

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10 – K – 3 School Picture Day

September 11 – 4 – 6 School Picture Day

September 12 – Meet the Staff 6 – 7:00 pm

September 19 – Family welcome BBQ 5 – 6:00 pm

September 23 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)

September 26 – Orange Shirt Day

September 27 – Terry Fox Walk (rain date Oct. 1st)

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No Classes)

WELCOME

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to welcome you to the new 2024-2025 school year at Sherwood School. Along with Francyne Doiron, Vice Principal, I look forward to partnering with you to ensure all students are celebrated and supported in a safe, caring learning environment.

Please feel free to contact me by email at

tgrimmer@edu.pe.ca, Ms. Doiron at

pfdoiron@edu.pe.ca, or by calling our school office.

We welcome any questions or ideas you would like to share and we look forward to opportunities where we can speak, listen, meet, and work with you in person. Parker Grimmer

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff to the Sherwood Team:

Alex Yankey, Juanita Bradley, Jean No, Krystle Geldert, Zoie Farish, Lucas Tierney, Jordan Broderick, Ambrose Nwosu: Educational Assistant
Tracey McAskill: Youth Service Worker
Caley McLean Grade 2 French Immersion
Cassandra Leblanc Grade 5 French Immersion
Lisa Carmody Grade 1
Jenna Revell Grade 6
Sarah Legault Core French
Angela Killeen (STEP, EAL Teacher)
Becky Muttart (STEP, Youth Service Worker)
Lindsay Arsenaault EAL Youth Service Worker

HOW TO GET UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND OUR NEWSLETTER

Our newsletters, as well as other parent information will be posted on our website. **If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office and we will send a paper copy home with your child. This will be the only time we will be sending a paper copy to all families unless requested. From now on, you will receive an email with a link for the newsletter, calendar, etc.**

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE

This will be an exciting year for the Sherwood Elementary School community! Contractors have been working hard next door so we can transition to the new school sometime this winter! It also means that work to demolish the current Sherwood Elementary will need to begin in June 2025. To accommodate the timeline

for demolition work, Sherwood Elementary's school year will end on June 6, 2025, about 3 weeks ahead of other schools in PEI to ensure this work can be done safely before we return in September 2025. Even though we'll have fewer school days this year, we've adjusted our school day by a few minutes each class/day to ensure that students will still receive the same learning time between now and June 6. Stay tuned for some progress photos we'll share in the coming weeks of our new home!

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

The perimeter of the construction site for the new net-zero-ready Sherwood Elementary is totally fenced off from the existing school and playground. Our playground is also well supervised during the school day. School safety meetings are held regularly to review our procedures to ensure students safety. We will continue having staggered recesses and lunches again this year in order to accommodate students and provide them with the best opportunity for play and outdoor breaks.

No passenger or delivery vehicles will be allowed to travel through our bus lane during the school day as this area will be a play space for students, and a cross walk for students located in the mobiles.

Parents who are dropping off or picking up students during the school day are asked to use the Cody Banks parking lot and walk over to the school office. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our students have a great and safe school year.

ATTENDANCE MESSAGE

For the 2024/2025 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day. In the 2023/2024 school year, **5,980 of 20,747 students in Public Schools Branch schools have missed 10% or more of total school days**, that's approximately 18 school days, and it can have a lasting impact on their academic success. To help understand how our school is doing, each month we'll include PSB data in our newsletter with hopes to see improvement throughout this school year.

BUS PASSES

Our bus fleet is running at full capacity. We are unable to provide bus passes for anything other than childcare needs at this time.

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

A reminder that any changes to a student's after school plan needs to be arranged **prior to coming to school**. We ask that changes be communicated to

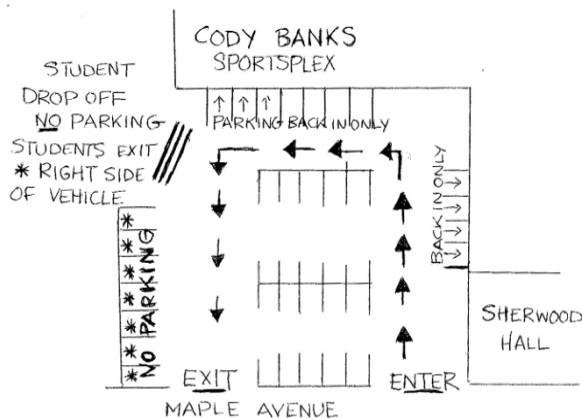
teachers in writing. Bus students are not permitted to walk home without written permission.

WATCH FOR STUDENTS ON THE ROAD

Another school year has begun and students are walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to school. We remind all motorists to be aware to ensure our children can get to school and back home again safely.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

The Cody Banks parking lot is the designated pick up/drop off area. There is a paved pathway at the back of the lot where students can safely cross over to our parking lot. For safety reasons, parents please do not drop off or pick up students on Maple Avenue, Pine Drive or the school's parking lot. Students should be in the building by 8:30 am in order to prepare for the beginning of class at 8:35 am. **Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are asked to use the main entrance as all other doors will be locked.**



Our playground area is much smaller and more crowded this year because of the construction of the new Sherwood Elementary School. Thank you for remaining on the Cody Banks side of the parking lot when dropping off and picking up your child.

LATE FOR SCHOOL

Parents, if your child is late for school, please remember that all doors are locked. Please go to the main door and be buzzed in. Thank you for parking at Cody Banks when dropping off or picking up students during the school day.

MEET THE TEACHER (Sept 12)

This year in an effort to better share important information with parents we are separating the Meet the Staff evening and the School Family BBQ. The Meet the Staff evening will take place on **Thursday September 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This information session is intended for parents only and no supervision is provided for students by the staff. Parents and caregivers are asked to meet in the gym for 6:00 p.m. where there will be a brief introduction of the school staff. There will then be two classroom sessions starting at 6:20 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. with students' homeroom teachers.

The school bell will ring again at approximately 20-minute intervals to indicate the beginning and end of each session. There will be only a few minutes provided for parents to transition their second classroom. The classroom sessions are not parent teacher interviews. They are meant to give parents some general information about what their child's day will look like, and general school and classroom expectations. If you have specific concerns about your child you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make a separate appointment to do this.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to call the school at 902-368-6780.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on September 12.

SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ (Sept 19)

The School Family welcome BBQ will take place on Thursday, September 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event will be cancelled if the weather is inclement. Please come out and get a free meal and mingle with other Sherwood families. There are a few important things to be aware of:

Logistics

- 1) There will be absolutely no parking on school grounds for this event. Parking will be limited. You can park in the front half of Cody Banks or on the street. Please walk if you can do so.
- 2) the school will only be accessible to use one set of washrooms near the music room. Otherwise this is entirely an outdoor event.

Food Related

- 1) There will be hotdogs, French fries, juice, and freezies at the BBQ.
- 2) There will be regular hotdogs, all beef hotdogs, and gluten free (celiac safe) hotdogs available. The French fries are not gluten free.
- 3) This is a FREE event for all Sherwood families hosted by the Home and School.
- 4) All family members are welcome to come and eat. See you there!

TERRY FOX WALK

Our school Terry Fox School Run will be taking place on Friday, September 27, with a rain date of Tuesday October 1. All students will walk to Rosedale Park with their teachers and the walk will take place from there. The Terry Fox Foundation does great work in cancer research. If you would like to make a donation, you can use the following link to make an online donation: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/41425> If you would like to donate cash, you can also send money in to school. Be sure to label that it is for the Terry Fox School Run.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

Sherwood School is pleased to offer lunch options available through the *PEI School Food Program* as well as our own *HotLunches* program. A brief description of both can be found below.

PEI SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

The PEI School Food Program is a provincial lunch program that offers ALL island students K-12 a healthy and affordable lunch 5 days per week! The PEI School Food Program is accessible through the Bon Appétit ordering platform. User registration is now open at www.peischoolfood.org. We encourage you to check out the program and menu options online. Detailed information has been sent home with your child.

