



SWAN HILLS SCHOOL

Grizzly Pride

October 2019

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

HONESTY

HIGHLIGHTS & KEY DATES

- CAMP WARWA
- GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS
- HALLOWEEN HOWLER
- CAREER FAIR
- SPORT FEES & FUNDRAISING

October 3	Career Fair
October 4	Alternate Day No School
October 8 & 9	Division 1 Parent/Teacher Meetings
October 11	Alternate Day No School
October 14	Thanksgiving No School
October 16	PICTURE DAY
October 25	PD Day No School

See all events
on our website [Calendar](#)

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Welcome to a new school year. Swan Hills School is off and running, with students already having participated in Terry Fox Day and competing in volleyball tournaments. Meet the Staff evening and the first School Council meeting have occurred, and we are well into other events and plans for more.

Student Union representatives have met with SHS administration and School Council to discuss changes to current dress code policy relating to headwear in the school and to request additions to snack items offered through the school. The response to their research and requests has been favorable, so watch for upcoming changes in each area. Swan Hills School's 2019-2020 fee schedule has been posted to our website. Although most amounts have remained the same as last year, please review to note any changes that may affect you and your children. Remember that fees posted are the maximum the school will charge for each item/event, with most actual costs being well below the posted amounts.

SHS Athletics, with the intent to address outstanding fees for participation on sport teams, has created a new school policy in relation to fee payment and fundraising. Letters to this effect have been sent home with all Division 3 and 4 students and the content of this has been provided in the newsletter. With the hope of covering costs related to offering a comprehensive athletic program at Swan Hills School, we are wanting outstanding fees paid prior to student play in the 2019-2020 school year. Student athletes involved in SHS sports this year will be expected to participate in scheduled fundraisers that will reduce their fees for the upcoming season.

As of last year, the Pembina Hills School Division board altered the structure of Citizenship Awards. Nominations can be made by anyone at any time throughout the school year. Check the SHS or PHSD web pages for information and nomination forms. We have many worthy students who we would like to see recognized for their work with others and contributions to the school and community.

As always, I invite parents and community members to contact the school with questions or concerns, and we can make arrangements to meet. Have a great month.

"Together We Can; Together We Will"

PEMBINA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Recent News



First Challenges for Junior Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the junior volleyball teams who played doubleheaders Tuesday evening against Barrhead and Neerlandia at Neerlandia School.

The boys played very competitive games and, although closely matched against the Barrhead team, lost their games by a few points. Wary of the Neerlandia team, which had beaten the Barrhead team earlier that evening, our boys kept both sets tight. They were 1 point away from winning the 2nd set but lost following some very intense play. With this experience and the knowledge they can compete and eventually beat this team, our boys should be much more confident in their next match.

The girls hit the court with intensity against Barrhead right off the bat. They were very nervous but had their game faces on. It was a close game and either team could have taken the win, but in the end, Barrhead landed the win. Next up was Neerlandia. The first set was close and we kept them on their toes. The second set, unfortunately, was dominated by Neerlandia. The girls worked hard and never gave up.

For the first games of the season, both teams showed a lot of drive and potential, and demonstrated that they will undoubtedly see some success this season. The games were so action-packed that no-one thought to take pictures, so accompanying this article is a shot of the girls honing their skills in preparation for their next games, which will be against Pembina North Community School at Dapp on October 8th.

CAMP WARWA



Another amazing Grade 6 trip to Camp Warwa this year.

Thanks to the staff at camp Warwa and the wonderful volunteer parents for coming with us

Division I September Students of the Month



Trustee Keough Resigns

September 26th, 2019

Earlier today the Board of Trustees received a resignation letter, effective September 30th, from Trustee Nancy Keough who currently represents the Swan Hills ward. The reason for her resignation is that she will be relocating. The Board of Trustees will be discussing how best to deal with the vacancy at our October 9th board meeting.

We wish Trustee Keough and her family all the best as they embark on their new journey, and we thank her for her service to Pembina Hills School Division.

