



EHS September 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome back. I hope that you had a great summer. For the grade 6 students and for any students new to our community, I extend a warm welcome to our school.

Extracurricular activities are already up and going. I encourage all students to join an activity. It will be fun, and furthermore, there is a lot of research which shows that students do better at school when they are more involved in its activities. Thank you to staff and community members who are coaching teams. We really appreciate the effort and time you put in.

We are presently running a progressive 50-50 to raise money for the "new" football field and track. The COVID-19 pandemic put a pause on our fundraising efforts for the past couple of years. Please consider supporting us in this, or if you wish to make a donation, a receipt will be given for donations over \$20.00.

Attendance has been a big problem over the last few years. As we are trying to adjust to a more normal school year, I am asking that students make a commitment to regular attendance. We have tried to be as accommodating as possible over the past two years, but I will be enforcing the attendance policy more stringently this year. Students cannot have much success in school if they aren't here regularly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

I hope you all have another great year at school.

Gord Erhardt

Tracy Huckell

Important Dates

Sept 13 – Grade 7 Field Trip – Fort Qu’Appelle
Sept 15 – Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Sept 16 – Terry Fox Walk at 11 am BBQ for students to follow
Sept 20 – EMBI Meeting 7 pm Band Room
Sept 27 – Picture Day Grade 6-12
Sept 28 – Academic Awards 1 pm (By invite only for families, more info to follow)
Sept 29 – Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 – No School
Oct 6 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Oct 10 – Thanksgiving – No School
Oct 11 – PD Day – No school
Oct 20 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Oct 27 – School Picture Re-takes
Nov 3 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Nov 8 – Report cards (all grades)
Nov 10 – No School
Nov 11- Remembrance Day – No School
Nov 16/17 – Parent/Teacher interviews
Nov 17 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Dec 1 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Dec 15 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Dec 22 - Jan 3 – Christmas Holidays- No School
Jan 5 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Jan 19 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Jan 30/31 – PD Days – No School
Feb 1 – Report cards (grade 10-12)
Feb 2 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Feb 16 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Feb 20-24 – Winter Break – No school
Mar 2 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Mar 16 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Mar 17 – No School
Mar 22 – Report Cards (Grade 6-9)
Apr 6 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
Apr 7-14 – Easter Break – No School
Apr 17 – Report Cards (Grade 10-12)
Apr 19/20 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
Apr 20 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
May 4 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
May 18 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
May 22 – Victoria Day – No School
May 23 – PD Day – No school

June 1 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
June 15 - Nurse Practitioner (9 am -12 pm)
June 28 – Report Cards (all Grades)
Jun 28- Last day of School
June 29 – Grad 2023

Why attendance is important in school for students?

One of the most important things your child can do to reach the goal of success is also one of the most basic: attend school every day on time! By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with daily lessons and assignments and take quizzes and tests on time.

Signing Out for Grades 6-12

In order to assure the safety and security of all students during school time, all students leaving the school must sign out at the office. The office requires written or verbal permission from a guardian for all students before they leave. **Grades 11 & 12 Open Campus students do not need to sign out during their spare.**

Senior ESA

The Senior ESA just had their retreat to make an exciting year plan for many activities this year. The ESA meets on Tuesdays at Noon to continue planning so that they can build school spirit and make the year enjoyable for everyone. We encourage everyone to participate in activities and dress-up days throughout the year!

Coming up in September we will host our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run on September 16th. This walk is important to bring awareness and fundraise for Cancer Research. September 16th will also be a hat day, where we will have Toonies for Terry! Students can wear their hat for \$2 in support of Terry Fox. There will be a hot dog sale on September 20th with proceeds also going to Terry Fox.

Also, on September 30th it is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Since there is no school this day, we will have an Orange Shirt Day on September 29th.

We hope that everyone has a great year!

Co-Presidents Taryn & Ethan

And Advisors Ms. Zubko & Ms. Hitchens

STUDENT SERVICES Ms. Jeannine LeSann Career Guidance (google.com)

Our **Post Secondary Education/Career Day** is booked for **Monday October 3rd**. We will offer sessions by the University of Regina, University of Sask., Parkland College, Saskatchewan Polytechnic & Lakeland College (Lloydminster & Vermillion, AB) and Apprenticeship, and some local panel discussion sessions. **Parents are welcome to attend any of the sessions and/or the booths over the lunch hour.** Parents can ask specific questions about tuition, residences, scholarship & application deadlines, etc. which students might not be as interested in asking yet. This is your opportunity to ask questions! This PSE/Career Day includes grade 10, 11 & 12 students from Esterhazy, Langenburg and Churchbridge.

U of S Open House - Grade 12 students will be attending the U of S Open House on September 23rd. Many students have signed up already for the sessions that they want to take part in. This should be a great day to get acquainted with the U of S campus.

