



## *Lightning News for September 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.* Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of September is communication.

“When you give yourself permission to communicate what matters to you in every situation you will have peace despite rejection or disapproval. Putting your voice to your soul helps you to let go of the negative energy of fear and regret.” ~ Shannon L. Adler ~

We want to welcome three International students to our school. These three students will be starting on Monday, September 16, 2019. All three of these students are in grade 8.

We have Student Ambassadors that work in our office. These students answer the phone, take messages and perform other very important jobs within our front office. The students work in the morning and during noontime. Thank you to Xander Perkins, Nason Murphy and Joseph Carvell for being our student ambassadors for the 2019-2020 school year.

Barnhill Memorial School would like to take the opportunity to encourage our parents and guardians to attend the presentation of *Risky Business* on Thursday, September 26, 2019. This presentation is free and it will take place at Bayside Middle School’s auditorium. This presentation is for adults only. Sharon Munn, from the Crown Prosecutor’s Office will be offering parents/guardians of middle school student’s information on social media and electronic devices. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

**Student Fee and Lockers:** Each year, our school collects a fee from families to support our positive learning environment and enrichment activities. The \$35.00 school fee pays for many student opportunities and to help offset the costs of many activities we are proud to offer at Barnhill Memorial. Please take the opportunity to use Cashless Schools, this is a very convenient service that families can use to pay various school expenses. Please check out our website to register. The system also reduces the amount of cheques and cash that you would send to the school with your child.

### **Attendance Matters:**

ASD-S will be continuing the awareness campaign, “Attendance Matters.” Our Superintendent, Zoe Watson, called for a working group to study student attendance in response to a heightened awareness/concern expressed by administrators, teachers, and District Office personnel and by members of the PSSC’s and the DEC. Being present and on time impacts positively on a student’s learning. Barnhill Memorial School follows the Safe Arrival Program; please see below for all the information that is required:

**[ASD-S Safe Arrivals Program](#)**

Report your child's absence by using any of 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](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)

SMILE ~ Picture Day is this Wednesday, **September 18, 2019**. Retakes will be in October, we will certainly let you know the exact date when we get closer to the month of October.

**Hot lunch:** This program starts on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

We always have a student lead canteen at lunch with healthy snacks and drinks – everything is a \$1.00

Also if you are in a hurry and do not have time to pack lunch or your child has forgotten their lunch, we have pizza available for \$2.00 a slice in the Student Lounge at lunch. We never want a child to go hungry throughout the day.

- **Grade 7 Immunization:** The immunization will take place on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with our nurses from Horizon Health. This vaccine is the first of two which will be given throughout the school year.
- Our first **P.S.S.C. Meeting** will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Room 28.
- We are collecting a toonie for Terry! Our annual Terry Fox walk will be on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. All money collected goes to the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Our grade 8 students have the opportunity to attend an Engagement day on a monthly basis at Harbour View High School. The first engagement day is on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Ten of our students with students from River Valley and Beaconsfield will attend these engagement days. Thank you Harbour View for this wonderful opportunity.
- We always want our students, your children to be safe, therefore we have drills at our school to practise safety. We have already had a Fire Drill with the Fire Chief present. We will also have lock down drills, evacuation drills and more fire drills throughout the school year. On Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m. we will have a bus safety drill for our grade 7 and 8 students. The grade 6 students already had this drill, the very first day of school. Please always stop for the bus when the red lights are on. Also when dropping off and picking up your child please do so at the drop off/pick up area. Please do not come up to the front of the school. There is a sign posted out in front!

## Athletics and Activities:

~ SRC has named our first dance for the school year “The Back to Class Bash” and it is sure to be a ton of fun. The dance will be this Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. It is \$5.00 at the door. We love having parent volunteers to come help with the canteen during the dance, to take the payments at the door and to even chaperone. You can call or email Ms. Ferguson and let her know that you would like to come to the dance to help out. If Barnhill students would like to sign a guest in from another middle school, they are to do this with either Ms. Ferguson or Madame Carleton in the office at breaks or at lunch from Monday to Wednesday. Thank you.

~ Cross Country practice is on Monday from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. There will be a Cross Country meet on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

~ The girls soccer team will have their first game here at Barnhill on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> against SDC (Samuel du Champlain School). The boys will have their first game at SDC on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

~ All athletic information is posted on the bulletin board in the main foyer, outside the gym.

Any questions or concerns contact Madame Vansteeg [kaitlin.vansteeg@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:kaitlin.vansteeg@nbed.nb.ca) for the girls team and Mr. Kyle [tom.kyle@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:tom.kyle@nbed.nb.ca) for the boys team. Contact for Cross Country is Mrs. Graham [krista.graham@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:krista.graham@nbed.nb.ca)

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

“When you mess up – fix it, when you fail – fall forward and learn when you suffer loss – heal and always pay it forward.” ~ Val Uchendu ~

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson