a local registered

psychologist. We are thankful that she is returning to her old junior high school (Woodhaven wasn't a middle school when she



and her brother attended) where she will be serving our students on Thursdays and Fridays until the end of the school year.

To start, Mrs. Stankov will be working regularly with a number of students. Later, circumstances permitting, she hopes to establish small group counselling around topics such as mental health, problem solving, resilience, and conflict resolution which are her areas of interest. Welcome Mrs. Stankov, we are excited to have you 'back with the 'Pack'.

Welcome Back Mrs. Aberle and Mrs. Glegloff

Last year, Woodhaven experienced a bit of a baby boom as Mrs. Aberle (below left) and Mrs. Glegloff (right) took a leave to have their beautiful babies.

After teaching grade five/six in the past, Mrs. Aberle is returning to Woodhaven in the role as an online facilitator supporting grade

5's throughout the school division.

Mrs. Glegloff, returned to Woodhaven after Spring Break last school year resuming the her role as our grade nine Language Arts and Social Studies teacher.

However, this September is her first opportunity to see students face to face in a very long time. Both Mrs. Aberle and Mrs. Glegloff are long time staff members of Woodhaven



who have contributed greatly to our school community. They provide a wealth of experience in supporting Woodhaven Students in their education.

Welcome back Mrs. Aberle and Mrs. Glegloff, It s good to have you 'back in the 'Pack'.



You can find contact information for all staff on our website at:

<https://woodhaven.psd70.ab.ca/Staff.php>

We Love Having Visitors...

...however, for the safety of our students, staff, and guests we need to ask that you avoid entering the school. Non-essential visitors will not be allowed into the school, and those needing to meet with teachers, or staff will be required to make an appointment. Parents/guardians can attend the school if they are required

as part of the educational programming needs of the school. Again, an appointment is required. All visitors will be required to sign in and a record of all visitors will be maintained for contact tracing purposes. The school will screen all service providers, visitors, volunteers, and independent contractors using the

[Visitor Entry Protocol for PSD Schools and PSD Sites](#) before they enter the school.

Lastly, if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms you are not permitted to enter the school. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sept. Modernization Update: Home Stretch for the New Addition

Much has changed since the last modernization update in June. Most of the metal cladding/siding has been installed on the lower half of the new addition. The exterior windows have been installed throughout the north and west classrooms as well as floor to ceiling windows in the school's new foyer. Looking up, the white siding surrounding the upper half of the gymnasium/mechanical room has encircled the north and east sides on the building. Soon the solar panels will be installed on the south side of the gym which will signal the completion of the exterior finishes. Crews spent the summer

removing the white stucco surrounding the existing building. The orange tarps which encased the existing gymnasium in early summer slowly worked their way around the building. All that remains is the stucco outside the office and main office which will be removed shortly. Over the last two weeks of August there has been extensive preparations relating to concrete. A brand new sidewalk has been poured stretching the entire length of the east side of the building. High-

lighting this is the slope and stairs leading to the new foyer which will eventually serve as the main entrance for the entire building. As well, a new pad has been poured just outside the main office which will potentially serve as an outdoor learning space. Over the course of the next few months landscaping will begin around the north and east sides of the building. Inside, the finishes continue with painting and drywall nearly complete. Lastly, at end of August furniture was delivered to the school and is currently being assembled in anticipation of our move into the new addition in the late fall. We can't wait.



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A picture of the school in early June (left) compared to August (right) reveals considerable progress on the new school addition



School Re-Entry 'Need to Knows' for Parents & Guardians

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Woodhaven Middle School

- Staff members, parents/guardians, and students must not enter the school if they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire must be reviewed each day by all school staff and students prior to coming to school. No paper documents will be submitted by parents/guardians. It is not necessary for schools to keep a daily copy of this questionnaire. Answering "yes" to any of the questions on the questionnaire means that an individual must complete the Alberta Health Services Online Assessment tool and follow the directions.
- Woodhaven Middle School asks that you confirm two emergency contacts for your child with the understanding that these individuals would be expected to pick up a sick child in a timely manner if they become symptomatic and you are unavailable.
- It is imperative that parents/guardians inform the office prior to school starting if your child has a pre-existing condition that may display with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Please send a container or bag (preferably breathable) to safely store your child's mask when not in use.
- It is encouraged that families send personal hand sanitizer and a reusable water bottle with their children. Please label these items with the student's first and last name.
- Students should not arrive prior to 8:15 am unless on a bus, as supervision begins at 8:15 am. Students will not be able to enter the school earlier and wait in common spaces such as hallways/foyer as has been the prior practice.
- Adults dropping off or picking up students to and from school will be asked to stay in their vehicle or outside the school and to maintain a safe physical distance between themselves and others. Those who need to enter the school must contact the office prior to entering to ensure physical distancing guidelines are met.
- Adults walking to school to drop off or pick up students are asked to establish a meeting point that is away from entrances and exits as well as areas with high foot and vehicle traffic.
- Non-essential visitors will not be allowed into the school. Those needing to meet with teachers, or staff will be required to make an appointment.
- The school will screen service providers, visitors, volunteers, and independent contractors using the Visitor Entry Protocol for PSD Schools and PSD Sites before they enter the school. A copy (paper or electronic) of the completed screening tool must be kept by the school/division. If a service provider/contractor answers YES to any of the questions, the individual will not be permitted into the school.
- Please do not send all of the year's supplies with your student to begin the year, as teachers will not be able to store these supplies in the classroom. Rather, your child's teacher will communicate which supplies you should send.
- At this time, treats cannot be sent from home for birthdays or other special days, and teachers will not hand out food or treats in the classroom.

