

# PERCY BAXTER NEWSLETTER



February 10-14

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## Principal's Message:

With last week's bus cancellations due to the weather and our Teachers' Convention, we had a quieter school environment, giving staff the opportunity to catch up and work closely with the students who were in attendance. Now that we're heading into a full week, Monday is all about hitting the ground running! After a disrupted schedule, our focus will be to re-engage students with high-energy, interactive lessons that spark curiosity and motivation. It was always my focus as a teacher, and now that I'm back in the classroom, I plan on bringing dynamic learning strategies into my teaching—incorporating fitness routines, hands-on activities, and focused mind-body connection exercises. These will help students refocus, strengthen academic skills, and rebuild neural pathways for deeper learning. We had tossed the idea around about allowing hats and hoodies up in the school however, to support a positive, respectful, and safe learning environment, we are keeping our no hats and no hoods up policy in both classrooms and hallways. Students are welcome to wear hoodies, but they must keep their hoods down while inside the school. This ensures consistency and prevents unnecessary disruptions as students move between spaces and follows our safety protocols.

We are implementing grade-level lunches in the breakfast area to create a more structured and enjoyable lunchtime experience. Supervision: Administrators and the teachers from the designated grade will supervise the lunch area. Behavior Expectations: This is a privilege, and we want it to work well for everyone. Misbehavior such as throwing food, disruptions, or not cleaning up may result in a loss of lunchroom privileges. Lunch Bunch Group: Students who need a quieter, structured space will have access to this option. Grade Separation: There will be no mixing of grade levels—each grade will have its lunch on its assigned day. Clean-Up Responsibility: All students must clean up after themselves and maintain respectful behavior. Microwave Access: Additional microwaves are being added to the lunchroom for convenience. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we introduce this new system. Let's work together to make it a success!

Just a quick reminder of a few important events this week: School Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 pm. Grade 8 Ski Trip to Eastlink – Also happening on Wednesday, February 12th. If your child was scheduled for hot lunch, it will still be delivered, as the hot lunch has been rescheduled for this Wednesday because of no buses last week.

We're excited to have everyone back and fully engaged in their learning. Let's make it a great week.

### Leadership Updates:

- Tuesday, February 11 – “I Have a
- Thursday, February 13 – Wacky Hair Day!
- Friday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day, Crush Pop Delivery, and it’s a Friday!

### Important Links

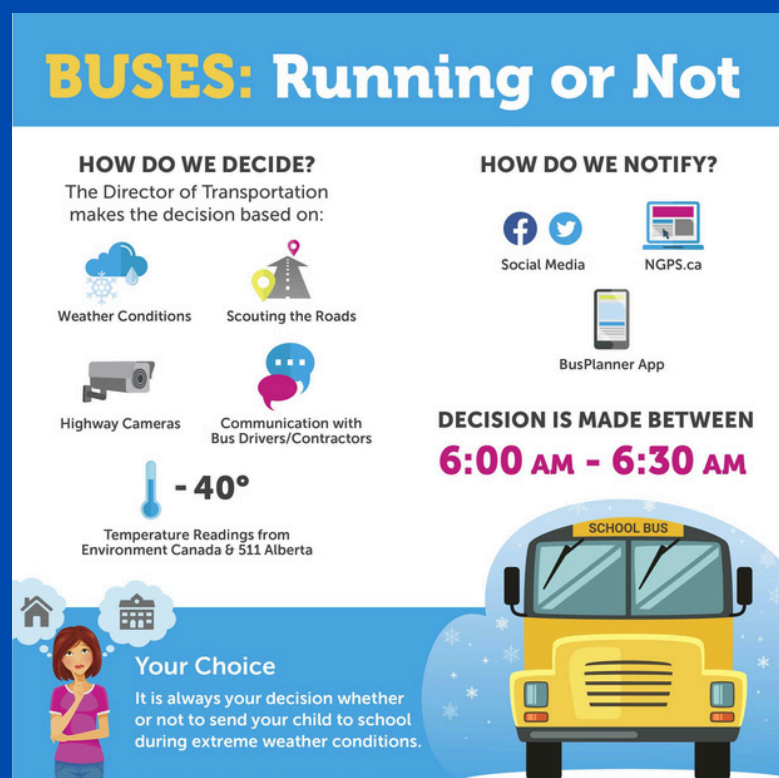
- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Google Calendar of Events](#)
- [Website](#)

### Weather Reminders



Hello  
**WINTER**

Reminder to please have your child dress for the weather.  
Students will be outside for recess until we hit -25°C with a windchill



## BUSES: Running or Not

#### HOW DO WE DECIDE?

The Director of Transportation makes the decision based on:

- Weather Conditions
- Scouting the Roads
- Highway Cameras
- Communication with Bus Drivers/Contractors


**-40°**  
Temperature Readings from Environment Canada & 511 Alberta

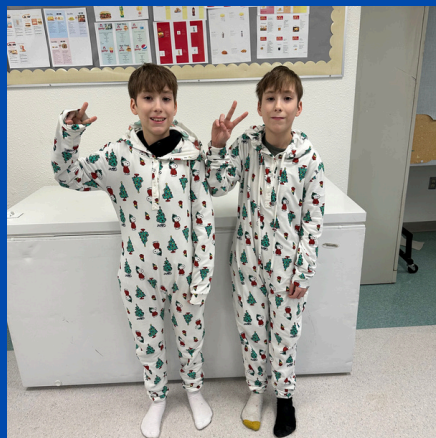
#### HOW DO WE NOTIFY?

- Social Media
- NGPS.ca
- BusPlanner App

**DECISION IS MADE BETWEEN 6:00 AM - 6:30 AM**

**Your Choice**  
It is always your decision whether or not to send your child to school during extreme weather conditions.







### **Donation Request:**

We are seeking donations of Lego, gently used toys, and books to support our students in creative and engaging learning opportunities.

If you have any items you'd like to donate, please reach out to us. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

Thank you for your support and generosity.

All practices start Monday Jan 13

Gr. 6 Girls M/W 1140 -1230

Gr.6 Boys T/Th 1140 -1230

Gr. 7-8 Girls M/W 400-500

Gr. 7-8 Boys T/Th 400-500

Games and tournaments TBA

# 2024/2025 Bell Schedule



<b>TIME</b>	<b>BLOCK</b>
<b>8:53</b>	<b>Bell</b>
<b>8:55-9:05</b>	<b>TAGS (Attendance calls generated)</b>
<b>9:05-9:55</b>	<b>BLOCK 1</b>
<b>9:55-10:45</b>	<b>BLOCK 2</b>
<b>10:45-10:50</b>	<b>TRANSITION BREAK TO NEXT CLASS</b>
<b>10:50-11:40</b>	<b>BLOCK 3</b>
<b>11:40-12:10</b>	<b>RECESS BREAK</b>
<b>12:10-12:40</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>12:40-1:30</b>	<b>BLOCK 4 (Attendance calls generated)</b>
<b>1:30-1:35</b>	<b>TRANSITION BREAK TO NEXT CLASS</b>
<b>1:35-2:25</b>	<b>BLOCK 5</b>
<b>2:25-3:15</b>	<b>BLOCK 6 Dismissal</b>



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