Souris Regional School

September Newsletter 2022

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Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to all our new & returning students for the 2022-2023 school year!

We are sending home a paper copy of our September newsletter. Future monthly newsletters will be available on our NEW website at [**https://sourisregional.edu.pe.ca/**](https://sourisregional.edu.pe.ca/) **at the beginning of every month. If you would still like to receive a paper copy, please feel free to call the school.**

A REMINDER THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

WE HAVE A CHILD WITH EXTREME LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES and MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS FOR THEIR SAFETY. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SENDING ANYTHING WITH NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS TO SCHOOL IN YOUR CHILD’S LUNCHES AND SNACKS. LOOK FOR "NUT FREE" LABELS ON PACKAGING AND INGREDIENTS.

This applies to ALL grades and ALL areas of our building.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that all our students

are safe at school.

A REMINDER THAT WE ARE A SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Staff, students and visitors are asked to refrain from wearing or using scented products

out of respect for those with severe allergies.

**PSB Covid Update**

The PSB Student Attendance and Engagement procedures were paused for the past two years due to COVID.  With the hope that COVID will have less of an impact this year, there is a need to unpause the procedure with some changes.  It will still be important for students to stay home if they have COVID and when they are sick.  However, regular attendance is important to school success and school staff need to take steps to intervene when there is an attendance concern that is impacting student learning.  As such, the 406.1 Attendance and Engagement Operational Procedures have been updated.

The changes to the attendance procedures allow teachers and administrators to use their judgment when acting on student absences.  The shift will be to absences that are concerning to the teacher and are impacting student learning, rather than being automatically triggered at 5, 10, 15, 20 absences.

These updates have been approved and are posted on the PSB website: [https://psb.edu.pe.ca/policies](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpsb.edu.pe.ca%2Fpolicies&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7C0806ac71333b41e6c27a08da90386862%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980869180037021%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uVFur0JLyAu%2FjFmvgA9HGRs3YIQxKD9SbMv28csyGZw%3D&reserved=0). Should you have any questions, please contact the school.

**Meet the Teacher**

When:  Thursday, Sept 15 – 6:00-7:00 pm

Location:  Welcome & Introductions in the Cafeteria

What to Expect:  Following the introductions, families are invited to visit their child’s classrooms and meet their teachers and ask any questions for this school year!

**Head Lice Check**

A gentle reminder to please check your child for head lice on a regular basis now that students are back in school to prevent any spread.

**Student Information & Consent Forms**

On the first day of classes students received several forms for you to complete. Please read and complete each form and return it to the school with your son/daughter to their homeroom teacher ***by Wednesday, September 14th*** if you have not already done so. ***Please ensure that all of the information on the student information is complete and accurate.*** This is a legal document and only the information provided on this form will be used if/when any school letters are required for government purposes; ie. student address, who the child resides with, etc. It is also very important that you provide accurate contact information.

We would like to remind returning students to return any textbooks and library books from last year. Also, if you happen to have a French/English dictionary at your home that is no longer in use, please consider sending it to the school for classroom use.

**Student Drop Off/ Pick up**

**Morning Drop Off & Walkers**

Please be on site between 8:20-8:30.

**BUS STUDENTS:** Students are dismissed from their bus between 8:20 and 8:30 and are to proceed to their proper door.

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| **GRADE** | **ASSIGNED DOORS** |
| K-3 | Lobster |
| 4-6 | Mouse |
| 7-12 | Main Doors |

**Afternoon Pick Up**

Please be on site between 2:40-2:50.

**PARENT AND STUDENT WALKERS:** Grades 7-12 students will be dismissed from their classrooms/

assigned doors. K-6 student walkers will be escorted by staff to the sidewalk. Parents and guardians may wait on the staff parking lot side of Longworth for their students.

**BUS STUDENTS:** 7-12 students will be dismissed from their classrooms. K-6 bus students will be escorted to their bus.

Please be patient while waiting in this parking lot.

Student fees

New this year, we are also having a Student Council for Grades K-6. Student fees for students in Grades K-6 is $5 per student, Grade 7-12 student fee is $15.00 per student, or $25.00 per family. This fee will be used by Student Council to support various activities throughout the school year. Fees are payable to homeroom teachers by **September 23rd.**

**Souris Home & School Committee**

We are in need of parent volunteers for our Home & School Committee. If you are able to help out in any capacity, please contact the school or e-mail Krystal Jamieson (jamieson@bellaliant.net).

