



Schuler September News



The Principal Point

Welcome back everyone! Although summer was a lot of fun, I am excited to be back with a great staff and super students for another year. This is my ninth year at Schuler School, and if the first 8 are any indication, this one will fly by quickly too.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Lagasse and Mrs. McLean for doing an awesome job of cleaning our school over the summer. We will do our best to keep it sparkling.

Our school population this year sits at 63 students, plus 6 students in the private kindergarten. This is down 3 students from this time last year, and mostly due to the fact that all 7 grade nines from last year were too smart to keep back another year :) I would like to welcome Ethan Young, a new student from Fort Saskatchewan, to our grade 4 class. I would like to welcome Mr. Swayne McKay (Social 6, Jenner) Mrs. Tara Salmon (Math 9, Beyond Walls), and Mr. Jay Diemart (Social 7/8, Foremost), who will be teaching Schuler students through the magic of Videoconferencing. Togaether with myself (Social 9), we are the “Fearsome Foursome” for VC.

Our school uses the “Hour Zero” emergency preparedness system to make sure students are safe. Teachers have talked to students about what to do in emergency situations, and this month we will have several practice drills, including 2 fire drills and one emergency lockdown drill. For more informa-

tion about the hour zero program, please visit the school division website at www.prrdweb.com. Please take some time to fill out the emergency contact form within your forms booklet you’ve received and return the information to the school.

Parents are reminded that they are VERY welcome to visit our school, and are asked to sign in and out as a means of making sure everyone is accounted for during drills and emergencies.

September should be a busy month. It includes the start-up of volleyball, our Terry Fox Run and bike Rodeo. Our Student Council Magazine Drive begins on September 12th, with the proceeds going to help student council fund the programs and activities for students. We thank you for your continued support. Our pancake breakfast, for all students, parents and community members, will be held on Friday September 23rd. The breakfast starts @ 8:30. If you are able, please join us!

I would like to remind all parents that my door is always open. Please do not hesitate to stop in or call if you have a question or concern. I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year. I am excited to be back for another school year. Let’s make it a great one!

Sincerely,

Fli Merrick



Please plan to join us for our Terry Fox Run on Sept. 28th and Community Pancake breakfast on Sept 23rd.



Upcoming Dates

- Sept 5th—Labour Day—no School—go Stamps!
- Sept 9-10th—First Volleyball tournament for boys and girls.
- Sept 19th—Staff Development Day—no school
- Pancake Breakfast—Sept. 23rd—8:30-9:30
- Sept 28 -Terry Fox Run, 2:45
- Oct 11th - School Pictures, AM
- Nov 10-14—No school for students.
- Nov 26th—First Report Card
- Nov 29th -Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30-8:30)
- Dec 22-Jan 4 (inclusive) Christmas Break



IPODS, Phones, portable devices

Students are welcome to use their portable devices on the bus to and from school. To avoid distractions and enable students to learn uninterrupted, once at school, these devices are to remain in lockers until the end of the day. The staff and students of Schuler School thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder

Schuler's timetable has changed. School now begins at 8:55 and runs to 3:25. There are no early Friday dismissals, but several days (mostly Mondays) off for students while Schuler's staff continues to improve our teaching and our school.



Students and parents are reminded that agendas are a great way to improve communication between home and school. In Schuler, agendas are to go home every night, and return signed the next morning.

Sports Update

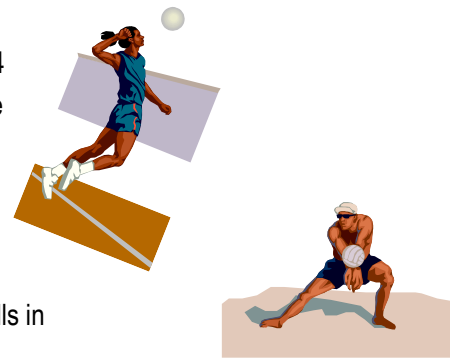
Schuler School is proud to again have both boys volleyball and girls volleyball teams this year. Ms. Oster will be coaching the boys, and Mr. Merrick will coach the girls. The boys team and girls teams are open to interested students in grades 6 and up.