Important Resources for Parents and Guardians

Alberta Health Services

<https://www.alberta.ca/k-to-12-school-re-entry-2020-21-school-year.aspx>

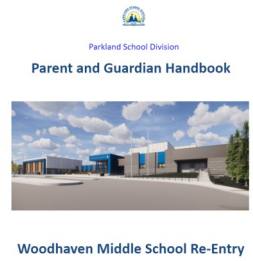
Parkland School Division

Plan for School Re-Entry <https://www.psd70.ab.ca/>

Woodhaven

Woodhaven Parent/Guardian School Re-Entry Handbook

<https://woodhaven.psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=documents&id=1755>



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Option 2 Teacher Supported At-Home Learning at Woodhaven

Parents/guardians who have selected learning option 2 can expect online classes to commence on Tuesday Sept. 8th.

Under option 2, students will remain enrolled at Woodhaven and be provided teacher directed learning activities but continue to work at home. Option 2 is intended for families who have decided that they are not ready to return to in-person classes under Option 1, but intend to re-enter the classroom at some point. Under this option, students will have an assigned teacher who directs the learning activities, provides assistance, sets a schedule of learning activities, and will ensure that the curriculum is being followed in a similar fashion to those students

who are attending regular classes at school. As program delivery will take place online, participating families will need to provide their own internet access, as well as one dedicated device with a webcam per student. Learning expectations and time commitments will be more rigorous compared to the emergency learning implemented during the COVID response from March - June of 2020. It's expected that the curriculum pace will be the same as in the regular classroom. This will facilitate the return of students to school when parents deem

it safe to do so and ensure all students are on pace to complete the required curricular outcomes. Those students who choose Option 2 and wish to re-enter the classroom, may do so on the following dates:

- Monday, October 5
- Monday, November 16
- Monday, January 4
- Tuesday, February 16
- Wednesday, April 7

To summarize, this option has been created for those families who have a student or students who would be at school if the COVID-19 pandemic did not exist.

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CASL
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PSD has implemented a new system for newsletter distribution. If a family has approved to receive emails as per the Anti-Spam legislation, they will automatically be emailed this newsletter on a monthly basis. If a family does not approve to receive emails as per CASL, then newsletters will be available on the Woodhaven website for download. The most recent newsletters will be available on the home page. Back issues are available on the newsletter archive page under the 'For Parents' tab.



WOOLFPACK ATHLETICS- Cross Country - Volleyball - PE Notes for Sept.

Typically, at this point in the school year, we would be preparing for another season of **Cross Country** and **Volleyball**. Currently, inter-school activities have been postponed. However, the school, in conjunction with the school division, is hoping for a return to **Cross Country** and **Volleyball** some time in the near future. In honouring cohort cap numbers, we are also considering the possibility of running school based athletics (i.e. a **Fall Ball** format for all grades, not just the usual grade 5-6 volleyball

league). More information will be coming out shortly. As it is an outdoor activity, we are also hoping to hold our school's **Terry Fox Run** in the last week of Sept. (weather permitting). Woodhaven students and staff will run or walk a 4km loop in support of Terry Fox.
September Phys. Ed. Notes
For the foreseeable future we will be engaging in outdoor activities. Students can expect that rather than going to the gym to change, their Phys. Ed. Teacher will join students in their class cohort and pro-

ceed outside from there. Rather than sending gym clothes for students, parents and guardians should supply an extra pair of outdoor footwear in case a student's shoes get wet or soiled. In the event of inclement weather, the Phys. Ed. teacher will provide a learning activity within the student cohort's homeroom.
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