



Welcome Back to School! | 2025–2026 School Year

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the start of another great school year at Edwin Parr Composite School! Whether you're returning to familiar halls or joining us for the first time, we're looking forward to a year of learning, growth, and achievement for all students!

Welcome Back BBQ – September 10

To kick off the year and bring our school community together, we invite all students and families to our Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 10. Come connect with staff and enjoy a hotdog as we set the tone for a positive and supportive year ahead.

Grade 10 Land-Based Learning – September 22–24

We're pleased to share that our Grade 10 students will be participating in Land-Based Learning from September 22–24. This opportunity will allow students to engage with Indigenous Elders & Knowledge Keepers, environmental education, and cultural practices in a hands-on, meaningful way. Permission forms have already been sent home with Grade 10 students.

New Attendance Policy – A Commitment to Success

This year, we are introducing a new attendance policy to support student learning and overall success. Research and experience show that consistent attendance and strong work habits are closely linked to academic achievement, personal growth, and future opportunities. Being present and engaged in class each day helps students:

- Stay on track with coursework
- Build positive relationships with peers and staff
- Develop strong routines and time management skills
- Foster resilience and responsibility

We ask for your partnership in encouraging regular attendance and helping students establish productive work habits early in the year. If your child will be absent, please ensure timely communication with the school. The new policy and support systems are designed to help all students thrive.

Let's Make It a Great Year

The staff at EPC are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and challenging learning environment for every student. We look forward to working together—with students, families, and the wider community—to make this year one of discovery, progress, and success.

If you have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We're here to help!

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to the year!

Warm regards,

<u>What's In This Months Issue:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upcoming Events• News• School Info	<u>Contact us</u> 780-675-2285 4 University Dr. Athabasca, AB T9S 0A3	<u>EPC Administration</u> <u>Principals</u> Brenna Kowalchuk (I-P) Sean Morrison (A-H) <u>Vice Principals</u> Lee Zinnick (Q-Z)
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September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School	2 Sr Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:30-5:00pm Sr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 5:00- 7:00 pm Day 1	3 Day 2	4 Sr Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:30-5:00pm Sr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 5:00- 7:00 pm Day 1	5 Day 2
8 Picture Day Jr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 3:30 - 5:00pm Day 1	9 Jr Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:30 - 5:00pm Cheerleading Tryouts Jr. 5:30 - 7pm Sr. - 6:30- 8 Day 2	10 Welcome Back BBQ 5:30-7:00 Jr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 3:30 - 5:00pm Day 1	11 Jr Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:30 - 5:00pm Day 2	12 Day 1
15 Day 2	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 1	19 Day 2
22 Land Based Learning Day 1	23 Land Based Learning Day 2	24 Land Based Learning Day 1	25 EPC Celebrating Truth and Reconciliation Day Day 2	26 Day 1
29 PD Day	30 No School Truth and Reconciliation	1 Day 2	2 Day 1	3 Day 2



New Bell Schedule

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to inform you that our school bell schedule has been adjusted due to recent changes in district bussing times. These changes are necessary to ensure all students arrive and depart safely and on time.

The new bell schedule will take effect starting Monday, September 8, 2025. Please refer to the updated schedule attached or contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,
Edwin Parr Composite Administration Team


2025-2026 EPC Bell Schedule

JR High Period Schedule			SR High Block Schedule		
	Start	End		Start	End
Period 1	8:34	9:14	Block 1 (84min)	8:34	9:58
transition	9:14	9:18			
Period 2	9:18	9:58	transition	9:58	10:03
transition	9:58	10:03			
Period 3	10:03	10:43	Block 2 (84min)	10:03	11:27
transition	10:43	10:47			
Period 4	10:47	11:27			
Lunch Break 11:27 – 12:15 (48 min)					
Period 5	12:15	12:55	Block 3 (84min)	12:15	1:39
transition	12:55	12:59			
Period 6	12:59	1:39	transition	1:39	1:44
transition	1:39	1:44			
Period 7	1:44	2:24	Block 4 (84min)	1:44	3:08
transition	2:24	2:28			
Period 8	2:28	3:08			



STUDENT LATE PROCEDURE

 **BE ON TIME!**

 **School Starts When the Bell Rings**

 **If You're Late...**

- ➡ Goto the Office
- ➡ Get a Late Slip
- ➡ Go Straight to Class

 15 minutes late or  more = Absent
But you still have to go to class!

 **LATE? HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS:**


2nd Time Talk with your teacher
3rd Time Teacher calls home
4th Time & After Go to office +
Lunch make-up time (ELO)

 **Remember**

 15+ minutes late = absent (but still go to class).

 Get a late slip from the office to enter class.

 Stay in your assigned class while at school.

 No “bank of lates” → every late counts.

 Late = after the bell.

