



Welcome everyone! We are very excited for this new school year. I hope you had an amazing summer and were able to enjoy some time with your children. It's amazing to see them come back for the first week of school and see how much they've grown!

At NPCCS, it is our goal to provide the highest quality of education for your child, integrating the Bible into all curriculum we teach. Our staff is committed to excellence and demonstrating the love of Christ in our everyday walk. It is an honour and privilege to have a Christian school in this community. We truly are blessed.

If you're new to our school this year, welcome. We are excited to have you here and join this Christian school community. We trust you'll find this is truly an amazing school to learn and grow in. Please feel free to come to our office anytime to meet, chat, and get to know one another.

Finally, I would like to thank the NCES and community volunteers for all your hard work to make a wonderful pancake breakfast to kick off another school year. It is truly appreciated.

*Mr. Brett Seatter, Principal*

### Thanks to our Janitors!

We again say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Van Beeks and their crew for the great job they do in cleaning our schools throughout the year. They do extra cleaning over the summer. We also had our gym floors totally redone and they look great. Let's help keep our school looking great!

### School Wide News:

\*NOTE: We publish a **Eagle Express newsletter** at the beginning of each month. We are sending home this **PRINT copy** as it has a lot of important information for families. For the remainder of the year the newsletters will only be posted on the school webpage: <https://www.neerlandiaschool.ca>

- If you are a new family please make sure you are subscribed to our newsletters (sign up on the front page, left column)

If we do send home notes to parents we send them with the 'youngest' child from Gr. 1-9. K students with no siblings will receive these notes. Teachers also send home their own classroom newsletters.

Our other form of communication this year will be via School Messenger – emails will be sent out as needed. If you are registered in PowerSchool then you should receive these emails.

### Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

**We had an awesome turnout for our Pancake Breakfast.** We need to thank several people that made this wonderful breakfast possible once again. Many of the NCES (Parent Council) and other volunteers were responsible for preparation and serving of the breakfast (too many to name). We also need to say a special thanks to our cooks: Larry De Vries, Barry Strydhorst, Collin Krikke & Paul McBeth. It was great to have so many people also stay for the first assembly of the year.

## Welcome to New Families

We are very excited that we have new students joining our school community for this school year. They are:

### Student's Names, Grade & Parent/Guardian's Names

Leibel, Lex (gr. 3) & Landon (gr. 5), Chad & Stacey Leibel  
Ouellette, Lyra (gr. 4) Joel & Melissa Ouellette  
Smithson, Cali (gr. 1) Chris & Chrystal Smithson

We also have several children (29) joining us in the Kindergarten class and several of these are new families to our school & community.

We hope you all feel welcome in our NPCS community, we are glad you are joining us!

## Staffing News

We are happy to announce that we have a few staff members returning from leaves:

Mrs. Renee Rentz will return as one of our Grade 1 teachers.

Mrs. Laura Mast will be a Gr. 2/3 teacher.

Mrs. Katlyn Wierenga is the pre-school teacher this year and will also return as our Kindergarten teacher (Tue/Thurs) starting Jan. 5, 2023. At present, Mrs. Toni Liber is our K teacher for Tues/Thurs classes.

Mrs. Kathi Hellinga will teach music while Mrs. Megan Ferster is on leave until May 2023.

All the rest of the staff remains the same for this year. We are all looking forward to a great year together!

## ONLINE FORM & FEES

### **IMPORTANT!**

Our school division is again using the online system called SchoolEngage to collect and process student enrolment information, annual demographic updates and permission forms.

**These forms will become available to all families starting very soon- parents will be NOTIFIED via MESSENGER when available! This will be sent to Gr. 1-9 returning students.**

Kindergarten students will not have to complete these forms as all of this information was gathered with registration forms. New students to the school will also not need to complete these updates.

**Please fill out forms online through your PowerSchool account.** This will include the information connected with student registration as well as permission forms for field trips etc.

To open SchoolEngage:

- [Sign in to PowerSchool](#) \*if you have forgotten your password you can request new by hitting button. \*We have User Name on file but we do not have your passwords.
- Click on **Registration and Permission Forms** in your main menu

When you open SchoolEngage, you will see that you have been assigned the **Student Demographic Update Form** for your child(ren).

