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**Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Property and Respect the Learning Environment.**

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## **Best wishes for a fun filled summer break!**

This school year has been like no other full of many unique challenges, worries, and restrictions due to COVID-19. As this unusual school year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for the tremendous support and understanding that you have shown for your children, our staff, school and each other. This is a fantastic school and community with wonderful and caring staff, parents and students. I truly enjoy being a part of it! I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the summer months and we look forward to seeing you in the fall. We are hopeful that as we begin our next school year, we will be able to return to a more "normal" environment. A very special thank you to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) who have played such HUGE role in making this a great year for our students in spite of the many restrictions.

On behalf of all the staff here at North Canoe, I wish everyone a safe and fun summer break.

Sincerely,

Mr. Overgaard  
Principal

# Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

### North Canoe Goals for 2020-2021:

#### Goal Statement #1:

- To improve all student's attitude towards numeracy and to improve their fluency and comprehension with critical concepts.

#### Goal Statement #2

- To create a school wide culture of physical fitness.

## Farewell Grade 5s!

As we say farewell to our grade 5s and wish them all the best in middle school next year, we reflect on the tremendous growth we have seen in them with many of them having been here since Kindergarten. They have become such wonderful leaders in our school and we wish them every success in the future. Good luck!

## Staff leaving and coming

We are needing to say farewell to a number of our staff members this year. Our amazing CEA, Jen Belec, and Renee Horii who has been such a fabulous addition to the staff. Ms. Lee has done a fantastic job teaching our K/1 class and we will miss her very much. Our custodian, Janice Ritter, will also be missed as she moves over to the Jackson Campus. We also bid farewell to Denise Billard and thank her for taking such good care of our library this year. Finally, we say farewell to Kara Ritchie, our wonderful speech and language pathologist. Joining us next year will be Nicole Forsyth (CEA), Matthew Baldwin (SLP), and Mike Allk (custodian). Welcome!

## Last Day – Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>

### Dismissal 10:32

Our final day with students this year is June 24<sup>th</sup>. **Dismissal will be at 10:32 a.m. so please make arrangements for your children to be picked up early or to arrive home early.** Report cards also go home on this day.

## September Start Times

Our first day of school in September will be Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We start at 8:30 a.m. and have dismissal at 11:30 a.m. that day. Students should bring a snack for recess on this day. Our first full day for grade one to five will be Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. **We start at 8:30 a.m. and go to 2:34 p.m.** Students should bring a snack and a full lunch for this day and from here on. Kindergarten students will be on their own schedule for the first few days and a letter with a link to the schedule specifically for kindergarten students was sent out prior to the summer break.

## Nut Aware for start of September 2021 school year

As of September, we will have two students who are very allergic to **any nut products** (this includes peanuts, pine nuts, etc.). In the event of the students making contact with any of these products, they would go into anaphylaxis, a sudden and severe allergic reaction, which can be fatal, and requires immediate medical attention.

For next year, we are continuing to ask parents to be aware and respectful of this and please do not bring items to school in student lunches, classroom celebrations, treats, bake sales, etc. that contain or may contain nuts.

We are needing this to be school wide. The reason for a school wide policy is due to our school being very small, students sharing equipment regularly (sports equipment, musical instruments, computers, art supplies, etc.) and students working routinely in the same spaces or in the same classrooms. This results in many opportunities for other students from different classes having contact.

Staff will be trained on the medical procedures and be aware of the safety plan that will be followed if the student goes into anaphylaxis. All students and staff will be encouraged to have regular hand washing.

Our school will continue be “Nut Aware” which is a common practice in many schools in our district. If you have any questions, please speak with Mr. Overgaard.

## Contact Information

Please keep the school up to date with new phone numbers, addresses, contact information, court order documents or other important information that we need on file. Updates are very important. Any new information can be given to Gillian at the office.

## School Fees for 2021-2022 School Year



At North Canoe, we do not require parents to purchase school supplies for their children at the beginning of the year. By charging a \$35 fee instead, teachers are able to purchase what is needed for students, which reduces waste and ensures value. Like most schools in our District, we also ask parents to pay an annual \$20 activity fee per student to assist with funding the performing arts (cultural performances by professional groups) and other activities throughout the year. **The total fee cost is \$55 per student.** If paying some or all of the fees is a financial hardship, please contact Mr. Overgaard. We very much appreciate your support and cooperation with this.

## Upcoming events ...

### JUNE

24	Thursday	Last day for students - Dismissal 10:32 am Report cards go home
25	Friday	Last day for teachers

### AUGUST

31	Tuesday	New student registration day
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### SEPTEMBER

7	Tuesday	First Day back. 11:30 am dismissal
15	Wednesday	PAC meeting 2:45 pm



## DISTRICT CALENDAR 2021-2022

Month	Days in Session	Days of Instruction	Date	Details
August	0	0	Tuesday 31	In-person registration for 2021-2022(students new to SD83)
September	18	17	Monday 06	Labour Day
			Tuesday 07	Schools re-open after summer break
			Friday 17	Last day for Kindergarten Gradual Entry
			Monday 20	Non-instructional day (Pro D Day - School Based)
October	20	19	Monday 11	Thanksgiving
			Tuesday 12	Registration opens for 2022-23 (Kindergarten, French Immersion, Outdoor Learning)
			Friday 22	Non-instructional day (Pro D Day - Provincial)
November	21	20	Thursday 11	Remembrance Day
			Friday 12	Non-instructional day (Pro D Day - Ministry Designated)
December	13	13	Friday 17	Last day before winter break
			<b>Dec 20 - Jan 03 - Winter Break</b>	
January	20	20 (K-7) 19 (8-12)	Monday 03	New Year's Day (statutory holiday - observed)
			Tuesday 04	Schools re-open after winter break
			Friday 28	Non-instructional day for Secondary Only (Semester Turnaround)
<b>Semester 1 Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>88</b>		
February	19	18	Friday 18	Non-instructional day (Pro D Day - Regional)
			Monday 21	Family Day
March	14	13	Friday 11	Non-instructional day (Pro D Day - School Based)
			Friday 18	Last day before spring break
			<b>Mar 21 - Apr 01 - Spring Break</b>	
April	18	18	Monday 04	Schools re-open after spring break
			Friday 15	Good Friday
			Monday 18	Easter Monday
May	21	20	Monday 02	Non-instructional day (Pro D Day - School Based)
			Monday 23	Victoria Day
June	18	17	Thursday 23	Last day before summer break
			Friday 24	Non-instructional day (Administrative Day)
			<b>Jun 27 - Sept 05 - Summer Break</b>	
September			Tuesday 06	Schools re-open after summer break
<b>Semester 2 Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>86</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>174</b>		

Ministry of Education 2021-2022 Minimum Hours of Instruction	
Grade	Hours
Kindergarten	853
Grades 1-7	878
Grades 8-12	952

Non-Instructional Days
6 Non-instructional days (Pro D Day) - all schools
1 Non-instructional day for Secondary Only (Semester Turnaround)
1 Non-instructional day (Administrative Day)
Goal Setting Conferences and Report Cards
Goal Setting Conference (K-8) - Friday, November 19, 2021
Term 2 Report Cards Issued - Thursday, February 17, 2022