 **Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be On Time!**

CONSEQUENCES OF TRUANCY

 TRUANCY =

Skipping School Without Permission

 Missed Work Must Be Done!

If you skip school, you still have to finish all the work.

You may need to go to ELO (Extra Learning Opportunity) to catch up.

If you don't, you might get a 0% on your work.

 If You Don't Go to ELO:

you may lose some school privileges or get suspended.

Your parents will get a phone call or letter if this happens.

 Let the School Know!

If you're away, ask your parent to call or send an email.

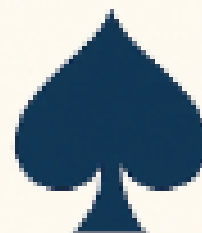
The school phone has a 24-hour answering machine.

 If You Keep Skipping School:

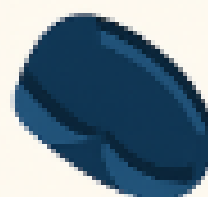
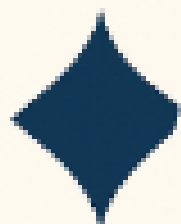
Continued truancies for senior high students may result in removal from the class/program and/or transfer to our Centre for Alternative and Virtual Education (CAVE).



EPC Fundraising
Committee



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CASINO FUNDRAISER

We need volunteers for our upcoming
casino fundraising event!



DATES

October 28 & 29



LOCATION

Boom Town
Casino Ft. Mac



ROLES

General Manager, Banker, Cashier,
Chip Runner (No experience needed—
training provided!)



Volunteering is easy and fun. Meals,
hotel & mileage provided.



