



Lightning News for September 10th – 14th.
Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of September is development of citizenship

“Citizenship is a tough occupation which obliges the citizen to make his/her own informed opinion and stand by it.” ~ Martha Gelhorn ~

The school year is off to a great start. We are continuing with the process of construction. The new windows are now in and we are now progressing onto the finishing touches in order to make our environment a healthy and safe one for all of our students.

The Lightning News is one way in which we maintain communication. The Lightning News contains a variety of academic updates, important happenings, and items of interest.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter weekly and stay informed with what is happening at Barnhill Memorial School.

The school day starts at 8:20 a.m.

Dismissal is 3:00 p.m.

We are a closed campus for the safety of our students, please come in to the office to sign your child out of the building for any reason during the school day.

ASD-S Safe Arrivals Program

Report your child’s absence by using any off these easy methods:

- Call toll free: 1-833-219-9065
 - Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
 - Mobile app: SchoolMessenger
- ~ For more information visit: www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca

There will be times when you call the school that you will hear a student’s voice. We have student ambassadors working in our office in the morning and at lunch. These ambassadors are grade 8 students who are wonderful student leaders.

Please ensure that your child has a Barnhill Memorial school lock in order to keep all of their belongings safely locked in their lockers.

We have a lost and found bin outside the front doors of the gym. We already have items in the bin. Please remind your child to look in the bin and claim any of their belongings.

Picture Day ~ Smile ~ all students and staff will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on Wednesday, September 19th retakes will be in October.

Hot lunch: Please pack a lunch for school until October. In accordance with Policy 711 we are organizing our hot lunch program. Once we have established the menu, we will provide you with this information. In order to purchase hot lunch, cashless school will be the only method utilized. There will be no exchanging of cash.

Canteen Service – We have a student lead canteen in which students have the opportunity to purchase water and healthy snacks at breaks. All items are a \$1.00 each.

~ **Cashless schools:** Barnhill Memorial School is a cashless school for many expenses that families incur during the school year. Payments will be made electronically for hot lunches, school fees, athletic fees, Barnhill swag such as shirts and hoodies, school trips, etc. We encourage parents/guardians to register at <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/>

~ **Student Fees:** The student fee is \$35.00 per student, please pay your student fee on line with cashless schools or bring your money in to your homeroom teacher by the end of this week.

~ **Student Agenda:** All students have been issued an agenda. Please become familiar with the agenda, all expectations for students are outlined. The agenda is also another wonderful tool to use for communication between home and school.

Save the date...

- **Grade 7 Immunization:** The Nurses from Horizon Health will be in on Wednesday, September 26th to administer the immunizations to our students. Grade 7, please get your forms in. Just give them to your homeroom teacher.
- Becca Schofield Day will be recognized provincially on Saturday, September 15th. This is the 2nd Annual Provincial “Becca Told Me To” day. Becca’s message about selflessness and spreading kindness inspired tens of thousands of people across the planet. Children and adults are being asked to perform at least one random act of kindness to honour Becca.
- The first P.S.S.C. Meeting will be Monday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 30.
- **Athletics and Activities:**
 - ~ Please always remember to bring your gear for gym; you will require a t-shirt, sneakers, and shorts or sweat pants. It is always a good idea to change for gym class and to take your clothes home to wash and keep fresh for your next gym class.
 - ~ Student Council is busy with Madame Arbeau and Mrs. Blanchard in organizing for the first dance of this school year and creating a Student Council office so they can

keep all of their decorations and supplies together for all of the events and activities they generate throughout the school year for all of us to be able to celebrate and enjoy!

~ Please return your Pursuit of Excellence to your homeroom teacher; in signing this document it gives every student at Barnhill Memorial the opportunity to be involved at school; whether it be in Sports, Student Council, Choir or many of the other choices we offer.

~ Our coaches for our soccer teams are Madame VanSteege and Mr. Kyle. Madame Van Steeg has already started the try-outs with the girls team, the next practice is Monday, September 10th from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Mr. Kyle will be starting with the boys team on Tuesday, September 11th after school at 3:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please remember to bring your equipment so you can try-out.

~ Cross Country starts Wednesday, September 12th until 3:45 p.m. for any student who is interested. Please get changed and meet in the gym.

~ **Our first dance of the year will be Thursday, September 13th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. \$5.00 at the door.** – We want to thank the parents/guardians who have already offered to volunteer for our dance. All the proceeds for this dance are going toward athletics.

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

“The simple act of saying ‘thank you’ is a demonstration of gratitude in response to an experience that was meaningful to a customer or citizen.” ~ Simon Mainwaring ~