### **OUTLOOK HIGH SCHOOL**

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### **Upcoming Events**

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> First Day of school, WELCOME BACK!

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Online Volleyball Ref clinic (see below for more info)

Sept 13th Jr Golf Districts (hosted here in Outlook 1pm)

Sept 14th Picture Day

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Cross Country Meet

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day \*Every Child Matters

Sept 29th & 30th SR Volleyball home tournament Sept 29th No School for Staff or Students

### **Admin Message**

Hello families and welcome to a new school year! Hopefully everyone made it through their first week of school! Next week will be a little easier and by the month everyone should be back in the routine, but that first week you sure can notice how exhausted the kids are by the end of the day. My name is Keith Theoret and I will be the acting principal until Mrs. Evans returns to the school towards the end of September. Mr. Sobkowicz is back for the month filling in for me in the vice-principal role. We are looking forward to a great year here at OHS! To start the year off you will see a few new faces around the building. For more details on these faces check out a section in this newsletter with some pictures and short write ups for Mr. Ginn (grade 7), Ms. Bayda (grade 8, PeBL, history), Mr. Davey (Grade Alike Planning – aka GAP replacement teacher for Mr. Walters on day 5s), Ms. Solnicka (Intern with Mr. LeBlanc in grade 6), and Mr. Norrish (Intern with Mrs. Warren in the math department)! Welcome to the new staff as well as our new students and families, we look forward to working with you all and getting to know you better! Along with new faces this year there are a couple newer things happening around here. Check out the student handbook at the end of the newsletter as it contains tons of useful information, especially for those new to our school! We wish our farming families a safe and productive harvest and everyone else a wonderful fall! If you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact the school! Take care!

### We would like to welcome a few new faces to our OHS Staff!



My name is Lindsay Solnicka, I am from Outlook. I am currently in my final semester of university completing my Bachelor of Education Degree. My focus throughout my studies has been English and Social Sciences but I also discovered a passion for Anti-Racist Education during my time at the U of S. I am excited to be back at OHS for my extended practicum with Mr. LeBlanc's Grade 6 class

and look forward to gaining experience as a teacher from new and old faces.

G'day, my name is Joel Davies. I live in Outlook with my wife and two beagles. I love the outdoors and staying active. Since moving to Canada from Australia I have discovered pickleball and disc golf. I love volunteering and I'm currently part of a team building a disc golf course in Outlook. I'm excited to be back at OHS as part of the Blues team!





My name is Justin Ginn. This is my first year at Outlook High School. I have just moved from Fort St. John, British Columbia where I taught grades 7-9 for 5 years. This year I am teaching grade 7. Outside of school, I like to stay active by playing sports and going for walks with my partner and our dog.

Greetings! My name is Taelor Bayda and I will be teaching Grade 8 English and Social, and History 10 and 30 this year! I am also the new PEBL mentor. This is my 6th year teaching and 5th year in Outlook. While I will definitely miss OES, I am so excited to be a part of the OHS team. I grew up in southern Saskatchewan with my parents, two brothers and sister. Now I live in Saskatoon with my two rescue dogs, Zoro and Zoey! On my spare time, I enjoy playing a wide-range of sports including hockey, disc golf, volleyball, and basketball. I love to learn—my favorite subjects to learn about are Indigenous Studies and current events. I look forward to getting to know everyone and for new adventures ahead.





My name is Jackson Norrish and I was raised half an hour away in Strongfield, and attended my entire K-12 school career in Loreburn. I have a great love for sports of all kinds, especially baseball which I spent my summer coaching in Saskatoon. Also enjoy golfing, camping, fishing, and other relaxing activities. I am a Math major and physics minor and look forward to bringing a fresh perspective on the subjects in this experience.

### **Exciting New Project**

OHS is excited to be celebrating our families and their cultures and traditions with a new project this year: an OHS Family Cookbook! We will be creating a book of all our families' favorite, culturally unique, or tried and true recipes. Stay tuned for more information on when, where, and how to submit your family's favorite eats.

