

# SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day

September 30<sup>th</sup> – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - no classes

October 1<sup>st</sup> - PD Day - no classes

October 4<sup>th</sup> - School Picture Day

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Professional Learning Day – no classes

October 11th – Thanksgiving Day - no classes

## WELCOME

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to welcome you to the new 2021-2022 school year at Sherwood School. As the new Principal, I am excited to observe, listen, learn, and understand what makes Sherwood such a great 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](mailto:tgrimmer@edu.pe.ca), Ms. Doiron at [pfdoiron@edu.pe.ca](mailto:pfdoiron@edu.pe.ca), or by calling our school office. We welcome any questions or ideas you would like to share. When conditions allow, I look forward to meeting in person.  
Parker Grimmer

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

Beudah VanWiechen, Administrative Assistant  
Mandy Silliker, Educational Assistant  
Emma Lee Arsenault, French Immersion Kindergarten  
Erin Hutchings, Behavioral Resource  
Marissa Hashie, School Counselor  
Lauren Stefina, Core French  
Pam Paquet, PIP

## NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The Government of Prince Edward Island has announced that beginning this year PEI will observe September 30 as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Provincial government offices, schools in the Public Schools Branch and la Commission scolaire de langue française 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 Wednesday, September 29. Students and staff are encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school.

## 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.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-22

This plan provides direction to our school on cohorts, masking and enhanced cleaning, following feedback and advice from the Chief Public Health Office and the Public Schools Branch. Please contact school administrators if you have any questions. Our operational plan can be found on our website

[www.edu.pe.ca/sherwood](http://www.edu.pe.ca/sherwood)

Over the last few days, our school underwent a deep cleaning. We are now following the enhanced measures under the elevated risk scenario of the Back to School Plan. This includes additional enhanced measures and changes. One change is students in grades 4 to 6 are now required to wear masks indoors at all times and on the bus when physical distancing is not possible. Exemptions to this rule include:

When students are able to physically distance within a classroom (6ft/2m);

Eating or drinking;

Participating in a physical activity (e.g. gym, outdoor recess);

Engaging in an activity which prevents them from doing so (e.g. playing a wind instrument);

When a school assesses wearing a non-medical mask is not in the best interest of a student due to physical, medical or other factors.

As always, any individuals who are experiencing symptoms, even mild symptoms, should get tested immediately. Fast, accessible testing is available in locations across PEI. You can find a list of locations and times at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/covid-19-testing-in-pe>.

## BUS PASSES

Similar to last year, we will not be giving out bus passes for anything other than childcare needs.

## AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

A reminder that any changes to a student's after school plan must 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. Due to COVID, bus notes are not being issued.

## WATCH FOR STUDENTS ON THE ROAD

Another school year begins and students will be 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 stairway 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 8:40 am.

**Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are asked to use the main entrance as all other doors will be locked.**

In an elevated risk situation, like we are presently navigating, parents are not permitted on the school grounds while children are present. Thank you for remaining on the Cody Banks side of the parking lot when dropping off your child.

## LATE FOR SCHOOL

Parents, if your child is late for school please remember that all doors are locked except for the front doors.

## MEET THE TEACHER

Our in-person 'Meet the Teacher' evening is not possible at this time due to Covid restrictions. Homeroom teachers will reach out to parents of students sometime during the week of September 20th to 24th to present the information they would usually share at their 'Meet the Teacher' event.

## 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](http://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 juice daily and Domino's Pizza on Fridays. On-line ordering will begin Monday, September 13 and food services will begin Monday, September 20. 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.** We encourage parents to pay by Bambora. This saves sending money to school with your child and makes it much quicker for the order to be processed. If you need to send a cheque, please make cheques out to Sherwood School and send it in a baggie with your child's name, parent name and homeroom. If the payment is not received on time, your child's order will not be processed.

## MENU OPTIONS

**Mondays to Friday: Milk, 50 cents, Juice 50 cents and chocolate milk 75 cents.**

**Fridays:** Domino's Pizza (cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza the last Friday of the month) (\$2.25)

## ONLINE ORDERING PROCESS

- Please visit [www.sherwood.hotlunches.net](http://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.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program begins Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. It will run Monday through Friday from 8:05 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. Students will be served toast, milk or juice, and fruit. All students are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jesse Foster 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 water fountains will not be open for the beginning of the school year. However, we will have the water bottle filling stations available. It is very important that all students have a water bottle each day that comes to school filled up.