- The Student Demographic Update shows all of the information we have in our system. We need you to check that the information we have on file is correct. Please review, make corrections and changes if needed.

This form also collects these annual consents and permissions:

- Student FOIP
- Technology Acceptable Use
- Field Trip Within Walking Distance
- School Physical Activity

**Please submit the form (for each child) by September 22 before Terry Fox Run, etc..**

**Need help?** If you need help you can contact our office or email [studentsupport@pembinahills.ca](mailto:studentsupport@pembinahills.ca).

### **ONLINE FEES**

We would like everyone to pay student fees online (no cheques or cash whenever possible)

Once you have set up your accounts in PowerSchool you will be able to pay for fees such as field trips, sports teams, t-shirts & hoodies, resale supplies (kanga pouches), etc. These fees will be posted online along with forms throughout the school year.

### **VOLUNTEER FORMS**

Volunteers provide assistance to the school in achieving educational objectives by providing non-educational services, e.g. playground supervision, supervision of field trips, driving, and chaperones.

**Volunteers are required to provide a Criminal Record Check and Intervention Record Check** prior to their volunteer experience. These checks do not expire but you are responsible to let us know if anything changes. You can get Criminal Record checks at the RCMP office on Thursdays only and the Intervention Record checks can now be done online.

Volunteer Forms F4-60 can be picked up from the office (or you can download from our webpage). These should be

completed and handed into the homeroom teachers or the office before you can volunteer in the school. Several of you did these in June and we do have you on record.

**Driver's forms:** If you help out by driving students to extra-curricular activities such as sporting events we need a Driver's form filled out each year. The amount of liability insurance is at \$2 million so please check with your insurance company to make sure you have this coverage before filling out driver's form. We have copies of the 4-61 Driver's forms in the office or you can download from our webpage and also the Volunteer form 4-60 (Parents Tab – take home notes)  
NOTE: we won't be requiring as many parents to drive to sporting events, etc. as we have purchased our own NPCS bus and hope to use this for most of our extra-curricular & field trips.

### SCHOOL PARKING LOT

We have several staff members so our staff parking area is full. We have made parking signs for all the stalls. There is still one HANDICAP parking spot.

We are asking **PARENTS & GUESTS** to please park in the drive-around area by the school and **not in the Staff parking lot** during the school day for dropping off or picking up children. Thank You!

### SCHOOL START/END TIME

#### Bell Schedule

Busses arrive: 8:10 – 8:15 am  
Morning Warning Bell: 8:20 am  
Classes begin: 8:25 am  
Morning Recess: 10:10 – 10:25 am  
Lunch Break: 11:55 – 12:10– students have time to eat  
12:10– 12:40 - elementary students to go outside  
Afternoon Recess: 2:10 – 2:25 pm  
Dismissal Time: 3:40 pm  
Busses leave at approx. 3:50 pm

We are asking that students that walk or are being dropped off, please do not enter the school until 8:10 am (if other arrangements need to be made please contact the office.

### Neerlandia Christian Education Society (NCES) NEWS

The NCES board met on August 22.

Here are some highlights of our meeting:

--NCES is looking forward to celebrating the start of the school year with a **pancake breakfast** on Friday,

Sept 2nd from 7:45-8:45am. Parents, grandparents and community members are all welcome!

--**Bussing Reimbursement** for Out-of-Boundary Families--If you are an out of boundary family, NCES will reimburse \$150 per grade 1-9 students and \$75 per kindergarten student. To receive this reimbursement, once you have paid your bussing fees to PHPS, send us a copy of your receipts by scanning and emailing it to [BRL@mcsnet.ca](mailto:BRL@mcsnet.ca) or texting a picture of it to **Laura Braucht (780-674-7334)**

-- **New Playground Equipment**--We are hopeful that a new set of swings and zipline will be installed by the end of this month!

--The start of school is a busy time of year! NCES will send out our **annual membership requests** in October, once everyone is back into the fall routine. Memberships are encouraged and cost **\$300/family** or **\$150 for grandparents/community members**. Thank you for all your support! We could not support Christian Education without you!

