

September News

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! The year has begun with a flurry of events and activities and is setting up to be an amazing year. We welcomed new students and old on Sept 1 and 2, 2022 with a junior high and senior high assembly to welcome all. The staff have been eagerly getting to know the students and are planning feverishly enriching classroom and extra-curricular learning opportunities.

Our focus continues to be promoting student success and students have been given some tools and lessons on how to foster their learning.

- Be Prepared and On Time
- Attendance Matters
- Work Hard - Study, study, study

On our website, mayerthorpehigh.ca, under the students and parents tab, you will find our student agenda in a pdf form. Students have also been given an agenda to help them keep track of assignments, due dates and has our rules and policies in it. We have reviewed these with our students over the first two weeks, but please feel free to review them as well. Students were also given a paper and a magnet that has our calendar dates listed for important days.

We look forward to working with you through this educational adventure.

School Council

There will be a school council organizational meeting on Tuesday September 20th @ 7 pm. We will elect members to the position of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and others if needed. Please join us and hear the latest news in the school and the division.

School Photos

Smart Photography will be taking school photos on Thursday September 15. All order forms will be online. Remember - DO NOT WEAR GREEN!

Hot Lunch

Hot lunches will be available for purchase. Lunches are scheduled for **Wednesdays** beginning **October 5**. Please fill out the form below and submit payment to the office or order on SchoolCashOnline. Meals must be pre-ordered and no orders will be taken after the deadline. Pre-orders will be taken until **Wednesday September 28** only! The form is attached to this email but has also been handed out to students.

Tiger Wear

Our school gear is available for order. Tiger Wear is clothing items with a unique school logo and personalization can be added. Forms are available at the school or attached to this email. If ordering Tiger Wear a paper order form must be filled out - Once the order form is received in the office, the charge will appear on School Cash Online for payment. Cash/Cheques can also be sent with the form.

Bell Schedule

Our website, mayerthorpehigh.ca, has a pdf of our new bell schedule. Classes start at 9:00 am and students have a 40 minute lunch. Students who miss more than 20% of a class will be marked absent.

Attendance Phone Outs

Attendance is a key factor in a student's success. Absences can add up quickly and our phone out system is set to communicate to parents/guardians when a student misses a class. A pre-recorded message will call the number on file to inform you of any unexcused absences. You can let us know of a student's absence online, or by calling the school.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The parent portal access is the perfect way to keep up-to-date with student assessment and attendance. If you do not have access to the portal for your students please contact the office.

Awards Night

The annual awards night will be held on Thursday October 6, 2022. We will recognize the academic achievements of the students from last year and the year prior. If your student(s) will be receiving an award that night, you will receive an invitation to the event but no information will be given prior to the event about the type of award. If you and your student are unable to attend, the award will be given to the student after the weekend. We look forward to celebrating our students

Athletics

Our athletic program has begun in full force. Try-outs for volleyball and golf teams are complete and practices have begun for volleyball, golf and cross-country. We have an amazing staff and volunteers supporting our programs with 5 volleyball teams, senior golf and junior and senior cross country teams. More information will be provided to students in

Please Note: Throughout the year, parents may be required to drive students to competitions. If you wish to drive more than your own student, you must get a letter from Mrs Hansen to get a criminal record check (this takes two weeks), proof of insurance, a driver's abstract and a complete volunteer driver form.

Breakfast Club

Each morning students have access to complimentary breakfast items. The menu varies daily and is always nutritious, delicious and served with a smile. We serve about 60 students daily. Thank you to Breakfast Club of Canada, Pembina Pipelines and Pembina West Co-op for their donations to our program. If you would like to help support the program, juice boxes and cereal are always appreciated.