The schedule for volleyball practices will be determined after a parent meeting (Girls @ 4:45 pm Sept. 1st, boys at first practice). League night is not

yet known. We will find out after the JH athletic meeting on September 6th. There are 4 tournaments for both boys and girls this year. The schedule for this can be found later in the newsletter.

Later on this year, students in grade 4 through nine can choose to play in our curling bonspiels; students in Junior High can play badminton, and all students can show their skills in

our annual track and field meet. It will be a fun and active year!



"What's up?" with Mrs. Herman

Welcome back to school everyone! I'm delighted to be back at Schuler for another exciting year! I have a little less teaching time this year but I also have some time allotted in my schedule to program for individual students. I am happy to be teaching Science 9 once again. We will begin studying a chemistry unit called Matter and Chemical Change, so get your lab coats ready! We will be doing lots of hands on work in labs with a focus on lab safety at the beginning. I will be teaching two new junior high options this year, which will run all year with one class per week for each. I am pumped up about beginning the fitness option, as this is a keen area of interest for me. We will spend our classes trying out the various fitness trends of today while monitoring our progress. Our other option will be digital photography, another area of interest for me. This year, students will be asked to do most of the photography for school events and then will use their creativity to create projects and contrib-

Want to find out more about Schuler School? Check out our new web page at www.schulerschool.ca . You'll find pictures, video, news and calendar events for our school. You can even sign up for an email version of our newsletter!

Teaching Assignments 2011-2012

For this year, the teaching assignments are:

Mrs. Noerenberg—Division I core classes

Mrs. Maier—Division II LA, Math 4/5,

Mr. Jobb—Math 6-8, JH Rec. Ed/Design Studies

Ms. Oster—Junior High LA, JH Drama/Foods, Science 4-8, PE 4-6 , Art/Drama 4-6

Mrs. Ariana Herman—Science 9, JH Fitness/Photography, Special Ed Lead Teacher

Ms. Tara Salmon (from Beyond Walls School in MH) - Math 9 (Videoconferencing)

Mr. Dwayne McKay (from Jenner) Social 6 (VC)

Mr. Jay Diemart (From Foremost) Social 7/8 (VC)

Mr. Merrick—Social 4,5,9, PE 7-9, Health 7-9, PE 1-3

A complete course timetable is available on the our website (www.schulersschool.ca)

Forms and Fees

Several forms are being sent home that need to be filled out and returned. Please read over these forms and return them to the school by Wednesday, September 29th.

As well, an invoice for school fees is also being sent home. School fees vary depending on the grade level of your child. They are used to help fund special events and trips at the

school. Fees are due at the end of September. Please make cheques payable to Schuler School.

If you have any questions or difficulties with the forms or fees, please call Eli or Linda at the school.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Terry Fox Run

Later this month, fundraising forms will be sent home for the Terry Fox run. All students, teachers, and any interested parents can participate in the Terry Fox Run on September 28th. More information will be sent home later this month.

Student Recognition

The “caught being good” program will be replaced by a system that allows students to recognize fellow students for their skills and interests during assemblies. More information will be sent home later this month.

Noerenberg News

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a great summer. My family and I shared our summer with two international students from Schmolz, Germany. We had lots of fun showing them the wonderful sights of the Canadian Rockies and also the prairies. We were amazed by how quickly they became bilingual. This year I will continue teaching Division One. Mrs. Anderst, Mrs. Knoblich and Mrs. McLean will also be working in the Division One classroom. We are looking forward to the exciting challenges of 2011-2012 as we work together to prepare our children today for the achievements of tomorrow!



JOB REPORT

Hi everybody isn't it great to be back? Summers as good as this one can't last forever!! (I guess) We were once again blessed with the Irish for a few weeks and had a great time "bonding" with the grandchildren. Next will be xmas together again this year in Ireland. Hope all of you and your families enjoyed your summer time together! Now back to work!!!

Beginning areas of study for Schuler's finest in my classes this year include:

Math 6 - Numeration, Place Value

Math 7 - Number Connections

Math 8 - Number Qualities

Division III Options

Design Studies - we will be "building" on the computer as well as some real life small scale projects.

Rec. Ed. - Activity classes based primarily on life-long recreational activities.

