

Bison Tracks

Elk Island Public Schools

Welcome Back

To all new and returning students, Ardrossan's staff welcomes you. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members to our School family—Mme Boojj, Mme Bilodeau-Lepage, Ms. Carstairs, Ms. Fleckenstein, Ms. Kelm, M. Laliberte, Mrs. Manchakowski, Mr. Reimer, Mr. Van Berkel and Mr. Gnoan. We also welcome Mr. Schwartz as our new Assistant Principal.

It was great to see so many of our Grade 7 students and parents/guardians at our Grade 7 Orientation Meeting in August. The information sessions and the opportunity to meet teachers will provide our students with a comfortable start to Junior High. Ardrossan Junior Senior will once again be hosting the MHCBC Program previously known as KEYS at our school.

I look forward to working with students, parents/guardians, staff and our community of Ardrossan to provide a safe and caring school in which all of us have opportunities to learn and grow. I know that all of us are ready to take on the challenges that lie ahead.



School Council Meeting

Our first meeting for this school year will take place on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. These meetings are open to all parents of Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High School. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Principal
Miss MJ Nam

Mrs. D. Hanson
Grades 8, 10 & 12

Assistant Principals
Mr. P. Schwartz
Grades 7, 9, & 11

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School Information

Dates to Remember:

- September 7—9 Football Team Building Trip
- September 7-8 Sr. Varsity Men's Volleyball U of A
- September 10 Welcome Week—September 10—14
- September 10 Cheer Tryouts Gym B 3:30—5:30 p.m.
- September 10 Grade 9 French Immersion Quebec Meeting 6 p.m.
- September 12 Cheer Tryouts Gym B 6—8 p.m.
- September 13 Bison Thunder Run for Junior High
- Grade 9 will be participating in Block 1
 - Grade 8 will be participating in Block 2
 - Grade 7 will be participating in Block 4
- September 14-15 Sr. Varsity Volleyball Tri-Classic Tournament
- September 17 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Learning Commons
- September 19 EIPS Cross Country—Gold Bar Park
- September 20 Football Game 2 vs. Beaumont
- September 26 Zones Cross Country
- September 27 Football Game 3 vs Eastglen
- September 28 Orange Shirt Day
- September 28-29 Sr. Varsity Men's Volleyball Calgary's Western Canada Tournament
- October 3 Staff Meeting—Early Dismissal 2:13 p.m.
- October 5 Football Game 4 vs Holy Trinity
- October 5 PD Day—No School for Students
- October 8 Thanksgiving Day—STAT—No School
- October 12 Football Game 5 vs Fort Saskatchewan
- October 12-13 Sr. Varsity Men's Volleyball M.E. Lazerte Tournament
- October 16 Jr. & Sr. High Academic Awards Night



Welcome Week September 10—14

Join us for some fun activities during welcome week:

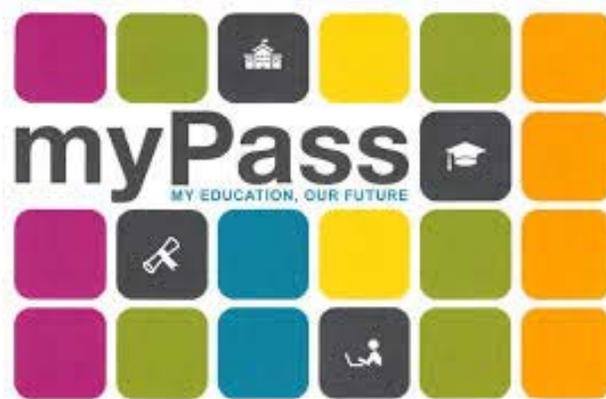
Monday – Apples and Cookies given to students who know the school virtues

Tuesday – Photo Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday – Crazy Hat Day

Thursday – Bison Pride Day

Friday – Hot Dog Day



myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to: View and print diploma exam results statements, or order transcripts and more.

We have created an easy step-by-step guide to help you sign up for myPass.

Please check out our school website for more information.



EIPS Information

Enhancing literacy and numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required. The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. Both simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the Director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.

Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at www.eips.ca/download/40981. Please copy the link into your web browser.



Quick Facts: EIPS buses are all equipped with video surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support youth mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting.

Visit the Division calendar to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit Ardrossan.ca and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions.

Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of **[INSERT SCHOOL NAME HERE]** important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.



Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by the end of September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don’t forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child’s account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted—the course change deadline is September 7, 2018.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees. Alternatively, contact Shelly Zaharichuk at 780-922-2228.

Stay Connected: Subscribe to our news

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won’t notice much of a difference—all email subscriptions are being transferred so, there is no need to re-subscribe.

If you’re new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe. Canada’s Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. Only those who have subscribed to receive emails will get information about Division and school-related news, such as newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you’re not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.



The Mental Health Capacity Building Program (formerly known as KEYS) is excited to start our second year partnering with Ardrossan Junior Senior High School. MHCB works to support and promote well-being in the school for staff, students, parents and the community by raising awareness, increasing knowledge and skills on positive mental health, healthy relationships, social and emotional learning. We work with staff to incorporate mental health in school curriculum, existing activities/events and everyday routines.

Karen Haugen will be working with Ardrossan School for the second year of the three year project term. Karen is passionate about empowering youth and the adults in their lives. Please feel free to reach out at any time if you are looking for information about well-being, parenting resources, supporting teens, community resources and services or connecting to the community.

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Helping to create a supported, safe and connected community. Strathcona County's MHCB program is a Mental Health Capacity Building Project funded by Alberta Health Services and a Healthy Relationships Project funded by Alberta Community and Social Services and delivered by Strathcona County's Family and Community Services.



What Calculator should I purchase?



If you are purchasing a new calculator for your child in junior high please purchase the Texas Instruments calculator above.

For High school math students require a TI 84 or better (no need for an N-Spire)

Could you PLEASE save the "TI Points" and hand it in to Mrs Gustafson. We accumulate these and hand them in for educational materials.



Cheer Team

BISON JR. & SR. HIGH CHEER TRYOUTS!

NO experience required.

Please bring indoor gym shoes, workout clothing, water bottle, hair up and your school spirit!

September 10th 3:30pm to 5:30pm

September 12th 6:00pm to 8:00pm

In gym B.



Please take note of new Bell times

Bell Schedule
Semesters I & II

Regular Day (84 minute blocks)

Warning Bell 8:40 a.m.

Block 1 8:42 – 10:06 a.m.

Break (7 min) 10:06 – 10:13 a.m.

Block 2 10:13 – 11:37 a.m.

Grade 7 Dismissal 11:32 a.m.

Lunch Break (45 min.) 11:37 – 12:22 p.m.

Block 3 12:22 – 1:46 p.m.

Break (7 min.) 1:46 – 1:53 p.m.

Block 4 1:53 – 3:17 p.m.

Staff Meeting Day (72 minute blocks)

Warning Bell 8:40 a.m.

Block 1 8:42 – 9:54 a.m.

Break (5 min) 9:54– 9:59 a.m.

Block 2 9:59 – 11:11 a.m.

Grade 7 Dismissal 11:06 a.m.

Lunch Break (37 min.) 11:11 – 11:48 a.m.

Block 3 11:48 – 1:00 p.m.

Break (5 min.) 1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

Block 4 1:05 – 2:17 p.m.

