

Gulf Shore School Newsletter

September 2021

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Welcome:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. A special welcome to those of you who are new to our school. This newsletter is the first of a monthly newsletter from Gulf Shore. We will be sending out a reminder to parents that the newsletter is ready to view and it will be posted on the website at www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore. Parents are asked to take the time to read it as it contains information about the upcoming month. On behalf of the staff, we wish you a very successful school year.

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, September 9 – soccer tryouts for girls & boys – 3:15 – 4:30
Thursday, September 9 – (noon) due date for ordering meals for Sept. 13 – 24.
Tuesday, September 14 – Golf Tryouts 5:30 Anderson’s Creek
Wednesday, September 15 – 1st Home & School Meeting 7PM
Friday, September 24 – Student Pictures
Thursday, September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day
October 1 – Joint Staff Day – no classes for students
October 8 – Professional Learning; Day (no classes for students)
Monday, October 11 – Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 26 – Picture retakes
Friday, October 29 - Halloween at Gulf Shore

Visitors to the School:

Everyone who is visiting the school (dropping off children, picking up children or for any other reason) **must** stop in the office before going to any other part of the school. Sign in at the front doors and wear a mask. We ask that you do not park on the side of the road in front of the school, please use the parking lot. Also, please remember that we are a nut and scent free school.

Staffing:

We would like to welcome to our Gulf Shore Staff:
Michelle Silliker – Grade 9 English Homeroom, Social Studies, Home Ec
Natalie Boyle – Resource
Allyssa Arbing – Library, 4 & 6 ELA & Resource
And also a welcome back to:
Kerry Blais - EA
Karen Clow - EA
St Clair Mullally – Bus Driver

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School Supply Fee: If you have not yet paid for your student's school supplies, please do so as soon as possible. This fee is \$50.00 for students in grades K – 6. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Gulf Shore Consolidated School. Once the fee is received, a receipt will be send home with your son/daughter. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Junior High Fees:

As in past years, we are collecting a fee for students in grades 7-9 to offset the cost of Home Ec., Industrial Arts and \$5.00 of this fee goes towards a student agendas. The fee for 2021 – 2022 school year is \$25.00. Please send this fee in with your son/daughter. Once we received the payment, a receipt will be issued and sent home.

Nut / Fragrance Free:

Gulf Shore is scent- free. Some members of our staff and students are highly allergic to strong scents. We ask that students refrain from using perfumes and strong scented deodorant of any kind. If you plan on visiting the school please abide by this policy.

We are also a Nut Free School. Please be mindful when packing your children's lunches, NO Peanut butter, soy butter, Nutella or products containing peanuts, pistachios or cashews and no WOW or imitation butter.

Early Arrival at School:

Parents are asked to respect our policy regarding students coming to school early in the morning. Students who walk or are dropped off are asked **not to arrive before 8:20.**

School Photos:

Lifetouch will take our school photos on Friday, September 24. Grade 9 grad photos will be taken in January 2022.

Agendas:

It is expected that students use their agenda daily to record homework, assignments and other important dates. It is also a useful place to communicate with homeroom teachers.

Meet The Staff Night: We will be having a virtual Meet the staff night. More information will follow.

Terry Fox News: Our school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run. The date for the run/walk is tentatively set for Oct 7th

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Home & School News:

Welcome to all the new families joining the Gulf Shore community as well as all our returning members. We hope everyone had a great Summer. As a parent or guardian of a child enrolled at Gulf Shore, you are already a member of the Home and School. Thank you for taking an interest in our school and the important role that Home and School plays.

Home and School exists for many reasons. Our primary purpose is to ensure that our children receive the best learning environment possible. We do this by maintaining open lines of communication with the staff so that parents have an understanding of the school and its workings, and so problems can be solved and ideas can be heard. If you don't know about Home and School, this is your chance to get involved and be in the know!

