



Daysland School
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Greetings Daysland School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year. We trust that everyone had a fantastic summer holiday and the staff at Daysland School are excited to have the students return on Tuesday, September 5th. This communication aims to ensure that everyone has the necessary information to start the year successfully. If you have any further questions, please get in touch with the school administration team, and we will be happy to assist you.

Important Staffing Update

Over the month of August we have had a number of staffing changes. Here is an overview of how things have changed over the summer:

- Mrs. Tanton (Kindergarten) is on medical leave for the month of September. She is being replaced by Miss Alexis Pfeffer.
- Mrs. Schlaut (Grade 2) is also on medical leave to begin the year. Mrs. Christie Tucker is replacing her.
- In order to fulfill a need for a CTS teacher at CHSPS in Sedgewick, Mr. Kerslake has had his original assignment modified. He was scheduled to teach in a variety of classes in our Elementary. He is now going to be teaching Gr. 5 Social and Science, as well as his previous duties in our CTS program. In the afternoon, he will now be teaching CHSPS students in our lab. These students are being bussed daily to our building.
- To replace the teaching time lost by the collaboration with CHSPS, we are receiving Mrs. Cassidy Holt (formerly Pfeffer). She is currently teaching in the mornings at Sedgewick and will travel to our building in the afternoon to cover the teaching time lost by Mr. Kerslake teaching shop.

2023-24 Staff:

Here is an overview of the staff at Daysland School this year, including the changes listed above:

Office Staff:

Mrs. Lori Robbins	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Shannon Omoth	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Wes Wilson	Principal
Mrs. Jenni Thomas	Assistant Principal



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Elementary Teaching Staff:

Grade:	Teachers
Kindergarten	Mrs. Tanton (replaced by Miss Pfeffer) * Mrs. Tanton/Miss Pfeffer will be teaching music to all of our elementary classes on Monday/Wednesday.
Grade 1	Mrs. Schmidt-Teigen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA & Math (½ class) Mrs. Reber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA & Math (½ class) Social, Science, PE (whole class) Mrs. Holt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art (whole class)
Grade 2	Mrs. Schlaut (replaced by Mrs. Tucker) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA, Math, Social Studies, Science, Art Mrs. Holt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE
Grade 3	Mrs. Schmidt-Teigen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA & Math Mr. Wilson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social, Science PE (1 class/week) Mr. Pastachak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Mr. Gratrix <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE (4 classes/week)
Grade 4	Mrs. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA & Math (½ class) Miss Halback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA & Math (½ class) Social, Science, PE, (whole class) Mrs. Tanton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French (whole class) Mrs. Holt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art (whole class)
Grade 5	Mr. Gratrix <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA & Math Mr. Kerslake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science & Social Mrs. Tanton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French (combined 5/6) Mrs. Reber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Mrs. Holt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE (combined 5/6)



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Grade 6	<p>Mrs. McKay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA, Math, Science <p>Miss Halback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Studies <p>Mr. Wilson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art <p>Mrs. Holt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE (combined 5/6) - 4 periods/week <p>Mrs. Zimmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE (combined 5/6) - 1 period/week <p>Mrs. Tanton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French (combined 5/6)
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Secondary Classes and Teachers

Grade	Semester 1 Teaching Assignments
Grade 7	<p>Mrs. Zimmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA • Social Studies (Gr. 7/8 combined) <p>Mrs. McKay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math <p>Mr. Pastachak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science (Gr. 7/8 combined) • PE (Gr. 7/8 combined) <p>Mrs. Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Ec. (Gr. 7/8 combined)
Grade 8	<p>Mr. Pastachak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA <p>Mrs. McKay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math <p>Mr. Pastachak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science (Gr. 7/8 combined) • PE (Gr. 7/8 combined) <p>Mrs. Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Ec. (Gr. 7/8 combined)
Grade 9	<p>Mrs. Johnson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA • PE (2x/week) <p>Mr. Gratrix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math <p>Mrs. Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Ec. <p>Mrs. Zimmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE (3x/week)



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Grade 10	Mrs. Zimmer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Mrs. Walker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Mrs. Tobler (Johnson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE/CALM Mr. Kerslake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTS Mr. Pastachak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art
Grade 11	Mrs. Tobler (Johnson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social 20 Mrs. Walker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology 20 • Chemistry 20 Mr. Kerslake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTS Mr. Pastachak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art
Grade 12	Mrs. Zimmer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 30 Mrs. Walker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 30 • Chem 20

Junior High Options

The following Option classes are being offered to our Junior High Students this quarter:

Mr. Pastachak

- Art

Mr. Gratrix

- Board game creation

Mrs. Holt *Please note this change from Miss Halback

- Coding

Support Staff

Name	Position
Ms. Kerri Auburn	EA
Mrs. Colette Bendfeld	EA
Mrs. Gloria Klein	EA
Mrs. Tannis Zimmer	Learning Commons Facilitator



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Custodial Staff

Mark and Cassie Kroetch will continue in their roles as school custodians.