**Breakfast Program**

Volunteers needed!  Do you have 1.5 hour a week to spare?  We would love to have your help.  Please contact Wanda Downe, 902-969-6843, or reach out on Facebook. The breakfast program will be starting Tuesday, September 13t. Items such as fruit, granola bars, and yogurt will be available to all the K-12 homerooms.

**PEI School Food Program**

Parents/Caregivers – have you registered yet for the PEI School Food Program? It’s for ALL students from K-12, offered 5 days a week and it’s a pay-what-you-can program! Be sure to follow PEI School Food Program on Facebook. You can register, check out the menu options and place your orders at <https://peischoolfood.ca>. The next round of ordering begins September 17th.

**Weekend Food Bags**

Starting Friday, September 9th, we started sending home food bags which include granola bars, cheese and crackers, fruit sauce, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pudding, soup mixes, and canned meats. Items will be packed in a large ziplock bag that can fit inside a child's backpack for them to take home for the weekend. Please contact the school if you would like to receive a bag.

**Student Services**

Any Grade 11 or 12 student interested in applying to the Page Program  is asked to see Ms MacGregor Harris in Student Services to fill out  the **Page Program School Application Form**.  This form needs to be submitted to Student Services by **Friday, October 7th**.

*The Canadian College of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine* will be here **Thursday, September 15th at 12:15** in Student Services. 1-2 of their current students from PEI would be available to talk about their experiences and the Dean of Acupuncture will also attend.  Interested students should sign up outside Student Services or see Ms MacGregor Harris for details.

Rebecca Chapman, former Spartan and presently pursuing her medical degree at Dalhousie University, will be hosting an **SRS Health Sciences Panel** made up of representatives from a variety of careers in the health sciences in late September. Interested senior high students will be able to sign up to participate. Stay tuned for more details!

*Exciting News!* ***The Aarao Fair is back and scheduled for October 12th, 8:45 - 9:45****.* Grade 12 and 11 students will have the opportunity to meet with post secondary institutions in the Atlantic Region for consideration.  All Grade 12 students are  encouraged to book an appointment with Ms MacGregor Harris to discuss options and plans.  Remember that first semester marks are what institution will use to base admission scholarship offers.

Scholarships are updated regularly on the board outside of student services and on the Student Services website - [https://srscounselling.wordpress.com/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsrscounselling.wordpress.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7Ceb10d5477066494c037008da9012530c%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980705615910964%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CFHX9FtGsPrlZFEn027waa1EMVflULsmovxPsK6vFdo%3D&reserved=0) .  This year, Grade 12 students can sign up for a Grad Google Classroom page that lists scholarships and post secondary visits for easier access.  See Ms MacGregor Harris if you need to code to sign up.

**Looking to volunteer?**  Students interested in the  Community Service Bursary program need to register, [https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/community-services-bursary-student-registration](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.princeedwardisland.ca%2Fen%2Fservice%2Fcommunity-services-bursary-student-registration&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7Ceb10d5477066494c037008da9012530c%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980705615910964%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SQEERAFcI5R1QBZwXGQ96FQb6Mvw8d4kikNeZFZkU44%3D&reserved=0).  Once registered, students can access an award from $300 to a maximum of $1,500. The bursary is sent directly to a post-secondary institution of choice.

**Grad Photos**

Students are now able to sign up for Grad Photos.  **EVERY Grad** is to get a photo taken.   Heckbert Studio will be here Wed Sept 14- Friday Sept 16.  There is a $23 sitting fee.  This sitting fee is only if you plan on buying a package from Heckbert’s and is due at the time of your appointment.

Any suggestions for the location of the Group Grad Photo can be added to the Grad Class Box in the office by Wed Sept 14.

 **Dates to Remember**

**Sept. 15 :** Meet the Teacher (6 p.m.)

**Sept. 14-16:** Grad Photos (Heckberts)

**Sept. 16**: Group Grad Photo

**Sept**. **23**: Terry Fox Walk

**Sept. 30:** National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No classes)

**October 7:** Professional Learning Day (no classes)

**October 10:** Thanksgiving (no classes)

Community Bulletins:

### Strong friendships, meaningful connections. That’s Girl Guides. At Girl Guides, girls have a place to shine. By meeting weekly with their peers and adult volunteers, girls will have a built-in support group that cheers them on as they take the lead and explore new challenges. It’s all part of our formula for empowering every girl to be everything she wants to be.