### **EDSBY**

One of the more major changes involves the transition of our school division from the current attendance and marks program called My School Sask (MSS) to a program called EDSBY! We have seen several of these programs come and go but the reviews on EDSBY are that it is great! We have some staff with children in other school divisions, including Saskatoon and they say from a parent's perspective it is far superior for access and ease of use than MSS! One of the most exciting features we think is that it is app based, which means you should be able to set your own password and username then have it saved on your phone for quick and easy access like any other apps on your phone! This new program has many great features as well, as allowing parents to post their child's absence directly from the app.

Unfortunately, the parent side won't be open until early October, at which time we will be sure to send our more information and hopefully even hold an introduction session for those interested. In the meantime, you will have to continue to call the front office to excuse your child from school and know that MSS will no longer be able to send you automated phones calls for your child's late or absence (I know it's so disappointing to not get those generic messages that leave you wondering which kid was late or absent for which class!!!!).

### **Golf**

Golf Practice Tuesdays and Fridays 3:45 start until season end. Tuesday September 12, Sr Golf Districts (18 holes) in Kyle. Wednesday September 13 Jr Golf Districts in Outlook 1pm start (9 holes) September 20 Jr golf Districts (18 holes) in Rosetown

### JR Girls Volleyball

Mrs. Warren is excited to be coaching the Grade 6/7 girls volleyball this year, along with Ms. Solnicka. The team will be practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 over at the Elementary school gym. Mrs. Warren has been in contact with some other teachers in the division who also have a starting Grade 7 team and will do her best to set up some exhibition games with them. It looks like we have a large number of girls signed up, which is great! We are hoping to possibly turn our Wednesday gym time into some practice games, as we currently have enough players to make two complete teams. We will see how this plays out in the coming weeks! If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Warren know, either by calling the school or by email at janet.warren@sunwestsd.ca

### **SR Girls Volleyball**

The Sr. Girls' volleyball team is back up and running for another season! The girls host their first home game this upcoming Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> against Davidson. All are welcome to come on out and cheer on our BLUES! We are then headed off to Loreburn RAVE for our first tournament of the season on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16th. We are excited to see where this year takes us, and we hope to see you in the stands!

### JR Boys Volleyball

The Jr. Boys Volleyball Team are off to a busy start! We will be having 20 players this year so we will be splitting into two teams and playing as many exhibition games as possible! In playoffs we will form one team and give it our best shot to bring home a West Central District Championship.

### **SR Boys Volleyball**

The Sr Boys Volleyball team will have practices on Sunday and Mondays at 7pm. There league games and exhibition games will be on Wednesdays at 4:30/5pm. We have one tournament scheduled in September and it will be in Dinsmore on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cross Country**

Practices Monday-Thursday after school. Students are encouraged to come to any practice they can in amongst other sports they might be playing.

Upcoming meets are,

Biggar Thursday, September 14
Outlook (home) Wednesday, September 20
Rosetown Wednesday, September 27

Districts (TBD) Wednesday, October 4 (likely Biggar--north side of West Central Division)

Provincials-Regina Saturday, October 14th (grades 9-12 only)

### JR Football

Practices will be Monday's and Wednesday's after school 3:30-5:30 and Thursday at lunch from 12:15-1:00. Anyone from grade 6-9 are encouraged to come out and play.

### **Attention Grade 6 Girls!!**

Outlook Minor Basketball is beginning their upcoming season and are looking for grade 6 girls interested in playing basketball in a Saskatoon league. The team will be an all-girls team comprised of grades 5 & 6 girls from Outlook. Practices will be after school on Tuesdays **OR** Thursdays at OES, games are on Saturdays in Saskatoon.

The registration deadline is September 22nd. If you are interested or want more information, contact Maury Ziegler @ (306)380-5308 or Kaitlyn Gifford @ (306)867-1322.

