



SWAN HILLS SCHOOL

Grizzly Pride

OCTOBER 2017

Character Trait of the Month

Kindness

Highlights in This Issue

School Photos
Goal Setting Interviews
Halloween Howler

UPCOMING KEY DATES

October 6	No School
October 9	Thanksgiving
October 17	School Photos
October 17 & 18	Goal Setting Interviews
October 18	Parent Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
October 25	Early Dismissal
October 27	No School
October 27 & 28	Halloween Howler

PLEASE NOTE EARLY OUT DISMISSAL TIMES ARE
2:33 p.m.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school, student, staff, and parents. I hope everyone has had a good September as well worked hard to get everything into place and begin moving forward. This year, mine appears to be the only new face on staff, as all others have been with Swan Hills School for at least a year or longer. I am very happy to have joined Swan Hills School, and I have enjoyed getting to know many people in the school and in the community.

I think we have launched the new school year with a lot of enthusiasm. The back-to-school-barbecue successfully brought in the majority of our school population with their families. We already have several field trips, volleyball games, and varied school events under our belts as we move into the 2nd month, and the calendar is already quite full for the next several weeks. Option classes have been selected to appeal to a wide range of interests and have been running for several weeks, with students engaged in woodworking, cooking, art, art & design, recreational studies, film studies, robotics, and science exploration.

On the educational front, our province, district, and school, continue to face budget restrictions. Although there are now, and will be in the future, various challenges arising, we will continue to offer high levels of quality core instruction as well as opportunities for students to explore interests and possible careers. An advantage of High School Redesign is that Pembina Hills high schools can offer outcome based learning which is not tied to specific hours of instruction. This allows students the potential to complete additional courses within the same time frame, and provides schools additional possibilities for blending programming.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year. I hope parents and other community members are able to work with students on upcoming educational and extracurricular activities, and to join us in celebrating our achievements.

"Together We Can; Together We Will"

PEMBINA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Mark your Calendar for our School Picture Day on October 17. Retakes are on November 17.

GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

Goal Setting Interviews are October 17 & 18, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Interview times were mailed out. Please check your mail for your scheduled appointments.

STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL

Please be reminded that students who do not have after school commitments must leave the school or be picked up by 3:45 as there is no supervision after that time. We have had some issues with students found either walking the hallways or being outside alone, and this creates a safety risk for them. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Do not forget to “fall behind” and **turn your clock back one hour** on November 5 at 2:00 am so that you are on time the morning of November 6. (Note: Corrected from circulated print copy.)



STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

Please do not enter the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up your children. It creates a hazard for our students as they are entering and leaving the school. Please do not park your vehicle in the drop off zone in front of the school. The congestion that this creates is a safety hazard for our students and our bus driver is having difficulty parking. **Be aware the Bylaw Officer is now enforcing the bylaw.**

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

You will be receiving Demographic Verification Forms with your child. This is a two paged sheet. Make sure you complete both sides. Please check over the current information. If any changes are required, correct the information in the "Corrected Information" column. Please **SIGN** and date the front side of the form stating that you have received and changed all of the information. Along with the Demographic Verification Form you will also need to complete a FOIP from and Elements at Risk form. Please return the Demographic Verification Form whether changes are made or not along with the other signed and completed forms.

SHS JR./SR. STUDENTS' UNION ELECTION (all candidates were elected by acclamation)

President: Nicholas Baker

Vice Presidents: Allan Lindberg & Cassadi Harris

Social Convenors: Bryanna Rodwell-Ryder & Aden Keough

Secretary-Treasurer: Martina Freckleton

Sports Representatives: Brodie Hooey and Evan Budney

Spirit Advisors: Natalie Ruecker & Jaycee Thunder

VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to volunteer, assist in classrooms or participate in classroom activities on special occasions, please ensure you have the appropriate paperwork completed. Volunteer papers can be picked up from the office, and you will also require a Criminal Record Check. Overnight trips will also require a Child Welfare Check.

SUPERVISION

As supervision of students begins at 8:25, please do not send your children to school too early. During inclement weather, students will be permitted to wait inside the entrances.

VISITORS ENTERING THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school must first check-in at the office, and then proceed into the school.

RE: Introduction of School Nutrition Program

Dear Parents,

It is hard for students to focus in class when they are hungry, and research shows there is a direct link between healthy and nutritious eating and academic success. We are pleased to inform you that Swan Hills School is part of the Government of Alberta's targeted school nutrition program for the 2017/18 school year.

Through the program, we will be offering students in k-6 a daily nutritious breakfast that adheres to the [Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for Children and Youth](#). The meal will be offered to all students that wish to participate, at no cost to parents.

The program will not only provide opportunities for students to try new foods; it will also provide an opportunity for social interaction outside of the classroom. Although there are several opportunities to address health, wellness, and nutrition throughout Alberta's curriculum, a key component of the program is to ensure students, teachers, parents, caregivers, and community members have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of choice and preparation of healthy foods, the importance of reading food labels, and have access to Alberta's food resources. As individuals, families, organizations, and communities, we can work together to increase the availability and appeal of healthier food choices and to teach and model healthy eating behaviours.

To learn more about the school nutrition program, please visit: www.education.alberta.ca/school-nutrition-program or contact Slade Sekulich. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help support the program, please contact Sheila Gardiner.

We look forward to a rewarding school year as we link nutrition to your child's education.

INFLUENZA:

Could be one less thing
your child brings
home this winter

Community Health Services (Hospital) Free Drop-In Clinics

- Tuesday October 24-1:00 to 7:00 pm
- Thursday October 26-1:00 to 7:00 pm
- Thursday November 2-1:00 to 7:00 pm

**After November 3rd: Please call 780-333-7077
to book your influenza vaccine appointment**

Health Care Number Required

Influenza is serious. Immunization works.

Protect your family.

Swan Hills School Calendar 2017 - 2018

August						
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September						
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17	18 D4	19 D1	20 D2	21 D3	22 D4	23
24	25 D1	26 D2	27 #D3	28 D4	29 +	30

October						
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15	16 D1	17 D2	18 D3	19 D4	20 <	21
22	23 D1	24 D2	25 #D3	26 D4	27 +	28
29	30 D1	31 D2				

November						
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December						
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January						
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March						
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April						
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22	23 D4	24 D1	25 #D2	26 D3	27 +	28
29	30 D4					

May						
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27	28 D1	29 D2	30 *D3	31 D4		

June						
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24	25 D3	26 D4	27 D1	28 D2	29 W	30

- ^ = PD Day No School
 - + = Alternate Day-No School
 - / = Holidays - No School
 - < = PTSI Day in Lieu
 - W = Teacher Workday - No School
 - * = Staff Meeting Early Dismissal **2:33 p.m.**
 - # = PLC Meeting Early Dismissal **2:33 p.m.**
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be evenings
 October 17 & 18
 March 13 & 14