

Tofield School Newsletter

September 2021



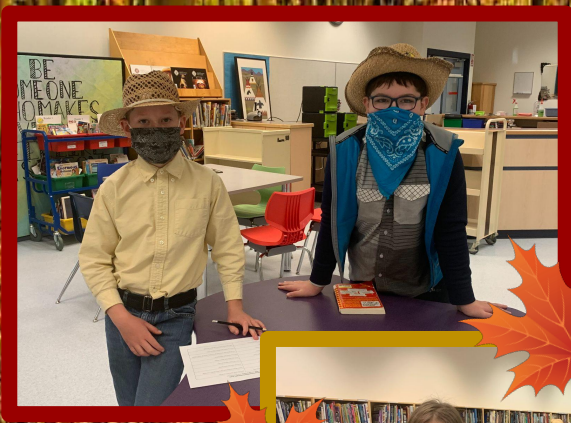
School pictures took place
September 21st and 22nd.



The grade nines
participated in chemical
change experiments.



Students participated
in a back-to-school
assembly.



The grade five students
participated in a library
scavenger hunt.



Administrative Message

We are, once again, so pleased with the maturity and respect that our students display for one another daily! Way to go Titans! We also are so incredibly blessed to have increased in enrollment again, to the tune of 509 students! We wish to thank our parents and guardians for choosing Tofield School, as this affords us the opportunity to continue to grow and improve our programs. Choosing your hometown school creates a very healthy community and everyone gains when this happens. We know that the world is facing several challenges and want to acknowledge that our students, because of such amazing parental guidance/support, have complied with what we have in place to ensure everyone's safety. It is our goal to stay in school for in person learning ALL year. With 99.8% of students complying with our regulations, staying home when sick, and informing us of positive cases, we are very optimistic about reaching this goal. We have several programs running again including: sports, breakfast program, jam club, concession, vending machines, mini-Titans opportunities and more. We even held an assembly that was distanced by grade cohorts, with everyone wearing masks, and it was incredible to have 100% of our students and staff safely assemble for the key messages that are best delivered in a face-to distanced-face manner. We want you to know that we are here to serve you and that our staff is incredibly talented, hard working, accommodating and helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or to the administration for guidance. We wish you all the best year!



Janice Muench
Principal

Chad Kendall
Assistant Principal

SMILE MORE TODAY
THAN YESTERDAY

Don't forget to follow us on instagram
@ tofield_school.

You can find a link to our Athletics handbook below:
[*DRAFT* TOFIELD NEW ATHLETICS HANDBOOK](#)

Family School Liaison Workers (FSLWs)

Your Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Tofield School is Michael Cole. FSLWs can help find resources to other helping professionals and bridge the gaps between those professionals and the school, connect you with community resources, help advocate with the school, or support with social/emotional challenges. To see one of the FSLWs, you can fill out a referral form.

**If a student is 13 years old or younger, parental consent must be provided for ongoing support. If a student is 14 or older, those students can consent on their own for FSLW service.*



Titan Sports



Volleyball Season Has Officially Begun!

The Senior High Girls Volleyball team participated in a tournament in Fort Saskatchewan on Friday, Sept 10 and Saturday, Sept 11. It was the teams first competitive action in a very long time.

The Senior High Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams will be playing in a tournament on Sept 24 and 25 in Hay Lakes and New Norway.

If you have any Senior High Volleyball questions please email M. Flasha.



Cross-Country Running

Cross-country races for this year are:

- Sept 23 in Hardisty
- Sept 29th in New Norway
- Octrunning 7th in Camrose
- Oct 13 in Bashaw



Golf

This year we have golf rosters for both Senior and Junior High.

- The Senior High Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 20th with an alternate date for the 21st.
- The Junior High Golf Tournament is yet to be announced.

