NEWSLETTER

August 2024





Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are so excited to have students back in the school and ready to learn! September is a busy month at the school with classes and extracurricular starting up. With a new admin team and new teachers on staff, we would like to extend an invitation to you to stop by the school for our Welcome Back BBQ taking place on September 11 from 5:00-7:00. This is a great opportunity to say hi and meet some of the staff. Grade 10 students are looking forward to attending Land Based Learning September 23-25. This is an exciting opportunity for students to spend several days taking part in a variety of land based activities, learn from elders and build relationships to last through high school. We are looking forward to working together with students and families over the coming school year. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, we welcome the opportunity to work with you and encourage you to reach out to any member of our school team.

Sincerely,

EPC Admin Team

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<u>Contact us</u> 780-675-2285

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Upcoming Events August

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 26 27 | 7 | 28 Office open 8:30-3:30pm | ²⁹ Grade 7,10,11,12 Day 1 | 30 All Grades Day 2 |



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 Labour Day No School | 3 Day 1 | 4 Day 2 | 5 Day 1 | 6 Day 2 |
| 9 Photo Day Day 1 | 10 Day 2 | 11 Welcome Back BBQ 5pm-7pm Day 1 | 12 Board of Trustees Meeting Day 2 | 13 Day 1 |
| 16 School Council Meeting Day 2 | 17 Day 1 | 18 Day 2 | 19 Day 1 | 20 Day 2 |
| 23 Land Based Learning (Gr 10 only) Day 1 | 24 Land Based Learning (Gr 10 only) Day 2 | 25 Land Based Learning (Gr 10 only) Day 1 | 26 Day 2 | 27 Orange Shirt day Day 1 |
| 30 _{National Day for} Truth and Reconciliation (regional holiday) Day 2 | | | | |



PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA PROCEDURE

Background

New and future technologies create opportunities for many constructive and positive uses that can aid the instructional process. However, unregulated use of personal mobile devices in schools can be a source of distraction that can negatively impact students' and teachers' mental health, engagement, work and learning. Staff and students are entitled to welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments that respect diversity and nurture a sense of belonging and a positive sense of self, and the unregulated use of personal mobile devices poses risks which can compromise this environment.

Definitions

'Personal mobile device' means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as a cellphone, tablet, laptop, smartwatch or other devices that can be tethered to a personal mobile device and gaming systems.

'Social media' refers to websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking.

Procedures General

1. Personal mobile devices are valuable electronic devices. The security and storage of these items is the sole responsibility of the owner or user. Aspen View Public Schools and Edwin Parr Composite School assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of personal mobile devices.

Students

2. Students may not use personal mobile devices during instructional time, which includes school-sponsored activities such as assemblies or presentations by guest speakers.

2.1. Limited use of personal mobile devices may be permitted, as determined by the principal or designate, for health or medical reasons, or to support special learning needs.

2.1.1. Exemptions for health, medical or special learning needs must be clearly detailed within the student's Medical Support Program or Individualized Program Plan.

2.2. Limited use of personal mobile devices may be permitted for educational or other purposes, as determined by the principal or designate.

2.3. During instructional time, personal mobile devices must be kept silent or powered off, and be stored in the student's locker

3. Personal mobile devices may not be taken into test or examination settings, unless students have been given permission by the principal or designate to do so.

- 4. Personal mobile devices may not be used in settings that have the potential to violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy, such as change rooms, washrooms or private counseling rooms.
- 5. Students in Grade 7 through Grade 12 are permitted limited use of personal mobile devices, only during designated lunch breaks.
 - 5.1. Students in Grades 7 through Grade 12 may not access personal mobile devices during

class transition times, or during temporary absences from the classroom during instructional time.

- 6. Failure of students to comply shall result in:
 - 6.1. First offense: student's personal mobile device shall be confiscated and stored securely in the school office. The student's parent/guardian will be advised via phone or email by the teacher. The student will be able to retrieve the device at the end of the school day. A log entry will be made by the teacher or administrator by the end of the school day.
 - 6.2. Second offense: student's personal mobile device shall be confiscated and stored securely in the school office. The student's parent/guardian will be advised via phone or email by the teacher. The student's parent/guardian will be able to retrieve the device at the end of the school day. A log entry will be made by the teacher or administrator by the end of the school day.

6.3. Third and subsequent offense: As per section 6.2 above, plus progressive discipline as per *Administrative Procedure 355: Student Code of Conduct and Discipline*.

Social Media

7. Aspen View Public Schools' publicly accessible wireless network shall be configured so as not to allow access to social media websites and applications, as defined by the division's web filter system.

Reference: Section 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act Ministerial Order (#014/2024) Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act



Update Forms and Parking passes will be going out next week.





All student lockers must have a lock on them by Friday, September 6. All lockers without a lock will be sealed after this date. Students needing to purchase a lock, can do so at the school office. Locks are now \$10

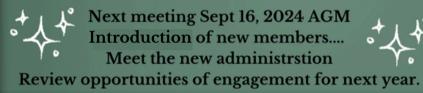
News





This year was a fun year, building relationships, creating new friendships, supporting EPC in the betterment of the School community. This year was exciting as when new admin come, it provides us with new ideas and opportunities. Thank you to the staff and volunteers you have made this year a success.....

Next school year will be and even better year as with new beginnings, come opportunity to lead through example, shine brightly with our positive attitudes in wanting to continue to build a partnership with EPC, staff, students, admin , as well as with each other.



Bus registration is now open for the 2024-25 school year! Register



<u>School Supply List</u>

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2024 2025 Junior High Bell Schedule

Period 1 8:35-9:15 Break 9:15-9:20 Period 2 9:20-10:00 Break 10:00-10:05 Period 3 10:05-10:45 Break 10:45-10:50 Period 4 10:50-11:30 Lunch 11:30-12:15 Period 5 12:15-12:55 Break 12:55-1:00 Period 6 1:00-1:40 Break 1:40-1:45 Period 7 1:45-2:25 Break 2:25-2:30 Period 8 2:30-3:10

2024 2025 Senior High Bell Schedule

Block 1 8:35-10:00

Break 10:00-10:05

Block 2 10:05-11:30

Lunch 11:30-12:15

Block 3 12:15-1:40

Break 1:40-1:45

Block 4 1:45-3:10

Creating Community

<u>School Info</u>

POWER SCHOOL APP

Power School provides real-time access to:

- Attendance
- Grades
- Assignments & Scores
- Standards Progress
- School Announcements
- Teacher Comments
- Grade Point Average
- Fee Transactions & Balance.

You can also use PowerSchool to register to receive email alerts for grades, attendance, assignments and more.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check the lost and found by the bus doors for missing items and also at the front office.

BUY LOW BUCKS

For information on Buy Low gift card fundraising for students please contact the school at 780-675-2285.ext 3

Call or text 310-1818 Family Violence Info Line

Chat now

"I don't feel safe and i don't know what to do."

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