

# HIGH PARK SCHOOL



*Bi-Weekly School Newsletter*

**HIGH PARK HERALD  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MEMO

What an incredible turnout at our Meet the Teacher BBQ last night. Our Parent Advisory League served over 480 burgers & hotdogs!

Calling all volunteers! Please join us on Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm in the library. We will talk about different opportunities in our school and answer any questions. Volunteer Registration forms are available in the office if you cannot make it.

We are excited for our new Grade 6 Lunch Leaders opportunity we are launching this year. [Check out this letter to find out more!](#)

Thank you for the fantastic first week,

**Ms. Marcinkevics,**  
Principal



A Snapshot of the Meet the Teacher BBQ

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 9, 2025 @ 3:15pm**  
Volunteer Orientation (Library)
- **September 10, 2025 @ 6:30pm**  
St. John's Muisc Rental Night
- **September 11, 2025**  
Cross Country Run - Forest Green at old MCHS location
- **September 18, 2025**  
Cross Country Run @ Brookwood

## Hurricane Athletics & PE

### Physical Education:

Throughout September volleyball will be our main focus but we are also looking forward to getting outside for some outdoor games and activities. Please remember that a pair of non-marking running shoes are required for participation in PE

### Volleyball & Cross Country:

The last volleyball tryouts are being held after school today; students will be notified whether or not they were selected for a team by Tuesday, September 9th.

- Junior Developmental Volleyball tryouts will be held next Thursday, September 11th; Girls from 3:05 - 4:30; Boys from 4:30 - 6:00. This is a one-time tryout open to students in grades 4-6.
- The first cross country race of the season is next Thursday, September 11th. Forest Green School is hosting at the old Memorial Composite High School location. Brookwood is the following week. Login to your PowerSchool Fees to sign up! [Here are the instructions on how to find and complete online forms.](#)

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**2025-2026 HIGH PARK  
EVENTS Calendar**

## Notes from the Office

As we get back into school routines, please remember that morning supervision starts at 8:15am and after school supervision ends at 3:15pm. Please wait to drop off your children between these times as there is no supervision before or after this point.

A few important updates were added to our Handbook this year. Please use this link to find the [High Park Handbook on our website](#):

- As the Parkland School Division Code of Conduct was updated in the spring, we too updated our School Code of Conduct at High Park. During our first day assembly we spoke with our students about the new Code of Conduct as well as our Locker Policy and Cell Phone Policy.
- An additional update was also added with regards to our policy on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Lastly, we added a section capturing each of the awards handed out at our Junior High Awards Ceremony in June.

Peace Officers are out actively patrolling school zones before and after school. Please be sure your child is wearing a helmet on their bike and scooter, tickets are \$97

[Need help completing online forms? Find the instructions here!](#)

## Hello from the Library

### Welcome Back to Reading!!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed every bit of the good weather we had. 😊

There's been an awful lot of talk around reading and books being pulled from shelves. I am anxiously awaiting the rewritten ministerial order to see where it will lead our school division. Nevertheless, library blocks begin on Monday and it is business as usual!!

It is always my goal to help your student(s) find books that are interesting to them - but finding something completely new is always an option! Reading many different types of literature (non-fiction, fiction, AND graphic novels) really exercises our reading muscles and prepares students minds for a wide range of areas of study! I'm truly looking forward to having our students back in the library, going on reading adventures with them and offering them experiences that are not usually offered in their classroom - building challenges with Lego and other building materials, games, puzzles, etc.

Here's to wonderful 2025-2026 school year for Everyone!! 😊

## Counselling Corner

Whether you're new or returning—hello and welcome! My name is Brittany Thorarinson, and I'm the school counsellor here at High Park.

I'm here to support students with things like life changes, friendships, goal-setting, decision-making, school stress, and mental health. I work with students both one-on-one and in small groups, and I'm at the school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

If you think your child could benefit from counseling support, feel free to reach out to the Administrative team or your child's classroom teacher to get started.

Looking forward to a great year ahead!

### **PAL** - Your Fundraising Parent Group

Hot lunch is running again this year! We will be open for orders on the 5th of every month and close on 25th.

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

## Band Bulletin/Choir Connection

Junior High Band is starting up next week! We welcome all interested students in Grade 7-9 to register for the Band CTF class on Tuesdays. View the [course information](#) for more details.

Please note that junior high students will need to provide their own band instrument due to limited school-owned instruments. We are hosting an optional instrument rental night on Wednesday, September 10th (6:30-7:30) in the High Park band room for any families who would like to rent directly from a St. John's Music representative.

Grade 3-6 Choir runs on Wednesdays during lunch recess. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 17th!

## A message from School Council & PAL

High Park School Parents' Advisory League (PAL) has a great line-up of events this year. Please check out our attached calendar to see what's ahead.

Our AGM is coming up on Sept. 16th at 7pm following the School Council AGM at 6pm. Everyone is invited to come out and get involved. We look forward to seeing you all this year!

Catrin Thomson  
High Park School Council Chair  
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# MONTHLY EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

04. MEET THE TEACHER BBQ  
16. PAL AGM MEETING @ 7



## OCTOBER

07. PAL MEETING @7  
24. HALLOWEEN HOOPLA



## NOVEMBER

18. PAL MEETING @7



## DECEMBER

1-5. CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



## JANUARY

20. PAL MEETING @7



## FEBRUARY

1-28. READ-A-THON  
17. PAL MEETING @7



## MARCH

17. PAL MEETING @7



## APRIL

14. PAL MEETING @7  
17. COMMUNITY YARD SALE  
DONATION COLLECTION  
24. COMMUNITY YARD SALE  
DONATION COLLECTION  
24. SPRING FLING



## MAY

2. COMMUNITY YARD SALE  
(TENTATIVE)  
19. PAL MEETING @7



## JUNE

04. TASTE OF THE HURRICANES  
A CELEBRATION OF SOUND  
7. FAMILY COLOUR FUN RUN



## JULY

HAPPY SUMMER

## AUGUST

SEE YOU SOON!