

# WOLFPACK HOWLER

## Principal's Message

Hello everyone and welcome back to what promises to be a year of great change. Unsurprisingly, start-up is one of the busier times of the year for any school. With ongoing modernization at Woodhaven, August has been particularly busy. This year we will continue our focus on student success and well-being. With this in mind I would like to express how excited I am to join the strong staff here at the school. I consider myself extremely fortunate to work with such great students and educators. As well, I'd like to welcome Ms. Cara Corcoran as our grade 5/6 Music teacher as well as Educational Assistant Ms. Emma Coates, joining us from Brookwood. Speaking of changes, for those who haven't had the chance to drive past the



school this summer you'll soon notice the progress at the north end of the school. Despite the rain this summer work has been progressing well and we are now able to enjoy our new elementary wing on the southwest corner of our building (more on this on pg. 4 of this newsletter). On the threshold of a new school year I'd like to share the message on the importance of home and school communication. The easiest way to stay connected is to check out our webpage. On our staff page you'll find email ad-

resses and other contact information, including phone numbers, for teachers and support staff. As well, the web page contains a variety of information about our school, programs, clubs, events, and more. I also encourage you to become familiar with PowerSchool. Having worked with it at the high school level, it is a very powerful tool for student success (see pg. 5 for more information). If you are attending Woodhaven for the first time let me be the first to say welcome to the Wolf-Pack. If you are returning, then welcome back. Always keep in mind at Woodhaven we are here to learn how to learn, learn how to get along, and do right! Here's to a great year!

-Mr. Shaw

## Meet The Staff Barbeque, Thursday Sept. 12th

All of us at Woodhaven Middle School would like to invite our students, parents, and guardians to our Meet the Staff Barbeque at the school on Thursday Sept. 12th from 5:30 - 7:00. There will a brief introduction before we share our meal. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be served (donations welcome).

It will also provide an opportunity to see where the school is at in terms of our modernization. The Phys. Ed. Dept. will also have their annual clothing sale selling swag (shirts, hoodies, socks) from previous school years. Mark it on your calendar and we hope to see you there.



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### Key Dates:

First Day for Students	Sept. 3rd
Meet the Staff BBQ	Sept. 12th
School Council Meeting	Sept. 19th
Treasure Island Auditions	Sept. 24th
Cross Country Race @ Home	Sept. 26th

## NEW WOODHAVEN BELL SCHEDULE 2019-2020

8:22am - 8:25am	Warning Bell
8:25 am - 9:11 am	Block 1
9:14 am - 10:00 am	Block 2
10:00 am–10:15 am	Recess
10:18 am -11:04 am	Block 3
11:07 am -11:53 am	Block 4
11:53 am - 12:16 am (Pt. 1)	Lunch Break
11:16 am - 12:39pm (Pt. 2)	Lunch Break
12:39 pm - 12:42 pm	Warning Bell
12:42 pm - 1:28 pm	Block 5
1:31 pm - 2:17 pm	Block 6
2:22 pm - 3:06 pm	Block 7
3:15 pm	Bus Departure



**Due to changes in bus departure/arrival times we have altered our bell Schedule**

### Reporting Absences

*By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.*

From:

[www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)

For the safety and success of our students it is important that parents/guardians inform the school when your child is, or will be, absent from school. Please call **(780) 962-2626** or email [woodhaven@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:woodhaven@psd70.ab.ca) in order to let us know when your child will be absent. If no one is available to answer the call, please leave a message on our answering machine.

Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Maranatha Christian Program (MCP) Highlights

Chapel is moving to Tuesday Mornings!

We are holding our middle school chapel at Brookwood school **Tuesday mornings** for this year. We would like to share with you our gratitude to the staff at Brookwood, and in particular, Principal Caouette and Assistant Principal Lefebvre for accommodating us during our modernization.

Spiritual Retreat

From Sept. 17-20 our grade 7, 8, and 9 MCP students will be participating in our annual spiritual retreat at camp Ross Haven Bible Camp.

For more information on MCP please visit our website at

<https://woodhaven.psd70.ab.ca/MCP.php>

### Woodhaven Welcomes Ms. Corcoran and Mrs. Coates

Woodhaven is extremely happy to welcome two new members to our already amazing staff: Ms. Corcoran in Grade 5/6 Music and Ms. Coates joining us as an educational assistant.