Contact Michelle 780-213-0323 or Karen 780-213-2092



WHPS School

Tues, Sept 9th

Junior High - 5:30- 7PM

Senior High- 6:30- 8PM

For more info, please
see Mrs. McGhee

Volleyball Tryouts

SH Boys

Tues, Sept 2nd & Thurs,
Sept 4th 3:30- 5 PM

SH Girls

Tues, Sept 2nd & Thurs,
Sept 4th 5- 7 PM

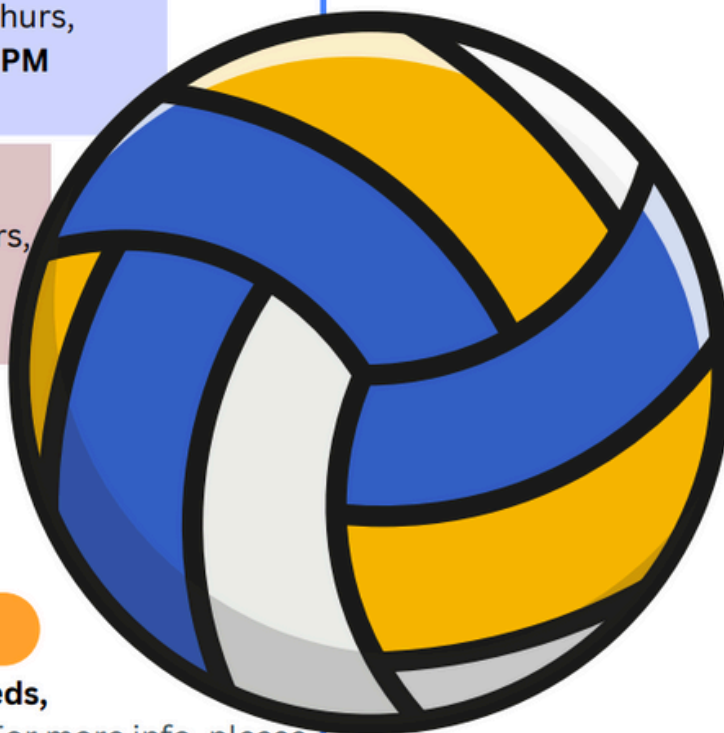
JH Boys

Tues, Sept 9th & Thurs,
Sept 11th
3:30- 5PM

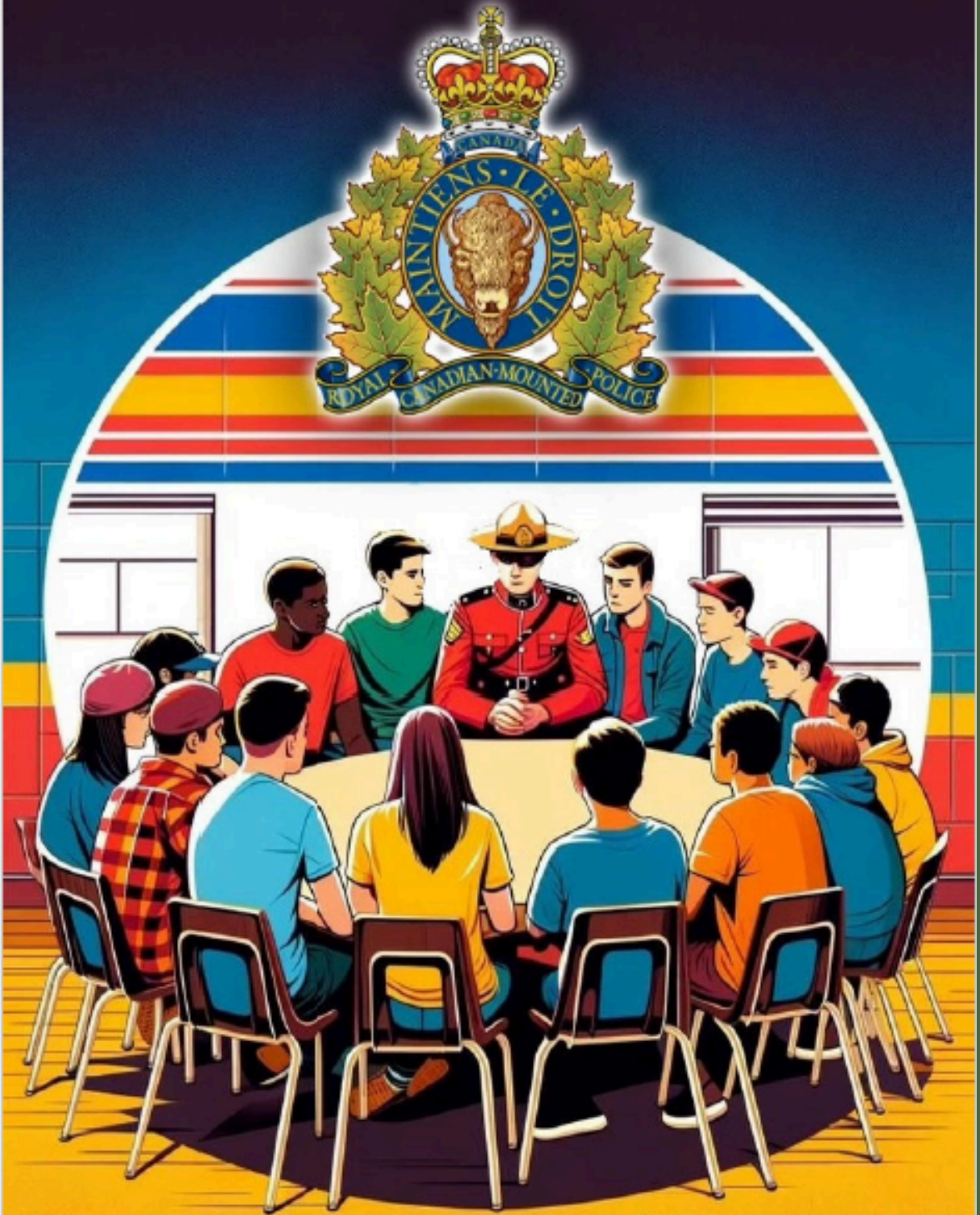
JH Girls

Mon, Sept 8th & Weds,
Sept 10th
3:30- 5PM

For more info, please
see Mrs. O'Neil



ATHABASCA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE



HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD - ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS NOW. DEADLINE
OCTOBER 1st 2025. SPEAK TO YOUR
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS



Reminder: Register to Ride 2025-26

All students requesting a seat on a school bus in 2025-26 need to register as soon as possible, even if ...

- they rode the bus this year
- they only need to ride the bus occasionally

Aspen View Public Schools will endeavor to accommodate bus registrations received after June 30, 2025, however, late registrations may not be eligible for transportation until September 8, 2025.

Register online through the following link: [BusPlanner Workflow](#).

- Select Transportation Registration to register students for busing
- If the student has a second primary address (ex. Custody split between parents), a second Transportation Registration is required
- If you are requesting busing to an alternate location other than the student's primary residence(s), (ex. Child care provider) you will also need to complete an Alternate Address form.

Aspen View Public Schools' website

(<https://www.aspenview.org/operations/departments/transportation>)

includes additional information and answers to common questions about student transportation.

If you have further questions or require more information, please contact Aspen View Transportation Department at transportation@aspenview.org or 780-675-7080 Ext. 16.

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Our Digital World*



Save with Save on Foods fundraising is now happening at EPC. When you purchase Save on Foods gift cards through EPC, your family will earn 6% back in fundraising money. This money can be used towards non-curricular fees that your child may have: yearbooks, sports, student council fees, grad fees, travel. This money will stay with your child until they leave EPC at which point the remaining balance will be transferred to our Food for Thought program.

Save on Foods gift cards can be purchased at EPC's business office or at the Athabasca Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB).

Family and friends may also purchase Gift Cards for your family.

School Info



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.