- submitted by: *Amanda Batty, Chairperson*

#### NCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

*Amanda Batty, Sheri Strydhorst, Nicole Wierenga, Kirstie Schatz, Laura Braucht, Charlene Fleming, Shawna Sotnikow & Geraldine Wierenga.*

### PHPS BOARD NEWS

#### Welcome Back!

Hope everybody had a great summer!

Big news, Minister Lagrange is continuing our fuel contingency fund for the next Coming year! Big deal for us as a division. Last year from March to June was an approximately \$80,000.00 returned to Pembina Hills.

Hope to see you all at our next NPSC meeting in October. It's a great opportunity to meet you and get to know each other!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TERRY FOX RUN



This run will take place on Thurs, Sept. 29 (start time: 10:30 am). NPCS is hosting this year.

The Neerlandia Covenant Canadian Reformed students will be invited to

join us once again. Parents & community members are also invited to join us.

We will continue with our 'toonies for Terry' fundraiser and ask **each student to bring a toonie.**

People are also welcome to make larger donations at Neerlandia Public Christian School Fundraising **School's Online Fundraising Page:**

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/NeerlandiaPublicChristian>

- We are only set up for donations for school not individual classrooms.

Thanks for your continued support!

## SPORTS

We are planning to continue with elementary and Jr. High sports programs this school year.

### Jr. High Volleyball:

Boys will practice on Mon. & Wed., 3:45 – 5:15 pm Girls will practice on Tues. & Thur. Looks like we have enough girls to have 2 teams; Gr. 7/8 and Gr. 8/9. First week: Gr. 8/9 girls only will practice on Tues. & Thurs. (Sept. 6 & 8) 3:45 – 5:15 pm

Starting on Tuesday, September 13th, the junior girls (gr. 7 & 8) will practice from 3:45-4:45pm and the senior girls will practice from 4:45-6:15pm on every Tuesday and Thursday (unless league games are scheduled).

-Notes will be going home with the players with more details.

### Elementary Soccer

Neerlandia Public Christian School is offering an after-school soccer program for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Both boys and girls are invited to come out and play. Practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays right after school. This will begin on Wednesday, September 7th and continue for the next 6 weeks (weather permitting). These practices will end at around 5:10. Hopefully we will attend at least one tournament (location and time to be announced – will be during the school day and field trip forms will need to be filled out). This is just for fun!

Notes have been given to Gr. 4-6. Thanks to Mrs. Lisa Seatter & Mrs. De Waal for coaching and organizing this.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### September Library Hours

**Monday-Thursday**

**9:00AM-4:30PM**

**Wednesday Evenings**

**7:00-9:00PM**

**All Day Fridays, September 2, 9**

**9:00AM-4:30PM**

**Library Closed for Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 5**



We have a new class schedule this year.

There are **no classes in the library from 9:00AM-1:10PM** and

**3:40PM-4:30PM**. These are great times for the public to come to the library.

**Rhyme Time** will begin October 19 and will run for 8 weeks. It is designed for 3-year olds but all children are welcome.

**Book Club** will begin October as well. Call the library at 780-674-5384 for more details.

**Chocolate Bar Sales** - Our chocolate bars are coming!!

Sorry for the delay. Hopefully they will be here next week. We will keep you updated. Notes will go out with each student grade 4 and up. Students will need a parent signature for how many bars they are allowed to sell.

**Used Book Sale**- there are a few books for sale for .25/book. We are also selling a MakeDo Kit (cardboard construction kit) for \$25.00. A bag of cardboard comes with it.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 5 – **Labour Day** holiday, no classes

Sept. 16- **Alternate Day, no classes**

Sept. 22 – *Jr. High Cross Country Run*

Sept. 23- **Teacher Day, no classes**

Sept. 28 – *Jr. High Soccer tournament*

Sept. 29, 10:30 am **Terry Fox Run**

**Sept. 30 – Truth & Reconciliation Day (no classes)**

**Looking ahead:**

**Oct. 6 & Oct. 12 – Parent Meetings,**

*Schedule will be available for online bookings using School Appointment website (\*we will post when it becomes available for booking your 15 min appointments for each child)*

Oct. 7 – PD Day, no classes

Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving Day, no classes

Oct. 11 – **Student Picture Day**

Oct. 12 & 13 – Bus Safety (K, Gr. 1, 2 & 4)