## 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.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures are scheduled for Monday, October 4. This service is provided by Life Touch Studios.

## HOME AND SCHOOL

Sherwood Home & School welcomes new and returning families to the 2021-2022 school year! Stay tuned for details of our first meeting, planned for early October. These meetings are a great way to stay connected with events happening at the school and we encourage you to attend. Everyone is welcome! In the meantime, if you have any questions you can reach us at [sherwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com) or on our Facebook page.

Amy Bysterveldt  
Chair

## NuWelcom APP

Download the NuWelcom App that translates PEI school and community news into twelve different languages.

## GREENING AND GROUNDS

Over the summer, we had numerous parents and students who, along with members of our own dedicated Greening and Grounds committee, generously donated their time to assist with the watering of our vegetables and the upkeep of the school grounds. Thank you ALL for this valuable volunteer work, and a special shout out to Sarah Riehl, Teresa Zhang, Linda Duan and children who were able to devote extra time to this project.

## GREENING AND GROUNDS – RECYCLING PROJECT

Families and staff are invited to drop off any refundable items to Charlottetown Bottle and Metal and let them know you are donating it to the account for Sherwood Elementary. They are located at 4 MacAleer Drive (see the link: <http://www.ctownbottlemetal.ca/> ). Funds raised are used to support the maintenance of the school grounds and outdoor/environmental projects. Thanks for considering this as a way to support our school!

## P.E. NEWS

Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor sneakers as we are spending most of our PE class's outdoors while the weather permits.

## TERRY FOX RUN

Our school will continue to celebrate and honor Terry Fox with our annual school Terry Fox Run. Our run will be held in October this year, with a specific date and details to come in the October newsletter. Our school fundraising will be online again this year and you can visit the following address to donate:  
<http://www.terryfox.ca/SherwoodElementarySchool>

## SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES

Rae Fitzpatrick has been assigned as the OT for the Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools. The focus of the School Therapy OT program is to work together with classroom teachers, school staff and parents /guardians to support children's motor and sensory development in order to assist children in achieving their learning goals; successfully participating in school and most importantly feeling good about themselves and school! More detailed information will be emailed home.



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Have you heard about the **Student Well-being Teams**? They are in all Island schools to support students. These teams promote healthy living and help students with mental health and other issues to  
Help them be strong students and community members. Here are some ways teams help:

## · HEALTH PROMOTION

- Teams present and lead activities with students on how to be strong, healthy and resilient.
- Teams help students understand how they are feeling, how others are feeling, and what the student can do about it.

## · SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT

- Teams deliver **Group Programs** in school or community
  - **One-on-one support** in school or community
  - **Parent Support** at school or at home
- The Student Well-being Team works with the school's student services team and is there for a student or parent. Even though the Student Well-being Team has an office in the school, they spend time in many areas of the school like classrooms, the gym, or playground leading various activities focused on well-being. If you have questions about your child's well-being, reach out to the Student Well-being Team, as well as your child's classroom teacher.
- How can a child be seen by the Student Well-being Team? A parent, teacher or doctor can refer a child or they can refer themselves to the service by contacting the school counsellor or Principal.

Parental consent is strongly encouraged for all students and required for any students under the age of twelve.

Want to learn more about the Student Well-being Teams? Click here:

[princeedwardisland.ca/StudentWellbeingTeams](http://princeedwardisland.ca/StudentWellbeingTeams)

Have a wonderful year!

*Elizabeth Kennedy, Tara Roche, Brittany McQuillan, Danielle Hennessy*

*Student Well-being Team Leadership Team*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFEDERATION CENTRE YOUTH CHORUS

Plan to join the Confederation Centre Youth Chorus this fall! The Chorus is open to youth aged 8 – 18 years of age. In person rehearsals will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening, 6:00-7:30 pm. The Chorus offers a unique musical experience for Island youth as they learn vocal skills in preparation for an exciting schedule of concerts and appearances. Regularly scheduled concerts include In Remembrance, Sing Noel and Voices of Spring. The Youth Chorus has travelled to exciting destinations such as Italy France Belgium and New York City, Washington D.C. and Florida. Touring will commence again when conditions allow. For more information, or to register, email Don Fraser at [dfraser@confederationcentre.com](mailto:dfraser@confederationcentre.com), or call 902-628-6144.