Ms. Corcoran (B.A., B.Ed.AD) began her education career in 1989 with Holy Family Catholic Regional District #37, at schools in Peace River and Grimshaw, teaching music and K-Gr 6. She also has a background in broadcasting, public speaking, choir, speech arts, music festival and community theatre.

Ms. Corcoran moved to Parkland County in 2016, and is a member of the 2020 Parkland Music Festival Committee. She is excited to join the Wolf-



pack at Woodhaven, knowing it has such a fantastic fine arts program!

After working at both Broxton Park School and Brookwood, Mrs. Coates joins us in our grade 5/6 classes for this school year. With her wealth of experience and knowledge working with students we already know she will be an excellent addition to our school. Welcome to the WolfPack!

**Left: Ms. Corcoran, GR. 5/6/ Music Teacher**

### Woodhaven Welcomes Mr. Shaw—Principal

In 1995 Mr. Shaw started teaching English Language Arts at May-erthorpe Jr/Sr High. From there he spent 19 years at Spruce Grove Composite moving from English Dept. Head to Assistant Principal in 2010. He was actively

involved in Alberta Education’s High School Re-design Initiative serving on the Provincial Planning Committee. In 2016 he served as Assistant Principal at Memorial Composite in Stony Plain until his appointment to

Woodhaven this year. He has a long history with Woodhaven having co-founded the Parkland Ravens Volleyball Club as well as being a Woodhaven parent when his daughter attend the school for grades 7-9.

### School Council Meeting Notes

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the **third teaching Thursday of the month**, providing parents, guardians, and community members the opportunity for direct input on matters such as the education plan, school procedures, programming priorities, and perhaps most importantly, to work with

teachers, support staff, administrators, and quite often, school trustees to promote student learning and to enhance student well-being. School Council meetings provide parents and guardians with the opportunity to



**Get Involved!**

pose questions and provide input to improve the Woodhaven School Community. While no commitment is required, we invite you to consider participating. Elections for School Council take place at the annual general meeting in September.

*The next School Council meeting will be held in our (temporary) library on Thursday, Sept. 19th at 6:00pm*

## GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Woodhaven Parent Council, with the help of parent volunteers, would again like to offer our Grab & Go Breakfast program. Grab & Go Breakfast provides breakfast to students who would otherwise spend their morning trying to learn on an empty stomach.

**What We Need:** **VOLUNTEERS** to help with set up and distribution two days a week; Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-8:30am. If you are unavailable during this time but would still like to

help, we are grateful for **DONATIONS** of fresh fruit, yogurt cups, cheese strings, pure fruit juice boxes, bottled water or grocery gift cards. Lastly, we are in need of a **SPONSOR** for Grab & Go this year. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and would be acknowledged on our webpage and newsletter. If you are able to provide your support for the worthwhile program, or



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for more information, please contact Mr. Shaw at

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## We Love Having Visitors...

...however, for the safety of our students, staff, and visitors both during and after our modernization we need to stress that **all visitors first stop at the office and sign in to receive a visitor's pass.** It goes without saying that we at all times need to know who is and isn't in the building. As well, our ultimate goal of "...student success and well

being..." underlines the importance of students being in class with as few distractions as possible. Classroom time is extremely valuable. Therefore, while surprise or drop in visits are often nice, except in emergencies, to avoid disappointment we need to ask that visitors schedule visits with teaching staff outside of teaching hours before coming

to the school. It is important that we limit the interruptions of student learning to as few as possible.

Again, while it's always great to see you, we ask that you first stop and sign in at the office and schedule meetings with teachers outside of instructional time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Modernization Update

Anyone who has endured the pain of home renovations knows all about the inconvenience (and quite frankly, the mess) involved. However, standing in the middle of the kitchen, bathroom, living room, etc. when 'job is finally done' is well worth the wait. Now imagine these emotion on a whole school scale! Despite the rain, it has been an extremely busy summer for

our modernization project. Outside the progress is visible on the north side of the building as workers are busily working on our new gym and classrooms. Inside, ready and raring to go, we have an entirely new wing



for our grade fives and sixes (and a grade seven class for good measure). The renovated portables are spacious and, with new flooring and ceilings, they look bright, shiny, and new. As well the large boot room on the southwest corner of the school is ready for students.