<https://admissions.usask.ca/tours-and-events/open-house.php#About>

The U of R Fall Open House – U of R Open House has not been announced yet. I highly recommend that both students and parents who are considering attending the U of R attend this event once they decide to post the dates. For more information, please check out this website:

<https://urconnected.uregina.ca/events/eventRegistration.do?eventRegistrationAction=registration&stringEventID=MTY=>

Any grade 12 student wishing to write the **SAT** or **ACT tests** (usually required if attending college in the USA or Internationally) can pick up information from Student Services, but you need to register at sat.collegeboard.org before the deadline. The nearest test writing locations for the **ACT** are the **University of Regina** and at a high school in **Brandon**. Register for that test at actstudent.org.

I will be meeting with all grade 12s regarding graduation and their post-secondary plans. Please ask them about the information s/he received at the **Grade 12 meeting** with me on September 15th. Please keep this info in a safe place for when s/he realizes it is needed. One very important piece of information is the Saskatchewan Learning Student Profile (Transcript) that needs to be sent directly from the government. All post-secondary institutions require you to order an official transcript from Sask. Learning. Here is the website that you order your transcripts from: <https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/>

Many universities now accept applications earlier in the year than their spring deadline. Please apply early to your university of choice. The earlier you apply the earlier you find out if you are accepted. This will help you make more informed decisions in the spring concerning other universities and scholarships.

Applications to Saskatchewan Polytechnic can also be completed online for \$80 compared to the \$100 fee for paper submissions. The application for programs for **FIRST QUALIFIED FIRST ADMITTED**, Saskatchewan Polytechnic opened September 1st. If you are applying to a program that is a **COMPETITIVE ENTRY**, the applications open on October 1st and the application process is a little more complicated. You need to come and see Ms. LeSann if you are applying to either program because documents need to be sent directly from the school to the SaskPolytech Campus that you have applied.

In School Mentors NEEDED!!!

Do you have **one** hour a week to spare. Use it wisely!

Why not spend it making a difference in your life and a child's life!

Participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters In- School Mentoring program:

- Just **One** hour a week
- During the school year
- On the school property
- Training and support provided
 - In a school near you!
- **Teen Mentors:** Yes High School students make great Mentors
Volunteer during lunch, spare or right after school
Great for resumes, college application, and experience
 - You will get to be a kid again for one hour a week

In-School Mentoring is a fun and rewarding m building a positive, new friendship that strengthens a child's self-confidence and improves school performance, while giving the Mentor a chance to re-experience the adventure of childhood.

For more information: bbbs.yorktonarea@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Call (306)782-3471 or Text (306)740-7930

Or pick up an application in your school office today



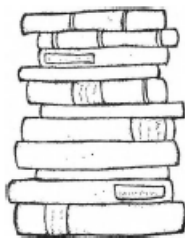
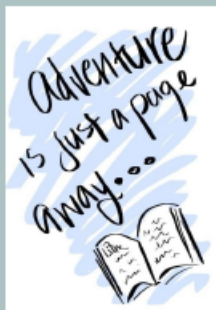
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Guy Vanderhaeghe Library

Open 8-4
Monday-Friday
Closed 12-1
on Friday

Our Library

Students are welcome to enjoy the comfy furniture and work tables any time they are not required to be in class. We have a vast collection of fiction and non-fiction books to choose for reading. Our books are organized by genre, along with a junior section, which makes it easy to find your perfect book.



What happens in our library...

- Computers and chrombooks are available when not booked by a teacher.
- Distance learning textbooks and resources are available.
- Graphing calculators for grade 11 and 12 math classes are rented from the library for the semester.
- Headphones and calculators are signed out on a per period basis.
- Markers, pencil crayons etc. can be borrowed.
- Receive research and writing assistance.
- Sign out books.
- Students are welcome to eat their lunch in the library.
- The library has a collection of games for students to play.
- Tests are supervised in the library.
- We have a photocopier for student use.
- Work on homework and studying for both in school and online classes.

Book Requests

If you know of a book you would like to read, let us know. We can order in books and add them to our collection.

www.gssd.ca/school/ehs
Click on the Guy Vanderhaeghe Library link

Read! Read! Read!

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Research Tools

The library offers students help with research, APA and MLA formatting and essay writing. Come and see us!

On the library homepage you will find many useful research resources.

Explore the Collection or Link Tabs

Collections are based on a topic that has been created with web sites and documents ready for you to use.

Links will direct you to the specific site.

(Be sure to click 'see all.')

Home Use

To access from home, the **Parkland Regional Library** has many data bases to choose from.

parklandlibrary.ca/eresources (You need a library card to sign in.)

Ministry of Education's EOnline site: Ministry Websites
external.edonline.sk.ca/public/listing.html

Blackboard login– Username: firstname.lastname

Password: MMDD (digits of your date of birth)

my **Blueprint**
education planner

The student credit and career profile link, **myBlueprint**, can be accessed from the link on the homepage. This planner is used with students in grades 7-12. The program provides students with goal setting, credit tracking, career decision-making, personality insight and portfolio building.

Borrowing and Lost Books

Books are signed out for a 2 week period.

Students may re-new their books at the library any time.

We try our best to remind students to return over-due books. If the book is not being returned or damaged, you may receive a "lost book" email. Please remind or help your child locate the book. If the book cannot be located or is too damaged to return to the collection, a charge for the book's replacement will be required.

Please contact the library if you have any questions. 306-745-6618