SHERWOOD HOT LUNCHES

Our school-based lunch program consists of white milk, chocolate milk, and Dominos Pizza on Fridays. On-line ordering will begin Thursday, September 5 and food services will begin Monday, September 16. Orders are placed in advance and follow a two-week order cycle.

All orders must be placed by 9 am on the Saturday prior to the 2-week order cycle. Payments must be made online at the time of ordering, otherwise your child's order will not be processed.

MENU OPTIONS

Mondays to Friday: Milk, .55 cents, and chocolate milk 75 cents.

For Fridays: Dominos Pizza (cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza the last Friday of the month) (\$2.50)

ONLINE ORDERING PROCESS

- Please visit www.sherwood.hotlunches.net
- Click on register on the upper right-hand corner
- Enter our school access code SEHL
- Fill in your information as required
- Make sure you register your child as the student and not yourself and ensure you pick the proper homeroom
- Please read the order dates carefully, we have had several parents order for the wrong 2-week period.
- If you need help at any time please click on the "help" tab then select "parent instruction guide"
- Choose food items and become familiar with the service.

Healthy School Lunch Program

It's a new school year! Sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. \$5.75 per lunch or pay what you can. Donate to pay for another child who cannot afford to pay for a healthy lunch! Register and order at: [Healthy Lunch for Island Kids!](http://HealthyLunchforIslandKids.org) | [PEI School Food Program](http://PEISchoolFoodProgram.ca) / www.peischoolfood.ca

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program begins Wednesday, September 11. It will run Monday through Friday from 8:05 a.m. until 8:35 a.m. Students who use this program are asked to enter the gym through the Garden doors. Students will be served toast, milk or juice, fruit, and a variety of other items. All students are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with the successful running of this program. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tracey McAskill at 902-368-6780.

STUDENT SNACKS

Please remember to send a snack with your children for morning snack break. All snacks must be peanut and nut free.

WATER BOTTLES

The school has several water bottle filling stations available for student use. It is very important that all students have a water bottle each day that comes to school filled up. They can be refilled as required.

PEANUT/NUT RESTRICTED SCHOOL

Sherwood School is a peanut/nut restricted school. We have a number of students who have a life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts/nuts. Our school strives to keep these students safe in the school environment. It is necessary to check all ingredient labels to see if the products contain peanuts/nuts. Please do not send these products to school or on field trips at any time. In addition, we do not allow WOW butter in the school so please do not send this with your child. We appreciate the home and school-working together to provide a safe place for all our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Please note that Sherwood School has a fragrance/scent free rule that complies with the Public Schools Branch.

We have people in our building with severe scent allergies, please adhere to our scent free policy.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 for K-3 and Wednesday, September 11 for 4-6. This service is provided by Harvey's Studios.

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

PEI will observe National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. Provincial government offices and public schools will be closed for the day. Also celebrated as Orange Shirt Day, this date is now known nationwide as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This day calls on all Canadians and Islanders to remember the history of residential schools, through the experience of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, and the intergenerational impacts of its legacy on First Nations and Indigenous peoples. As an act of support, we will observe Orange Shirt Day at school on Thursday, September 26. Students and staff are encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school. Students and classes will also be involved in TRC week from September 24 – 27.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delta Soccer will be offering several outdoor programs for the fall. The programs are six sessions in length, take place Monday through Friday and begin September 9th. There are options for participants born between 2013 and 2020. Discounts are also available as is financial assistance for those in need. For program descriptions, schedules and to register go to deltasoccer.ca.

Learn to Skate with Us! Registration is open for Speed Skating PEI programs starting late September. Our Learn to Skate program is aimed at skaters 4 to 8 years old who are just starting to skate or who want to improve their basic skating skills. For those who can already skate and are looking to improve their speed and strength, we offer a range of programs for all ages and levels. Visit us at speedskatingpei.ca to learn more or sign up today! If you have any questions, please email info@speedskatingpei.ca.

FREE Try-Golf event for girls ages 5-12 on September 15 from 10:00am-11:30am at Fox Meadows Golf course. For more information contact: enickerson@golfcanada.ca