



HARVEY HIGH NEWS

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As Harvey Community Days end, anticipation for back-to-school begins. Congratulations to the HCD committee for another exciting, variety-packed, and successful year. As the 2017 school year approaches, there are a few changes on staff: Mr. Jeff Murch has returned from a year's absence; Mr. Ryan Carr has been awarded a 0.5 position and will be teaching carpentry courses; Mme. Katherine Ross has received a 0.5 placement and will offer French Immersion courses primarily at the high school level; Mme. Melanie Bostick has joined staff coming in from McAdam High and will teach French, both immersion and post-intensive, at the middle level; finally, Mrs. Rhonda McCoy has rejoined staff on the education assistants' team. Due to declining enrollment, Mrs. Tina Cleghorn's 0.5 administrative assistant position was eliminated thus leaving Mrs. Deanna Moffitt as the sole administrative assistant.

Each Harvey High student is expected to pay a Student Council Fee of **\$35.00** (maximum \$70.00 per family). The money raised through this fee is used to support student programs and services. These include, but are not limited to: student locks, the toast and lunch programs, microwaves, the Awards Program, Laker Pride, Student Agendas and a limited number of school supply items. Last year, there was not enough remaining in this budget to purchase an article of clothing for every Harvey High School student, but we are hoping to be able to do so this year. Declining enrollment affects everything including the amount of funds brought in to our school. The Student Council Fee must be paid during the first week of school unless other arrangements are made.

Harvey High houses students with life-threatening allergies. One thing we have struggled to uphold is the **scent-free** policy. We are asking parents to support us with this challenging, yet necessary rule. One of our students is deathly allergic to scents and carries, and has had to use, an epipen. Harvey High School is also a **peanut-free building**. Please keep this in mind when purchasing snack and lunch supplies.

On the first day, high school students will be choosing courses for this year and beginning classes. Students will also review school rules with their teachers using their **Student Agenda** which includes the student handbook (rules and policies). Parents are encouraged to examine the agenda policies, as well.

Students will bring home communication surveys the first week of school. It is important to return these as class email distribution lists will be compiled as quickly as possible; this has become our primary mode of communication. As always, the HHS website will be used to communicate on a daily basis.

Beginning on the first day of school, Catering Resto La Bonne Assiette, the cafeteria company, will operate five days a week.

As a review, Harvey High has a **closed campus** for students from **grades six through ten**. Only grades eleven and twelve are allowed to leave campus during the noon hour. Students who must leave for appointments during the day must have a note from a parent or guardian or must be signed out at the Office by a parent or guardian. Students may not, **at any time or age**, sign themselves out or leave without permission.

As is the tradition, student council's main fundraiser of the year, the **Magazine Campaign**, will be held in the first month. Our school keeps about one third of the total sales less prize costs. We are hoping each student will sell at least one magazine. We appreciate the support shown to our students in our fundraising endeavours and acknowledge that there are many groups and associations attempting to simultaneously raise funds.

Harvey High offers an athletic program second-to-none. Thanks to the devotion of staff members and parent and student volunteer coaches, this is a possibility. We are able to provide an opportunity for all students to participate at very reasonable prices; therefore, it is very important for our athletes to participate in our fundraising events. It is important that all who want to take part in activities are able. **Christmas Mommies** will gladly sponsor those unable to afford to participate. Soccer and cross-country will begin for all age levels early in September.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 4 Labour Day Holiday
- Sept. 5 Students return to school
- Sept. 26 Teachers' Professional Learning- Early dismissal
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. 24 Teachers' Professional Learning- Early dismissal
- Nov. 10 Teachers' Professional Learning- No students
- Nov. 13 Remembrance Day Holiday
- Nov. 24 Teacher's PL and Parent Teacher Interviews
- Dec. 22 Last day of school before Christmas
- Mar. 5-9 March Break
- Apr. 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews- No students
- Apr. 28 Teachers' Professional Learning- No students
- May 5 Subject Council- No students
- May 15 NBTA Branch Meeting- No students
- May 22 Victoria Day
- June 23 Last day of classes- Graduation

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