Swan Hills Grizzly Cubs Have an All New Board

Jessie Scholz – President
Olivia Hansen – Vice President
Nicky Remen – Treasurer
Jen Stenberg – Acting Secretary

Grizzly Cubs is still actively looking for a Secretary to replace Jen.

If YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER please contact us.

Secretary duties include, but are not limited to:

- Email or text group for meeting
- Meeting agenda
- Meeting minutes
- Ads for the newspaper



As always, we are looking for volunteers to help us with all of our various fundraisers. If you want to volunteer for either in school events or out of school events please contact one of the above members for more information.

Find all Merchandise pricing on the school website: [GRIZZLY-WEAR-ORDER-FORM](#)

This year's fundraising goal is to raise enough money to purchase a new scoreboard for the large gym!



We will have lunches and raffles throughout the year.

We have a few NEW fundraising ideas underway already!



Grizzly Cubs Merchandise is still available for purchase at the Swan Hills Hardware and look for us at local events with a table to stop by and get a hoodie or toque.

Check out all our [news items](#) and [photo galleries](#) on our website at swanhillsschool.ca

Upcoming Events

**CAREER
EXPO**

GRADES 9 - 12

October 3, 2019 at the Allan & Jean Miller Centre



Grade 6 trip to the Huestis Demonstration Forest on October 10th



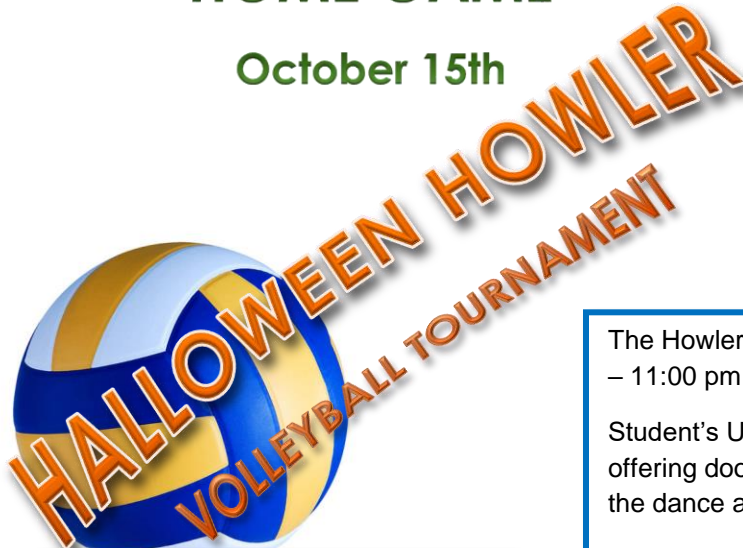
October 16th

Upcoming Events cont'd

Sr. Boys & Girls Volleyball

HOME GAME

October 15th




Friday November 1st and
Saturday November 2nd.

Come cheer on some great
Volleyball players



The Howler Dance will be held on Friday evening from 7:30 – 11:00 pm for Division 3 & 4.

Student's Union, in cooperation With Grizzly Cubs, will be offering door prizes and will be holding a  both at the dance and during the tournament.



Tidbits & Reminders

- Please be mindful of the school bus when you are out and about.
- Items on the bus **must fit in a backpack**.
- No weapons with Halloween costumes please.
- Please Do Not Enter the staff parking lot for the safety of the staff and students.
- **Please** do not leave your vehicle unattended in the **drop-off zone** in front of the school. You may be ticketed by the Bylaw Officer.