Throughout the year, we will be looking to our members to get involved by volunteering to help when they can. We all have different strengths and interests and there is always a way to help. We are asking that each classroom chooses 1-2 representatives to take turns attending meetings and act as a liaison between their class and the Home and School. You don't have to be a class representative to attend meetings. Everyone is always welcome. They are a great way to stay connected to what is happening in our school community.

Our Home and School takes care of the milk program along with the Food for Thought cupboard. Our milk program will not be up and running until the second week of school. This will give parents time to log on and register their son/daughter for this program. The Food for Thought Cupboard is stocked with healthy foods and snacks and is available to any of our students when in need. We also organize staff appreciation potlucks, healthy snacks, hair checks, a Terry Fox day BBQ and a fundraising event during the school year.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. Our first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday September 15th at 7pm at Gulf Shore School. We are currently looking to fill the position of secretary. If you are interested in joining the executive please contact Jen Covello at jennifer_covello@hotmail.com.

Wishing all the Gulf Shore families a great 2021-22 school year. We hope to see you soon.

PEI Healthy School Food Program

The PEI School Food Program is a provincial lunch program that offers ALL island students K-12 a healthy and affordable lunch 5 days per week!

Bon Appétit is an online ordering platform that allows you to skip the lunch line and order online! The platform is available in 11 languages. User registration is now open at www.peischoolfood.org. Once registered, you will receive automatic program communications!

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Ordering will take place biweekly (10 school days at a time). Ordering will open on Saturday mornings and close on Thursdays at noon for meals to begin the following Monday.

When meals are ordered online, they will be prepared with the student's name and delivered to the school at lunch time. Your school will offer a pickup location or will distribute meals directly to the student's classroom!

Saturday Sept. 4th Bon Appétit will open for ordering for the first meal cycle (Meals Sept. 13-24). Ordering will close on Thursday, Sept. 9 at noon.

To place a meal order, you will need to add a diner. To add a diner, you will require the student's classroom information. Your child will know after the first day of school who their teacher is so you will be able to log on and register your child for the Healthy School Food Program.

The Pay What You Can Program offers families 3 options:

- 1) You can pay the full amount of your child's lunch
- 2) You can pay an amount that you can afford to pay at that time
- 3) You can order lunch for your child if you are unable to pay at all.

How Do I Place A Meal Order?

1. Go to the website www.peischoolfood.org
2. Click LOG IN TO ORDER

Band News :

Communication: Band information sheets will be distributed to all band students, they are also available for download on our Gulf Shore Band website: www.gulfshorebandsharks.weebly.com under the 'links' tab. For the remainder of this school year, I will be sending out important information and announcements through the school email server. I also post information on the "Gulf Shore Band" Facebook page - please join us if you haven't already done so!

Early Morning Band and Shark Attack!

All students in grades 7-9 Band are expected to participate in our early morning band rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students are asked to be in the building no later than 7:45 am so that they are in their seats and ready to play by 7:55am. Our first EMB will be on Tuesday, September 14th.

All grade 7-9 band students are invited to join our (optional) popular music group, Shark Attack. Shark Attack practices on Wednesdays after school from 3-4:30 pm. Our first Shark Attack will be on Wednesday, September 15th.

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Band Uniforms and Hoodies- An email will be sent out later this month to take orders for band uniform shirts (required) and band hoodies (optional).

Phys Ed/Sports News:

Welcome back to our Gulf Shore athletes for the 2021/22 athletic season! We will be getting right into the swing of things with soccer tryouts for both girls and boys starting Thursday, September 9th from 3:15-4:30.

Cross country will be starting up September 14th and will run (literally) through lunch break on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Golf will be starting the week of September 13th also with practice times TBD. Please ensure athletes collect their permission forms to participate in tryouts from Ms. Coady and that they are returned **BEFORE** they will be permitted to attend tryouts. If they are not handed in on time, athletes will not be able to tryout. With Gulf Shore being a small school, it is important to be at every tryout when possible! Can't wait to see everyone out with their sneakers on, getting their heart rate up and being active.