First Day Information

On the first day of school, all classes will report to their homerooms. Staff will be available to direct students as needed. Classes that are split (Grade 1 and 4) will go to their Grade's homeroom (All of the Grade 1s in the Grade 1 room and all of the Grade 4s in the Grade 4 room). The Grade 4s will move into their split LA/Math classes in the afternoon and the Grade 1s will do so on their second day.

Designated Entrances

Our front doors are always open to welcome guests into our school. Please remember to check in at the office if you are visiting the school. Students will have assigned entrances and exits to maintain a safe traffic flow in our building. These entrances will be on timers and will remain locked except for the beginning of the day and noon hours. Please see the photos below, which specify the different entrances for each grade group.

Elementary Doors

Kindergarten - Mrs. Tanton

Front Door



Grade 1 - Mrs. Reber Grade 2 - Mrs. Schlaut (Mrs. Tucker) Grade 3 - Mrs. Schmidt-Teigen

Breezeway Entrance





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Gr. 4 - Miss Halback Gr. 5 - Mr. Kerslake/Mr. Gratrix Gr. 6 Mrs. McKay

Southwest Entrance



Secondary Doors

Jr. High Entrance (north side of school)



Sr. High Entrance (west side of school)



Bell Schedule

We will begin our day at 8:42 am and end at 3:12 pm. Please note that our doors do not open until 8:35 am. Students should not arrive sooner as we do not have supervision prior to this time.

8:35 - Call in bell - Supervision Begins

ELEMENTARY (K-6)

8:42 - 9:26	(44 mins)
9:26 - 10:09	(43 min)
10:09 - 10:23	(14 min)
10:23 - 11:02	(39 min)
11:02 - 11:40	(38 min)
11:40 - 12:00	(20 min)
12:00 - 12:16	(16 min)
12:16 - 12:58	(42 min)
12:58 - 1:41	(43 min)
1:41 - 1:52	(11 min)
1:52 - 2:32	(40 min)
2:32 - 3:12	(40 min)
329 mins/day	

SECONDARY (7-12)

Period 1	(44 min)	8:42 - 9:26
Period 2	(43 min)	9:26 - 10:09
Recess/Break	(6 min)	10:09 - 10:15
Period 3	(43 min)	10:15 - 10:58
Period 4	(42 min)	10:58 - 11:40
Recess/Lunch Eating	(15 min)	11:40 - 11:55
Lunch Eating / Break	(21min)	11:55 - 12:16
Period 5	(42 min)	12:16 - 12:58
Period 6	(43 min)	12:58 - 1:41
Recess/Break	(6 min)	1:41 - 1:47
Period 7	(42 min)	1:47 - 2:29
Period 8	(43 min)	2:29 - 3:12
342 mins/day		



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Student Parking

High School students that drive to school can continue to use the west parking lot. It is the same as last year and it is the closest parking lot to their assigned door. We are asking students to NOT park on the street across from the parking lot. There is overflow on the north-east side of the school if necessary.

Parent/Visitor Parking

Parents and visitors can park on the east side of the school, in front of the main entrance. There are several parking spots on the south side of the designated staff parking area. **Please take note of the painted lines that mark out handicap parking, crosswalks and bus parking.**

School Supply Lists

You can access the school supply lists here: <https://daysland.brsd.ab.ca/download/419802>.

Water Bottles

All of our water fountains are equipped with **filling stations**. Please ensure that your child has a clean water bottle on a daily basis.

Powerschool

Parents and students can track student progress and attendance by using the Powerschool app or the website. There is a link to PowerSchool on our Daysland School webpage. If you need assistance, please contact the office.

Real Time Reporting

Daysland School is participating in the second year of a pilot program which uses PowerSchool to provide up to date marks and regular assignment comments on the app and website. This replaces the traditional report card that is sent home at different points throughout the year. The benefits are that your child receives feedback in a more timely manner to improve their learning. It also allows parents to have more current information about their child's progress and facilitate conversations between your child and his or her teacher. If you would like more information about how this system works, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Updated Information

Families should have received an email from School Engage over the summer asking you to update/verify student information. However, should your information change later in the school year, please contact the office directly.

Attendance

If your child is going to be away, please contact your child's teacher through email or phone. You can also contact the office directly.

We will continue to provide further updates throughout the school year. We have the school newsletter, the Daysland Digest, which is published every two weeks. The first edition will come out on Wednesday, September 13th. You can also check out our school website <https://daysland.brsd.ab.ca/> and the Battle River School Division website <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/> or on our Social Media channels. These include X (Twitter), Facebook and Instagram.



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Regards,

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