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<https://www.swanhillsschool.ca/>

**Swan Hills
School Fees Schedule**

School Fee Description	School Fee Amounts	
	2019-2020	2018-2019
Caution fee - ADLC courses	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Grade 4/5 field trip	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Grade 5/6 field trip	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Cool Camp	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
CTS (Woods)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Drama/Theatre class & club	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
Food Studies	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Division 2 field trip	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Division 3 field trip (end of year trip/activity)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
High School Career Fair	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Music - instrument rentals	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
High School Volleyball Sports Teams	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
High School Basketball Sports Teams	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
High School Badminton Sports Teams	\$ 80.00	\$ 55.00
High School Track and Field Sports Teams Joined GCAA league - greater number of tournaments	\$ 80.00	\$ 55.00
Junior High Volleyball Sports Teams	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Junior High School Basketball Sports Teams	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Junior High School Badminton Sports Teams Joined GCAA league - greater number of tournaments	\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00
Junior High School Track and Field Sports Teams Joined GCAA league - greater number of tournaments	\$ 80.00	\$ 25.00
High School Ski Trip	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Junior High School Ski Trip	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Sr. High Golf Trip	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Jr. High Curling Bonspiel	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Div 2 Ski Trip	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Cross-country	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Telus World of Science or Children's Festival Div 1	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
End of year Div 1 Whitcourt trip	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Div 1 in School Teacher's Pet Field Trip	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Div 1 Swimming lessons and positive reward	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Incidentals for Halloween, Christmas, sports day etc	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Division 2 field trip	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Grade 5/6 Outdoor Ed	\$ 186.00	\$ 186.00
Science Fair	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Div 2 Edmonton Symphony	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Grade 4 Drumheller Trip	\$ 338.00	\$ 338.00

School Fee Description	School Fee Amounts	
	2019-2020	2018-2019
Grade 4 Teacher's Pet - Plan to deliver 2 programs instead of 1 on same day	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00
Division 3 Camping trip	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
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Div 3 (Other) Forestry Field Trip	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
End of year Div 2 field trip	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Jr. and Sr. High caution fee for gear rental & usage	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Jr. and Sr. High uniform caution fee	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Jr. and Sr. High end of year field trip/activities	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Jr. High trip to Citadel	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Sr. High trip to Citadel	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Jr. High Travel Club	\$ 2,830.00	\$ 2,830.00
Sr. High Travel Club	\$ 2,830.00	\$ 2,830.00
Cosmetology	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Outdoor Education	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Rec. Leadership	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
PARTY Program	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
ECS crafts	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Div 2 soccer tournament - Yearly tournament	\$ 40.00	
Div 2 Volleyball - Game travel and year end tournament	\$ 75.00	
Div 2 basketball Game travel and year end tournament	\$ 100.00	
Grade 6 Flag Football Joined GCAA league - tournaments	\$ 45.00	
Jr. High Flag Football Joined GCAA league - tournaments	\$ 45.00	
Sr. High Curling Bonspiel Student interest in participating	\$ 60.00	
Jr. High Golf Joined GCAA league - tournaments	\$ 70.00	

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Sports fees and Fundraising Opportunities

The 2019-2020 school year has begun, and, as well as beginning classes, many students have started practices for volleyball. Many other school sports will run throughout the year, and our student athletes are eager to participate in one or many of the leagues. Swan Hills School works hard to keep sport fees as low as possible, most much lower than other teams in the leagues, although we have the same equipment, transportation, and related expenses, as other schools. Currently, we have outstanding fees owed by several student athletes, and we need to ensure this is collected so our programs can continue to run. We understand that school sports are expensive and money may be tight at times, but the school needs to be consistent when collecting sports fees from our student athletes. If any athletes have outstanding fees from previous years or teams, there **MUST** be some form of payment before the athlete can play in a tournament or game. They may continue practicing with the team, but will not be allowed to travel with the team or to play in games until a reasonable portion of the payment or the full outstanding fee is received.