Together we can have another great year at a great school - LET'S DO IT!!!



Volleyball Tournaments

Here is a list of tournaments that Schuler boys and girls have entered.

Boys	Girls
Sept 9th-10th-EBHS	Sept 9th-10th-EBHS
Oct. 1st- Calgary	Oct. 1st- Calgary
October 21-22-Seven Persons	October 14-15-Seven Persons
Oct 28-29-Schuler	Oct 28-29-Schuler
Nov 4-5-Zones ?	Nov 4-5-Zones ?

Mrs. Maier's Report

Hello! I'm excited to be back at school. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. This year I will be teaching division 2 language arts, as well as the grade four and five math. As students will be having many different teachers this year, it is even more important that agendas be signed and returned each day, as this is the easiest way to communicate about assignments, notices, etc. on a daily basis. The students agendas will be monitored and small prizes will be awarded on a regular bases. During the first week your child will receive a class outline. Please initial these and return them. I'm looking forward to a great school year with a great bunch of students.



Oster News:

Welcome back everyone! Hope you all had a fantastic summer! I'm looking forward to another great year at Schuler School. I will be teaching a very similar course load to last year: Division III Language Arts, Science 7/8 as well as Division II Science, P.E., and Drama, Art and Health. Our first units are as follows...

LA 7-9~ Novel Study: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Science 8~ Mix and Flow of Matter

Science 4-6~ Air and Aerodynamics

P.E 4-6~ Physical Fitness, Games, Volleyball

Also this year I will be teaching Drama and Foods as Jr. High options. Check with students this week for copies of all the course outlines to be signed and returned. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Agendas are an important tool for keeping students organized and on top of all their assignments and due dates. It is a valuable communication tool for parents, students and teachers and helps to keep us all on the same page. Agendas will be a major priority in our classroom this year. Students will need to have their agendas signed and brought to school **each day**. They will be encouraged to write in them daily and learn to use them in an effective way. Incentive programs are in place to help with this but our main goal is to have informed parents, students, and teachers. Any notes regarding absences, pick up times or bus changes should be included in the agendas.

I am also looking forward to coaching "A" Boys Volleyball again this year. I have very limited information about League and Practice nights until the Athletic Meeting, but information will be passed on to you as soon as I get it.

Miss Laura Oster



ATTENTION

PARENTS OF GRADE 5 and 9 STUDENTS

In regards to immunization for grade 5 and 9 students;

1. Consents will either be sent home from school with your grade 9 student or you will receive a consent in the mail.
2. These consents will be issued early September. You will need to fill out the top part of the consent with your child's name, date of birth, health care number, school and grade. Please print clearly all the required information. Your signature is required for us to vaccinate your child at the school.

If you do not receive a consent for your student by September 20th, 2011 please contact the Public Health Office at 403-502-8213.

**ALL CONSENT FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED IN THE
ENVELOPE INCLUDED WITH THE CONSENT PACKAGE.**

PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 8 2011-2012 CALENDAR APPROVED MAY 10, 2011

August 2011							September 2011							October 2011							November 2011						
Pupil - 1 Staff - 3							Pupil - 20 Staff - 21							Pupil - 19 Staff - 20							Pupil - 20 Staff - 21						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	H10	11	12	13	14	15	13	SI 14	15	16	17	18	19
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December 2011							January 2012							February 2012							March 2012						
Pupil - 14 Staff - 15							Pupil - 18 Staff - 19							Pupil - 16 Staff - 20							Pupil - 20 Staff - 22						
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							<i>Diploma Exams Jan 11-30 incl</i>																				
April 2012							May 2012							June 2012							Prairie Rose School Division No. 8						
Pupil - 15 Staff - 15							Pupil - 21 Staff - 22							Pupil - 19 Staff - 21							Semester						
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H15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20	H21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	PT Interviews	0	2	2			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	27	28	29	30	31			10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Teacher Convention		2	2			
29	30													17	18	19	20	21	22	23	School Opening	1		1			
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														<i>Diploma Exams June 12-28 incl</i>							Total Staff Days	7	9	16			
																					Instructional Days	91	92	183			
																					Operational Days	98	101	199			

S - Staff Preparation DPD - Division Professional Day H - Statutory Holiday C - Teachers Convention
 P - First / Last day - Students SI - School Improvement Day PT - Parent Teacher Interview - Days in Lieu



	Semester		Total
	1	2	
Division PD Days	1	0	1
School Improvement	5	4	9
PT Interviews	0	2	2
Teacher Convention		2	2
School Opening	1		1
School Closing		1	1
Total Staff Days	7	9	16
Instructional Days	91	92	183
Operational Days	98	101	199

Forms, Forms, Forms.

