



Lightning News for October 28th – November 1st.
Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of October is respect and responsibility.

“Eventually we all have to accept the full and total responsibility for our actions, everything we have done and have not done.” ~ Hubert Selby Jr. ~

Homework teaches students to work independently and develop self-discipline. Homework encourages students to take initiative and responsibility for completing a task. Homework allows parents/ guardians to have an active role in their child’s education and helps them to evaluate their child’s progress. As a parent/guardian have the conversation with your child – ask if they have any big projects or assignments due for a class. Students have homework every night! Read together, review the times table together, just go outside and look at the stars. As a parent/guardian, teach your child about life balance and responsibility. Help your child to balance friendships with other activities such as sports, volunteering and family activities. Get involved with school by visiting our website and staying up to date with school activities and events. Take an interest in your child’s school projects and daily activities. In middle school, students need to take responsibility for their own learning, but certainly not without the support of their teachers and their parents/guardians.

Socktoberfest: This is the final week for our “socktoberfest donations.” Please bring in a new pair of socks for those in need! We will be donating the socks on Friday to Hestia House and the Men’s Outflow Center. Thank you.

We have decided to put a float in the Lancaster Santa Clause Parade this year. If any parents/guardians would like to join our planning committee, please let myself, Ms. Jill Ferguson know by contacting me by phone 658-5871 or by emailing me jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

We had our first meeting last Tuesday to start the preliminary planning and we will have our second meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. If any students would like to walk with our float sporting their Barnhill shirt or sweater, please let Ms. Ferguson know. The parade is on Saturday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m. We will be assembling the float at 7:30 a.m. in the schoolyard on November 23. We are looking for donations of plywood, varnish, paint and a sound system. If you can provide any of these items, please contact the school. Thank you so much to everyone!

~ **Canteen:** We have a student run canteen available at lunch. The canteen has healthy snacks and drinks available for our students. All of our items are \$1.00.

~ **Breakfast:** In the mornings, we will have breakfast items available for all of our students in the Student Lounge. We do not want any of our students hungry throughout the day.

Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip information: For any grade eight student who plans on going on the grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip, the first payment of \$200.00 is due on Monday, October 28. This payment is through Cashless Schools. This is a very important payment because it provides the outside travel company and us with the number of participants. This is the only time that the full payment of \$690.00 is an option to be paid, or you must follow the payment plan in order for your child to go on the trip.

Monday, October 28th is the final day for our Kiwanis Calendar Fundraiser; Mrs. Stewart will set up for the final day in the lobby to retrieve all ticket stubs with the \$10.00 per calendar sold or the calendars themselves.

Hot lunch:

Monday – Pasta with a fresh apple/orange for \$4.00

Wednesday – Chicken poppers with parmesan bread sticks and a fresh apple/orange for \$5.00

Friday – Cheese pizza with a fresh apple/orange for \$3.00

The SRC hands out the hot lunches based upon the list provided to them from Cashless Schools. Please remind your child that if there is ever a problem with the hot lunch to always come to the office. We never want a child to go hungry throughout the day.

Save the date...

Tuesday, October 29 – we have ten of our grade eight students going to Harbour View High School for an Engagement Day. This one is for Phys. Ed. The students are sure to have a wonderful time.

Babysitting Course – There is one more class – October 30th. The students will begin at 3:10 p.m. and end at 4:55 p.m. Families are responsible to pick their children up at the school at 4:55 p.m.

Thursday, October 31st – **Happy Halloween.** This will also be **Orange** and Black Day. Students and staff may dress up in **Orange and Black.**

On Saturday, November 2nd at The New Brunswick Museum there will be a Family Fun Day – “The Day of the Dead” from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

On November 7th we will have our Remembrance Day assembly in the gym.

There is NO school for students on November 8th – this is a Professional Learning Day for all staff.

Monday, November 11th is Remembrance Day – there is no school.

“Movemberfest” is from November 12th – 15th. Activities will be organized by our Student Representative Council.

On Monday, November 18th the first home report cards for the year go home with your child.

There are NO classes for students on Friday, November 22, 2019. This is a day for Parent/Guardian/Student interviews in the morning and Professional Learning for staff in the afternoon.

- **Please always listen to announcements for any and all updates. We also post our announcements on our website.**
- **Athletics and Activities:**
 - ~ Badminton Club – on Monday evenings for grade 6 students from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Stuart.
 - ~ We will be continuing with Badminton try-outs this week, on Monday we have the grade 7 girls (born 2007) until 4:30 p.m. We will be announcing the other try-outs on the announcements. If there are any questions, please ask Mrs. Graham, Mr. Stuart or Ms. Pattison.
 - ~ The school musical this year will be *Aladdin* – we will be announcing try-outs soon, so please listen to announcements, in the meantime if there are any questions, please ask Mr. Kyle.
 - ~ Starting on November 15th we will have an Open Gym on Fridays after school from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for all students. Please ensure you are here to pick your child up at 4:00 p.m. If there are any questions, please ask Ms. Ferguson. This will be a great way to stay active over the winter months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971 or jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson

“Be kind, don’t judge, and have respect for others. If we can all do this, the world would be a better place. The point is to teach this to the next generation.” ~ Jasmine Guinness ~

