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## September 2022 Newsletter

### Events this Month

Mon. Sept. 5 - Labour Day No School

Mon. Sept. 12 - SCC Meeting

Thurs. Sept. 15 - Grizzly Day

Thurs. Sept. 22 - Wear Green for Mito Day

Tues. Sept. 27 - Terry Fox Run

Fri. Sept. 30 - Orange Shirt Day



### Bus Transportation Portal

Families that utilize transportation are encouraged to sign up for the Transportation Portal. The portal is used to receive important messages regarding your students' bus service, times for pick-up and drop-off and weather-related cancellations. For Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students that use the bus for end of day drop-off, please ensure there is an adult to meet the bus at the stop to receive the student.

### Message from Administration

We hope you had a beautiful summer! After a nice break, our staff worked very hard to prepare a warm and meaningful educational environment for our students. Our Unpack your Backpack Night was the perfect opportunity to kick off our school year. Seeing students and families excited to be back in our school was so nice. Everyone appeared very excited to connect! Thank you for taking part in this event!

Our Sunningdale community is mourning the loss of one of our students, Maren Bradford. We wish to express our sincere condolences to Maren's parents and family, as well as to all of her relatives and many friends. Maren was an integral part of our school family for so many reasons. She had a sparkle in her eyes like no other and a giggle that melted any heart. Everyone in our school knew Maren and looked upon her in fascination for her courage, determination and spirit. We all love you, Maren, and miss you so much....



Thank you, parents, for your support and trust. Together, we are going to ensure a fun-filled year of learning. Please don't hesitate to contact your administration or your child's teacher throughout the year.

## **School Calendar 2022-2023**

Here is the link to the 2022-2023 6-day calendar from Prairie South.

<https://www.prairiesouth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2022-23-Final-6-DAY-MJ-Cprt-Assin-Calendar.pdf>

## **Bell Times for 2022-2023**



The bell schedule for this school year can be found on the Sunningdale School website.

<https://schools.prairiesouth.ca/sunningdale/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2022/06/Sunningdale-Bell-Schedule.pdf>

## **School Pictures**

Mark your calendars for school pictures to be held October 3! More information will be included in the October newsletter.

## **Student Cell Phones**

Do you find your child has an addiction and dependence to their smartphone? Generally, we do! In 2022-23, our school plan is to take away student cell phones for most of the day so students can concentrate on their learning and enhance social skills. As you can see in [this article](#), many challenges come with cell phone use. However, this being said, our staff certainly recognizes that there is a place for cell phones, but it needs to be in moderation.

Our students in Grades 6-8 all have Chromebooks in their classrooms. They also have calculators. For anything educational, the school can provide the technology kids need for learning.

When students arrive in the morning, they will place their cell phones in their classroom cellphone hotel, a case on the

classroom wall. It will stay in the hotel untouched until lunch. Kids can have their phones with them while they eat their lunch. Their phones will go back into the hotel before they go outside. Their phone will then stay in the hotel until the end of the day. We ask parents to please call the school if you need to get a message to your child throughout instructional hours.

As always, the school is not responsible for lost or stolen devices. If you and your child are concerned with our student cell phone guidelines, we ask that you keep your device at home.

Staff will be modeling our guidelines with their own personal devices.

**Our goal is to enhance belonging, decrease anxiety and support student learning.** Thank you for your support :)

## **Sunningdale Facebook**

Parents/Caregivers who have not yet joined our school's Facebook page, please join by clicking the link below. It is a great way to stay on top of school events and information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SunningdaleSchool>

## **School Community Council**

The next SCC meeting will take place Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. in the school library. The SCC welcomes all parents to attend.

## **MySchool Sask Parent Portal**

Sunningdale School will continue to use MySchool Sask in the online delivery of report cards. Please ensure you have access to your account. It is highly recommended that you use a desktop or

laptop computer to log in to your parent portals. Please call the school office if you encounter an issue with your account.

<https://myschoolsask.ca/aspen/logon.do>

### **Safety and Other Important Items**

- 1) To ensure the safety of our children, please remember to follow the traffic laws on Thatcher Drive and Wood Lily Drive. Please respect the speed limits and be extra cautious around crosswalks. It is very important to not do “U” turns on Wood Lily in front of the school. Your help to keep our families safe is greatly appreciated.
- 2) Supervision on the playground starts at 8:15 a.m. For student safety, please do not send before this time.
- 3) The Lost and Found bin fills up fast at Sunningdale School! Please help us identify your child’s belongings by labeling all items—shoes, coats, hats, hoodies, etc. If items are labeled all belongings will be returned to the student.
- 4) We want to remind you that Sunningdale School is a Nut Aware School. Please do not send any products to school that contain nuts, or may contain nuts, at any time. We have people in our school who have severe allergies and we want to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support in making our school a safe place for everyone.
- 5) Visitors to the school and drop off items: We ask all visitors to check-in at the front office. Masks and sanitizer are available at the front entrance if you so

choose. If you are dropping off something for your child, we will have you place it on the drop off table in the hallway. We will be happy to call your child to the front of the school to pick the item up from the table. For student safety, no parents are allowed past the Office area please.

### **Safety Patrol**

We are looking for students in Grades 5-8 to help out at Sunningdale School by becoming a Safety Patroller. Students will be scheduled on a weekly basis within their homeroom. Once all permission forms are received, we will begin setting up training sessions with our Police Liaison Officers. We look forward to another great year of leadership opportunities through our Safety Patroller program. Please encourage your child(ren) to get involved!

### **Dress for the weather!**



Please help your child come dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Students will be expected to go outside for breaks and will need to be dressed suitably. You may wish to take a moment and write your child’s name in their boots and outside gear. This helps when we are trying to help locate lost items.

### **Messages left for student absences**

When leaving messages regarding student absences, please leave students full name, date of absence and the reason for the absence. Thanks for your cooperation.