Dear Parents:

The Student Registration Information forms, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Computer Use Agreement and the Extra/Co-Curricular Transportation Consent Forms, Student Emergency Contact Information Form, will be going home. Please be sure to read, complete and sign both sides where applicable, and return the completed forms by Friday, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011, it is very important to have these forms in on Sept. 9th, students will not be able to log on the computer until their Computer Use Agreement form is signed by the parent and the student, and the Student Fees by Friday, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011. Make cheques payable to SCHULER SCHOOL. Thank You.



FYI... Information about the new Distracted Driving Law

As you've probably heard, Alberta's new Distracted Driving Legislation will hit the roads Sept. 1st. I thought I'd provide you all with some information so that you can be prepared when the new regulations take effect.

When and where the new law applies

The new legislation is set to come into force as of September 1, 2011. Alberta Police and Peace Officers will NOT be providing a grace period for drivers to get used to the new rules. The laws apply to drivers of vehicles on any urban or rural highway in Alberta. This includes any street, road, parking lot, driveway or alley. The laws do not apply to vehicles that are off the highway (see above examples) or that are lawfully parked. The laws will apply to vehicles that are stopped on a highway; for example you cannot stop on the shoulder of a rural highway or wait until you are stuck at a red light or train crossing to make a call on your cell phone (or engage in any of the other restricted activities). Legally park your vehicle off of the highway before picking up your phone or programming your GPS. Stopping or parking on the shoulder of a provincial highway is only permitted for emergencies and vehicle breakdown.

What activities are restricted?

- Holding, manipulating or talking on hand-held cell phone devices (that's right, you can get a ticket for just *holding* your phone while you drive).
- Texting/emailing.
- Using electronic devices like laptop computers, cameras, video entertainment displays (eg.DVD player), and programming portable audio devices (eg. iPod,mp3 player).
- Manually entering information on GPS units.
- Reading printed material like a book, magazine or map.
- Writing, printing or sketching.
- Personal grooming (eg. Combing your hair, applying makeup or using an electric shaver).

What activities are allowed?

- Using a cell phone in hands-free mode (the device is not held in the driver's hand and is activated by voice or a single touch to the device).
- Listening to portable audio devices (as long as it is set up before you begin driving).
- Changing the channel on your car radio or using built-in audio controls.
- Using a GPS navigation system (as long as the system is affixed to the vehicle and programmed before you begin driving or the system is voice activated. You cannot hold the unit or manually enter information while driving).
- Calling emergency services, such as 911 with a hand-held cell phone.

It is important to note that this law is not intended to penalize drivers for taking a sip of coffee, chatting with passengers or blowing their nose. The goal is to eliminate activities that put drivers and other users of the road at risk such as texting, applying make-up or shaving, all while trying to navigate through traffic.

Penalty and Enforcement

The fine for a ticket under the new legislation is \$172 with no demerit points. Convictions at this time will not appear on a Driver's Abstract but will be monitored and tracked by Alberta Transportation. It is also possible to be charged with Careless Driving (\$402 fine and 6 demerit points).

Who is exempt?

Drivers who talk on hands-free communications devices won't violate this law. In addition, radio communications such as those commonly referred to as CB (Citizen's Band) radios will be allowed for certain commercial purposes, to maintain contact with one's employer and search and rescue services only. All drivers will be able to use a hand-held cell phone to contact 911 emergency services. All emergency services personnel including enforcement, fire and ambulance service members are exempt from this legislation while in the execution of their duties.

Hopefully this has provided you with some valuable information that you can use to prepare yourself for the new laws. As always, remember that safety is a choice.