### School Fees and forms

You have received an email this week from us with a bunch of forms. Thank you if you have already filled them out! School fees this year are \$10 for grades 6 to 9 and \$20 for grades 10 to 12. That can be paid in the office by cash or cheque written to OHS SRC, or online (a link sent in the forms email).

### <u>Yearbook</u>

Yearbooks will be available for \$40.00, to order for the 2023/2024 school year for purchase in the office by cash or cheque.

### **Bus Guests**

Sun West school division has revisited their bus guest policy and made a concession to allow registered bus students to ride alternate routes. That basically means that if your child already rides the school bus to school, they can now ride the school bus to a friend's house even if that friend is on a different bus route! Unfortunately, this only applies to registered riders, therefore "town kids" will not be able to ride the bus to a "bus kids" house, they still will have to be picked up at the school and driven there using a private vehicle.

### **EA Open House**

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for anyone interested in learning about becoming an Educational Assistant! We believe the role of Educational Assistant (EA) in a high school is often misunderstood and therefore would like to invite people to come to an open house of sorts. At our open house you will be able to meet with current EA's and our student support teachers who can answer questions and give you a run down about what the job is really like! If you are interested in registering for the open house, please call the school and leave your name. We will get in touch with you about a time and day that will work.



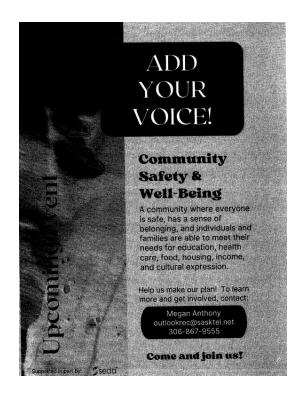






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Time Slot 3	10:35-11:20 AM
Time Slot 4	11:25-12:11 AM
Lunch	12:11-1:03 PM
Warning Bell	1:03 PM
Period 4	1:08-2:13 PM
Period 5	2:18-3:22 PM





### Online

## **Volleyball Referee Clinic**

For any new or returning VB refs

Monday, September 11 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Contact phil.guebert@gmail.com for the link





# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION





ENGAGING STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS

Board members are always getting out to participate in school events. On the left, Subdivision No. 3 Trustee Karen Itterman (L) and Subdivision No. 7 Trustee Cathy Morrow (R) attending an Indigenous Traditional Hide-Tanning Workshop hosted by Dinsmore Composite School in early June. On the right, Subdivision No. 9 Trustee Ruth Griffith supports a student at the Power Play Youth Entrepreneurs Fair at Elizabeth Middle School in Kindersley later in June.

### JUNE-AUGUST HAPPENINGS

The Board of Education held a Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 13 and regular Board Meetings on June 27 and August 29. Significant developments included:

- The Board Policy Review was completed.
- The 2023-26 Sun West Three-year Educational Plan was passed.
- A letter to the Sun West Student Leadership Group was approved. It encouraged the group to work towards the goals outlined in their presentation at the May meeting.
- The Board received the School Community Council (SCC) Report. SCCs continue to make valuable contributions to Sun West.
- The Board received the Human Resources Report.
   Although challenges remain in recruiting for some positions, overall Sun West has been very successful in attracting high calibre employees.
- The Board received the Communications Report. Sun West's social media reach is growing.



Board Chair John Collins was kept very busy the week of August 21-25. He attended professional development and the planning/orientation meetings for school administrators, new teachers, teacher-candidates and iLearn, the opening professional development day for all teachers. Above: Mr. Collins welcomes the 28 teacher-candidates who will be in Sun West schools this fall.

For more details on these and many other stories go to the Sun West website at: www.sunwestsd.ca or check us out on social media.



# September 2023

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28 Lazy Lasagna Broccoli Cheese Soup	21 Grilled Cheese Taco Chili	Panini Ham & Veggie Soup	7 Pizza Buns Hamburger Soup		Thu
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### SUN WEST SCHOOL DIVISION

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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