

# HIGH PARK SCHOOL



Bi-Weekly School Newsletter

HIGH PARK HERALD  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MEMO

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am thrilled to join the High Park team and have enjoyed my time getting to meet many of your students over the past few days. I am looking forward to seeing our families next Tuesday evening, September 3rd, for our Meet the Staff night.

Many schools across Parkland are experiencing increased wasp activity. Our facilities department and pest control have responded multiple times and the town has also worked to eradicate them. To reduce the risk, where possible, send your child in long sleeves and pants.

If you have not had a chance to check out our School Handbook or the Transportation Guide, be sure to have a look.

**Ms. Marcinkevics,**  
Principal



First week learning, fun, and connections in Grade 3 Roy

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 2, 2024**  
Labour Day
- **September 3, 2024 @5:30pm**  
Meet the Staff night
- **September 9, 2024**  
Grade 6 Immunization Education Session
- **September 12, 2024**  
Cross Country Run @ Forest Green
- **September 19, 2024**  
Cross Country Run @ Woodhaven
- **September 20, 2024**  
PD Day (No School)

## Magic Athletics & PE

- Hurricane athletics is geared up for an exciting year.
- Volleyball tryouts are currently in full swing! All students in grades 6-9 are invited to attend tryouts: 6-9 Girls Tuesday September 3 from 3:15-4:45 and 6-9 boys Wednesday September 4.
- We are also looking for volleyball coaches, if you are interested in coaching a volleyball team this season please contact Mrs. Daniell at [denise.daniell@psd.ca](mailto:denise.daniell@psd.ca)
- For those interested in cross country running, stay tuned! We'll be sharing all the details on Tuesday, September 3.

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**2024-2025 HIGH PARK  
EVENTS Calendar**

## Notes from the office

**School Fees** - Please ensure that your past years School Fees are up to date. We did have adjustments to some of our Field Trip fees from 2023 - 2024.

School Fees for the current 2024 - 2025 School year will be added to your Powerschool Parent Portal within the next few weeks. Statements will be sent out once fees have been applied.

## High Park Library

It's going to be a great year in the library folks! Mrs. Collett (aka. Mrs. C.) will be opening the library next week for the regularly scheduled library to begin.

Students in Grades 1-9 will begin bringing library books home next week. Please find out from your student what day (1,2,3, or 4) their class visits the library. All books need to be returned or renewed each week to avoid missing an opportunity of bringing another one home. Students in Grades 1-3 take 1 book out per week, grades 4-9 are allowed a maximum of 2 unless there is a special circumstance where more is needed (ie. research project, etc.).

If your student had taken books out over the summer, those books will need to be returned by the end of the second week of school - thank you, in advance, for reminding your student(s) about these books. Have a wonderful start to the new school year!

## Counselling Corner

Hi, My name is Brittany Thorarinson! The students know me as Miss. Thor or Miss. Brittany. I am so excited to be back at HighPark for the 2024-2025 school year. My role at the school is to provide therapy to students in both individual and group settings.

Please connect with Mrs. Marcinkevics, Mrs. Dallinger, or your child's teacher to find out how to access support at the school.

I have also attached some resources below for parents and caregivers that may be of help:

- Triplep-parenting: <https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/alb-en/find-help/triple-p-online/>
- APFA: [Fall 2024 Program Guide by albertaparenting - Issuu](#)

West view PCN: [Youth Mental Health Clinic](#)

## Band Bulletin/Music Memo

High Park is excited to introduce our new Music Teacher and Band Instructor. To find out more about Ms. Schultz, [read her greeting here](#)

### PAL - Your Fundraising Parent Group

Hot lunch is running again this year! We will be open for orders on September 4th and close on 25th of the month.

Sign up for hot lunch at [hpspal.hotlunches.net/](https://hpspal.hotlunches.net/)

## A message from School Council

Hello High Park Parents,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to School Council and to the Parents Advisory League (PAL).

School Council advisory group bringing together staff, parents, community members and trustees to discuss topics relating to education and school organization. Our role is to assist the principal in making the best-informed decisions for the betterment of our school.

PAL is a group of parents that work together to raise money to support school initiatives supported by the School Council. It is a volunteer parent group that has been very successful with fundraising for the school. PAL is the group that sets up hot lunch and fundraisers, among other things.

Both committees need volunteers. This year is especially crucial because parents that hold key positions on PAL will be graduating out of our school next year. Without replacements there will be no hot lunch or fundraising.

School Council would like to remind families about the importance of traffic safety during pick up and drop off. Please have a read through our reminders about [Traffic in and around High Park](#).

September 17, 2024 will be our first night of meetings for both of these groups. PAL will meet in the school library at 6pm and School Council will meet right after at 7pm. Please come join us, learn what our plans are for the year and how you can get involved. The more volunteers we have, the more support we can provide the school. I look forward to seeing you there on the 17 th!

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School Council Chair  
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