The last thing we want is to have our student athletes miss out on our sports programs due to financial reasons, and we wish to make programs accessible to all students. Thus, we will provide fundraising opportunities for which student athletes and their families can volunteer with the goal being to address part or all of the student's athletic fees. Fundraising/volunteer opportunities may include school bottle drives, running the concession throughout the Halloween Howler Tournament, and the "Adopt a Road" clean up; additional activities will be added as necessary and as they become available. Student athletes will be expected to participate in fundraising activities throughout the school year. Student athletes and/or their families who participate in these activities will have a portion of the money raised go towards their sport fees. Student athletes who do not participate in the fundraising activities will be expected to pay their full athletic fees. If you are unable to participate in these fundraisers, there are also organizations such as: JumpStart, KidsSport, Canada Post, and many other organizations that offer grant opportunities. Our school Athletic Director will gladly help in the application process for these grants.

If you have any concerns about the sport fee and fundraising program, please contact Mr. Linger at Swan Hills School.

Yours Truly,



Mr. Slade Sekulich
Principal, Swan Hills School

August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 W	30 W	31

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 /	3 D1	4 D2	5 D3	6 D4	7
8	9 D1	10 D2	11 D3	12 D4	13 +	14
15	16 D1	17 D2	18 D3	19 D4	20 ^	21
22	23 D1	24 D2	25 D3	26 D4	27 D1	28
29	30 D2					

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		D3	D4	D1	+	
6	7 D2	8 D3	9 D4	10 D1	11 +	12
13	14 /	15 D2	16 D3	17 D4	18 D1	19
20	21 D2	22 D3	23 D4	24 D1	25 ^	26
27	28 D2	29 D3	30 D4	31 D1		

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 +	2
3	4 D2	5 D3	6 D4	7 D1	8 /	9
10	11 /	12 D2	13 D3	14 D4	15 D1	16
17	18 D2	19 D3	20 D4	21 D1	22 ^	23
24	25 D2	26 D3	27 D4	28 D1	29 D2	30

December						
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1	2 D3	3 D4	4 D1	5 D2	6 +	7
8	9 D3	10 D4	11 D1	12 D2	13 D3	14
15	16 D4	17 D1	18 D2	19 D3	20 +	21
22	23 /	24 /	25 /	26 /	27 /	28
29	30 /	31 /				

January						
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12	13 D1	14 D2	15 D3	16 D4	17 +	18
19	20 D1	21 D2	22 D3	23 D4	24 D1	25
26	27 D2	28 D3	29 D4	30 D1	31 ^	

February						
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9	10 D1	11 D2	12 D3	13 D4	14 +	15
16	17 /	18 D1	19 D2	20 D3	21 D4	22
23	24 D1	25 D2	26 D3	27 D4	28 +	29

March						
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1	2 D1	3 D2	4 D3	5 D4	6 D1	7
8	9 D2	10 D3	11 D4	12 D1	13 ^	14
15	16 D2	17 D3	18 D4	19 D1	20 +	21
22	23 /	24 /	25 /	26 /	27 /	28
29	30 D2	31 D3				

April						
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5	6 D3	7 D4	8 D1	9 D2	10 /	11
12	13 /	14 D3	15 D4	16 D1	17 D2	18
19	20 D3	21 D4	22 D1	23 D2	24 ^	25
26	27 D3	28 D4	29 D1	30 D2		

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4 D3	5 D4	6 D1	7 D2	8 D3	9
10	11 D4	12 D1	13 D2	14 D3	15 +	16
17	18 /	19 D4	20 D1	21 D2	22 D3	23
24	25 D4	26 D1	27 D2	28 D3	29 +	30
31						

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 D4	2 D1	3 D2	4 D3	5 +	6
7	8 D4	9 D1	10 D2	11 D3	12 D4	13
14	15 D1	16 D2	17 D3	18 D4	19 D1	20
21	22 D2	23 D3	24 D4	25 D1	26 D2	27
28	29	30				

- ^ = PD Day No School
- + = Alternate Day-No School
- / = Holidays - No School
- W = Teacher Workday - No School

Picture Day is Coming

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Swan Hills School

What to Expect:

- 1 Students are photographed on Picture Day
- 2 Images sent home with your child
- 3 Review pictures & purchase

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school.



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