## PowerSchool for Students and Parents

PowerSchool is a web-based student information system designed to facilitate greater communication between the school and home. Through PowerSchool, parents and legal guardians have the opportunity to access online their children's attendance and easily email teachers both online and through the PowerSchool phone app.

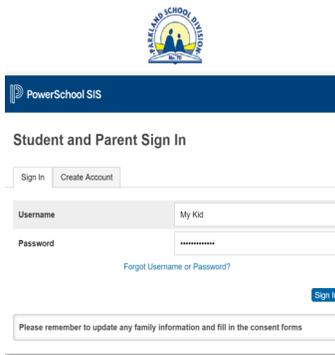
Parents and guardians are able to create a PowerSchool account and link it to each of their children's accounts

by using the access codes supplied by the school.

Click [here](#) for instructions on how to set up your PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you already have an account please login

[here](#). The app is available on Google Play or through the Apple App Store. To login you will need your PowerSchool username and password as well as the school division code **NKNC**.

As well, in the PowerSchool portal, school fees can be paid through the **Acorn** Online Module. Parents can view and print student statements and receipts, transaction history, outstanding fees, and make payments online. Methods of payment include Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Interac Online Debit.



**PowerSchool Login Page:**  
[powerschool.psd70.ab.ca](https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca)

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## Fine Arts: Treasure Island Drama Production

Woodhaven Performing Arts is excited to announce this year's Main Stage production: **"Treasure Island!"**

**"Treasure Island"**, one of the greatest adventure stories of all time, tells the story of Jim, a young boy who comes in possession of a notorious treasure map hidden in a chest. Followed by the villainous pirate Long John Silver, Jim sets out across the ocean to search out a buried fortune on Skelton Island.

Auditions will take place on Tuesday, September 24th from 3:30-5:30pm. All students in grades 7-9 are welcome to audition and apply for positions as part of our Technical Team. Students are invited to come to an information meeting Tuesday, Sept 17th at lunch in the Drama Room.

### Student Commitment:

Oct - Dec Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm

Jan - Feb Monday - Wed 3:30-5:30/6:00pm

Production Week: February 9-14, 2020 at Horizon Stage.

If you have any questions, or would like more information please contact the show's director Mrs. Young at [ayoung@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:ayoung@psd70.ab.ca).

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We're Going Paperless!

This year's school handbook will be available online on our website. However, if you would like a paper copy, a limited number will be available through the office

## WOLFPACK ATHLETICS- Cross Country - Volleyball - PE Notes for September

We are excited to get going right away with **Cross Country!** We are looking for any students grade 5 to 9 to join the Cross Country team. A start up meeting will be happening early in September. Our Junior High team finished with the 2nd highest team points in the WCJHAA and we look forward again to a successful upcoming season. Our first race is at Meridian Heights on



**Athletics are ramping up early in September**

September 12th, with all other races occurring on Thursdays. Our home race, hosted at Brookwood is on September 26th. Please come see Mr. Bock and Mr. Rink if you are interested in being a part of the team! Run Hard, Run Fast, Run for Fun!

**Volleyball** tryouts will be starting up the first week in September. The tryout schedule will be posted outside the gym. We will host our first event of the season, Parkland vs World Jr. Volleyball Tournament on Sept. 27-28th for our Junior A volleyball teams.

Our Senior volleyball teams will be participating in two tournaments this month. SGCHS Tournament Sept. 20-21 & SAPEC Tournament Sept. 27-28. **Fall Ball is back!** Our in-house grade 5-6 volleyball league will be back this year in October/

November. More information will be coming out shortly.

Our school's **Terry Fox Run** is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26th. Students will run a 4km loop in support of Terry Fox.

**September Phys. Ed. Notes** Students in all grades will be participating in a variety of cooperative games, team building activities, and traditional sports such as volleyball and football this month.

TGIF is back. Students will be participating in **Team Games & Improving Fitness** every Friday in their PE class. Students are reminded they require a change of clothing for PE (shirt, shorts/pants, shoes). Lastly, Reminder to all students **no cell phones, valuables, and money should be left in the change rooms.**



PSD has implemented a new system for newsletter distribution. If a family has approved to receive emails as per the Anti-Spam legislation, they will automatically be emailed this newsletter on a monthly basis. If a family does not approve to receive emails as per CASL, then newsletters will be available on the Woodhaven website for download. The most recent newsletters will be available on the home page. Back issues are available on the newsletter archive page under the 'For Parents' tab.