

Woodhaven Middle School Newsletter

September 2022

Leadership Message

WOW! We are so excited to have all of your kids back at school! Our first week has flown by and we are excited for week two to begin! The students are adjusting to life at school again, navigating new routines, new entrances and exits, new teachers and of course learning those darn locks!

We have had a very busy week getting to know each other, reconnecting with friends and teachers as well as realizing how much work it can be to learn new concepts. Our goal is student success and well being and we are committed to seeing this through for each and every student. In order to do this, it is essential that students attend school regularly and engage in their learning while at school. We provide ample opportunities for students to socialize, so it is extremely important that students focus on learning when in class. If your child expresses concerns about school, please reach out to your child's teacher so that they can work together to alleviate the concerns or connect with you to ensure the necessary support and/services are available for your child.

If you are curious about most things "Woodhaven" check our [website](#)...it likely has what you are looking for. Click [here](#) for our staff directory should you need to connect with a teacher.

We want to thank you for trusting us with your most precious gift. Each and everyday we look forward to watching your children learn, grow and develop. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school with any questions or concerns that you may have.

780-962-2626 or woodhaven@psd.ca.

Key dates this month:

- Sept 6-9 Wolfpack Spirit Week
- Sept. 7 Dress in your Den Colour or Wolfpack Gear
- Sept. 14 Meet the Staff BBQ 4:30 - 6:00pm
- Sept. 21 School Council & Parent Association Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Sept. 22 Woodhaven Cross Country Meet
- Sept. 23 Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 26 Grade 6 @ Yowochas for the day
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No School

General Information

Parent Handbook

Please click [here](#) to view our Parent Handbook for the 2022/2023 School Year

Reporting Absences

To report an absence for your child, please email woodhaven@psd.ca or call and leave a message at the school office (780-962-2626). Please include the student's name, teacher (or grade), and reason for the absence in your message.

Drop-Off & Pick-UP

Our doors open to students at 8:15am when outside supervision begins. If students arrived prior to 8:15, there is no outside supervision. After school supervision is from 3:06 to 3:15pm. Please give the buses the right of way when entering and exiting the parking lot.

Also, just a quick note that one of our buses needs to use the parent pick up lane at the end of the day as the bus has to leave earlier than the rest. When the bus pulls up, please pull out of the way. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Visiting Woodhaven

We are happy to welcome you to our beautiful new school. When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office.

Picture Day

Lifetouch will be coming to our school on October 6th, 2022 for Pictures. After Picture Day, order pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.

School Fees

Please login to the Parent Portal to view and pay your child's school fees. If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Cohesive Communities: [Bursaries to Support Families/Children in Need](#)

Cohesive Communities offers two annual bursaries:

1. Family Bursary (\$1000)
 - The Family Bursary is meant to alleviate financial burden with respect to accessibility and inclusion in the home or community.
2. Youth Inclusion Initiative Fund (\$500)
 - The Youth Inclusion Initiative Fund is for a youth-led initiative to raise awareness, foster inclusion, and/or address barriers in our communities or schools.

Links to bursary application forms:

Both applications open September 1 and close November 1 each year.

[Family Bursary Application](#)

[Youth Inclusion Initiative Application](#)

***Should you have any questions about the bursaries, please contact Amy Quintal at **780-906-0725**.

2022-2023 Bell Schedule

Our attendance calls go out automatically at 9:10am. If your child will be late or absent, please let their classroom teacher or the office know.

Bell Times	Breaks and Periods
8:20am	Warning Bell
8:23-9:11am	Block 1
9:11-9:14 am	Transition
9:14-10am	Block 2
10-10:15am	Recess
10:15-10:18 am	Transition
10:18-11:04 am	Block 3
11:04-11:07 am	Transition
11:07-11:54 am	Block 4
11:54 am-12:16 pm	Lunch Break First Half
12:16-12:38pm	Lunch Break Second Half
12:38-12:41 pm	Warning Bell
12:41-1:28pm	Block 5
1:28-1:31 pm	Transition

1:31-2:17pm	Block 6
2:17-2:20 pm	Transition
2:22-3:06pm	Block 7

Athletics

X-Country Running -Our cross country team has started to practice! This fun team is composed of students from grades 5 to 9. If you are still interested in joining the team please come talk to the coaches Mr. Bock, Mr. Rink, or Mme. Davis! We look forward to hosting our own race at Woodhaven (in the Brookwood Field) on Thursday Sept. 22nd.

Volleyball - Volleyball season is up and running. Tryouts have started and it is great to see so many students out participating. We are hopeful to field 6 teams once again (Senior, Junior A, and Junior B...Boys & Girls). A big thanks to all of our coaches for stepping up to help coach!

Terry Fox Run -This year's Terry Fox school run will be happening on September 23 (Dependent on weather). Our school will once again be doing our best to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. More information will be sent home close to the date of the run.

Calendar

Our School Calendar has changed from last year...and boy is it more user friendly than the previous calendar. As it is no longer a google calendar, all you have to do is go to the [calendar on our website](#) and click on one of:

[Download to iCal](#) [Add to Google Calendar](#) [Subscribe to Calendar](#)

located at the top of the calendar on our website. You can then search by grade level, event or topic to find information you are looking for as needed.

School Council & Association

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US!

What We Do

- We run a Grab 'N' Go program in the mornings which is offered to students who may not have had time to have breakfast before school.
- We run concessions during track meets.
- We provide volunteers for fundraising and school initiatives.
- Hot lunch. For information on hot lunch, please email woodhavenhotlunchlady@gmail.com

When We Meet

The Parent Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month (with the exception of December). We meet in the school library at 6pm.

The Parent Association meets as the need for fundraisers arises. Watch this website's calendar for dates/times.

**Next Fundraising Society Meeting & School Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 21st
@6:00pm in the School Library**

Message from our Counselor

Welcome to a new school year! The Woodhaven Counseling department offers a variety of information and support regarding academic, personal, social and career related matters. Our part time school counselor, Mrs. Janie Scheidl, M.Ed, PMCC works with small groups, staff and whole classes to deliver programming to meet the educational, personal, social and emotional needs of all students.

At WMS, we have a referral policy where students can access brief counseling support on an as-needed basis. Services are also provided for individual and family concerns and referrals to outside agencies can be accessed through the school counselor.

Please contact Janie Scheidl at 780-962-2626 or janie.scheidl@psd.ca.

Parent Learning Opportunities

Looking for some information on **Resilience, Positive Parenting Strategies or Depression**? Check out this month's [Newsletter from AHS Caregiver Education Series](#) Sessions are virtual and timely - registration is required.