

# Warner School



### Warner.horizon.ab.ca September News

Horizon School Division Principal: Bryan Pritchard

Welcome back, and greetings to our new friends and neighbors!

I hope that you had a great summer. We are very happy and hopeful to begin another wonderful year of learning.

While we have a lot of positive things to look forward to this year, we will not be without some challenges. We begin the year with three fewer staff members, who we wish to thank for their effort, time, and passion that they put into working with our students. It has been difficult to match support available with the timetable and needs, but we expect our students and staff to rise to this challenge.

We do expect to have uninterrupted learning and athletic opportunities this year. If you have a desire to share your talents, whether as a coach of a team or as a helper with our options classes, please let us know.

Circle September 13th on your calendar. We will have a Meet the Teacher BBQ for students and parents. This begins at 5PM, with our first Parent Advisory Council meeting to follow. We always encourage and want parents to come out and share their voices and skills.

Please, if you don't already, follow our Facebook page for updates, and check in frequently to our web page. www.warner.horizon.ab.ca for general information. With budget tightening, we will not be relying on paper and mail as much as in the past. I promise that we will have some exciting news soon.



#### School and Parent Council News

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will hold it's first meeting of the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday Sept 13, 2022. We will be meeting at the school. Please contact Bryan for more information or to add items to the agenda. bryan.pritchard@horizon.ab.ca

#### **Upcoming News**

Our school's annual Terry Fox Run is set for Friday Sept 16, 2022 beginning shortly after 10:45am. All parents and students are welcome to participate. We will begin with a short assembly followed by the run. Participants will be met with a quick treat back at the school.





66 I wanted to set an example that would never be forgotten.

Terry Fox

Terry Fox represented the best that Canadians have to offer. He was an example of courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. From a young age he exemplified these attributes that made him an inspiration for not only Canada, but the entire world.

## **Around Our School**

#### Meet our new staff:

Hi, my name is Mr. Grinton. I am a PSIII student from the University of Lethbridge, who hopes to graduate this December. I am a social studies major and will be teaching Social 10 and English 20 ( as well as a couple of options throughout the semester).

Before the University of Lethbridge, I graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice from Athabasca University and a diploma in policing from Lethbridge College.

I am originally form Prince Edward Island but have lived in Alberta for the last 10 years. I am married, have two kids and a dog named Duke. I love sports, reading, watching movies, and being outdoors.

I look forward to meeting and working with our awesome students and parents here in Warner.





Hello! My name is Azia Burton and I am a fifth-year student at the University of Lethbridge. I am passionate about Science and am pursuing a degree in General Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Neuroscience), alongside my Education degree. I have much experience working with children and am excited to extend that into a classroom setting. I believe in creating an energetic learning environment where students feel safe and accepted, where creativity and critical thinking is valued, and learning is long lasting. I am eager to complete my final practicum under the supervision of Mr. Zink and Principal Pritchard, as I teach Math 6/7 and Science 10. Outside of my post-secondary education, I have a background in fine arts and aspire to bring elements of art and creativity into my teaching where possible. I will be teaching two option courses – freehand calligraphy and watercolor painting and hope to become acquainted with as many of the students as possible.

I am thrilled to be placed here at Warner School and to get to work with the students and community!

## **Upcoming News**

**School Packages:** Each family will be sent home a package that will include the 2022-2023 School Registration, Technology Form, Permission to Leave School Grounds (Grade 6-12), Warner Athlete Center (Grade 6-12), Locker Agreement (Grade 4-12). Please fill out and sign all forms and return to the office ASAP. Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.

**Yearbook:** Yearbooks have arrived. (2021-2022) Please see the office if you have purchased or would like to purchase a yearbook. Cost is \$20.00

**Meet the teacher BBQ:** Warner School will be having a BBQ on Tuesday Sept 13th before the PAC meeting. This is open to all Warner School Families. The BBQ will start at 5:00pm and conclude by 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

**No School:** Thursday Sept 22nd & Friday Sept 23rd there will be No School for students. These 2 days are PD Days for staff. No School on Friday Sept 30th for both students and staff (Truth & Reconciliation Day)

**Orange Shirt Day:** Orange Shirt Day (September 29th) is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools. With recent news stories, many of our students and families are becoming more aware of the stories and experiences of these schools. Warner students discuss and explore age-appropriate lessons and stories in their classes, and many will wear orange shirts to signify support and respect.

Welcome to K/1! I am excited to start a new year!!! I have contacted most parents regarding our Kindergarten Orientation on Tuesday, September 6th. If we have not set up a time, please contact the school. Our first day of Kindergarten is on Thursday, September 8th. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me, Laurie Hierath at the school 403-642-3931 or email me at laurie.hierath@horizon.ab.ca. I look forward to a great school year! Ms. Hierath

**Early Learning:** We're excited for a fun-filled year of Early Learning! We have a class of 7 students-2 girls & 5 boys. We will run the program on Mondays from 8:45-3:15. We will be welcoming families at Parent/Orientation in the morning on September 12th. Classes will start the following Monday September 19th. Mrs. B & Mrs. Nagy are looking forward to seeing all the children start their school experience at Warner School!

**Volleyball:** Signup sheet for Jr/Sr Volleyball for girls and boys will be at the office. Please signup ASAP if you are interested so that we can get coaches and practices in place..

**School Messenger:** Unfortunately School Messenger is off line right now! We will send a message out once Division Office is able to get us up and running again. Sorry in advance for the inconvenience.