1st Little Pond Girl Guides is starting for the year beginning September 27th at the Fortune Community Center. Please register at [www.girlguides.ca/joinus](http://www.girlguides.ca/joinus) , if you have any questions please contact Freda Smit-McKie at (902) 583-2017 or fredasmitmckie@gmail.com. We look forward to another great guiding year and hope you join us!

**Eastern Kings Terry Fox Run**: Please join us at the Eastern Kings Community Centre for the annual Terry Fox run on September 18th.  Registration begins @ 1pm and the run will begin at 1:30pm. Snacks to follow the run. Your continued support of this amazing event is appreciated!

## ****Home & School News, September 2022****

**Slow down and watch for students on the road**

Another school year begins Sept. 7. Students will be walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to school. It is a strategic time to remind all motorists that with awareness and education, children can get to school and back home again safely.

**PEI’s Healthy School Lunch Program**

It’s a new school year and everyone is invited to sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. Register at: [Healthy Lunch for Island Kids! | PEI School Food Program](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.peischoolfood.ca%2F&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7C952313a8fa8346c7a53408da903a5e66%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980877622153030%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bUa4G%2FLC9d6JAEfg4yD9PP7ZM8gpnWylvjk%2FEgELlx8%3D&reserved=0) / [www.peischoolfood.ca](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peischoolfood.ca%2F&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7C952313a8fa8346c7a53408da903a5e66%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980877622153030%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OWihpnDXTWnpdNWOtT7Ok9G0vVD7Lvrv0S3I4Jvhopg%3D&reserved=0) . Next round of ordering begins September 17th.

**Meet the Teacher**

“Meet the Teacher” Nights are planned for parents to meet your child’s teacher at the beginning of the school year. It’s an informal opportunity to chat, face-to-face, say hi, to become acquainted with your child’s teacher. Souris Regional School date is September 15th at 6 p.m.

**Home & School Contact Information**

**Are you** still the President? Treasurer? The Federation requests your current details.
**Presidents -** Fill out your Home and School’s info on the Contact Form and email to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca
**Treasurers -** Submit 2022-2023 Membership fees to the PEIHSF office by mail or pay online at: [https://peihsf.ca/become\_a\_member/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fbecome_a_member%2F&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7C952313a8fa8346c7a53408da903a5e66%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980877622153030%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0Xt%2BFUpRCVY6YsjJ6ESSTAdvVzAMWdRaVIWGGSg3K6c%3D&reserved=0) (Eventbrite fees apply for online payments)
Forms are also online at: [https://peihsf.ca/become\_a\_member/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fbecome_a_member%2F&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7C952313a8fa8346c7a53408da903a5e66%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980877622309212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=y93i2rLQ%2Fv1E9HCJM3zZGfbiTlBWXXOUxsCbc%2BQWabo%3D&reserved=0)

**Semi-Annual Meeting**

The 2022 Semi-Annual will be an in-person meeting held Tuesday, October 18th, 6:00 PM, Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River, PEI.  More details to follow.

**School Board Elections Mail-In Ballot Only**

**Consider putting your name forward to run as a trustee candidate in your school zone. Candidates submit nomination papers, Sept. 23. Check Candidate Profiles at:** [www.peihsf.ca](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peihsf.ca%2F&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7C952313a8fa8346c7a53408da903a5e66%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980877622309212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6WGoRLDTln%2BRV0Uwp2rxSE3NP3UpKw1YNnsy7SeSABc%3D&reserved=0) **, Sept 26**
**GO to Elections PEI to request your ballot. NO in-person voting for this important election. Eligible voters must request their ballot beginning Sept 1. Fill it out and return by mail to Elections PEI by Oct. 21.  L**earn more at: [https://www.electionspei.ca/school-trustees-elections](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.electionspei.ca%2Fschool-trustees-elections&data=05%7C01%7Clasanderson%40edu.pe.ca%7C952313a8fa8346c7a53408da903a5e66%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C637980877622309212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=alKEZHh%2FXVgN6jjtDou9n5KS0TJHk7qtQA8vh6s3mQY%3D&reserved=0) /

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