Special Thanks to our Volunteer Coaches:

Senior High Girls Volleyball- Mr. Flasha
Senior High Boys Volleyball- Mr. Woodruff
Junior High Girls Volleyball - Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Kyle / Ms. Scheu Liaison / Student helpers: Avery and Kayden
Junior High Boys Volleyball- Mrs. Dey

Cross-Country Running- Mrs. Thurston
Junior and Senior High Golf- Mr. Daigle



2021 Junior High Division 2 Volleyball Schedule



	Boys	Girls
September 27	Ryley @ Viking Tofield - Bye	Ryley @ Viking Hay Lakes @ Tofield
October 4	Viking @ Tofield Ryley - Bye	Viking @ Tofield Hay Lakes @ Ryley
October 6	Ryley @ Tofield Viking - Bye	Ryley @ Tofield Viking @ Hay Lakes
October 18	Viking @ Ryley Tofield - Bye	Viking @ Ryley Tofield @ Hay Lakes
October 20	Tofield @ Viking Ryley - Bye	Tofield @ Viking Ryley @ Hay Lakes
October 25	Tofield @ Ryley Viking - Bye	Tofield @ Ryley Hay Lakes @ Viking

Teams in each division will advance to the playoffs November 3rd.

Playoffs will be the following format.

Semi 1st vs 4th

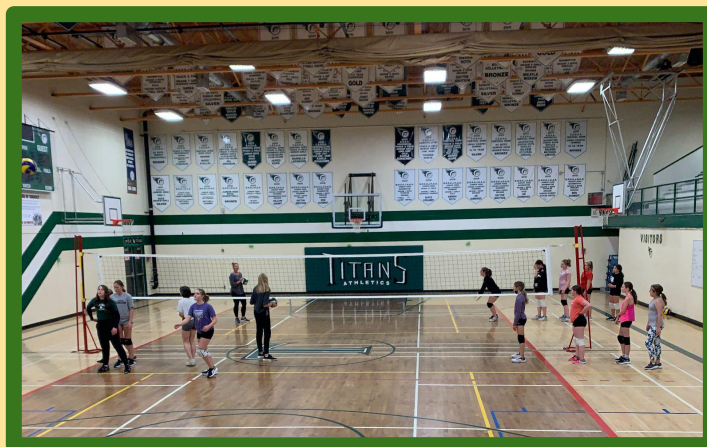
Semi 2nd vs 3rd

Final Winner of Semis

1st place team after the regular season will be host of the playoffs.

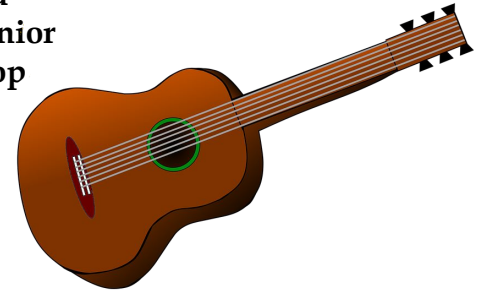
If the same school finishes first in both boys and girls then host school will decide which team they want to host (boys or girls). If they host boys then the 2nd place girls team will host the girls division.

The two teams reaching the final will represent our division at the **regional tournament, Tuesday, November 9th** with the winner ranked as #1 and the other finalist ranked as #2



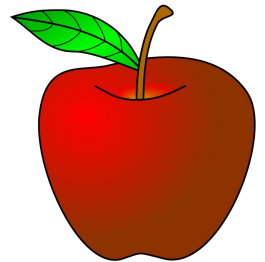
Jam Club

The Jam Club is up and running once again this year! It will be held after school, from 3:15-5:15pm, once a week, all year! If you are in Junior or Senior High and want to be a part of a band experience, please stop by the Portable to see Mrs. Kropielnicki for more information. No previous music lessons necessary!



Breakfast Program

The breakfast program started last week at Tofield school and the students are able to "grab and go" a nutritional breakfast consisting of possible foods such as: cheese strings, yogurt tubes, granola bars, goldfish crackers and fresh fruit such as oranges or bananas. In the future, we hope to serve on occasion a hot breakfast. We would love to see parent volunteers come in once per week if at all possible in the mornings from 8:00am - 8:45am to help out so if you are available please contact Mrs. Kropielnicki at the school for more information!



Important Information for Parents /Guardians

Every year we have the task of trying to find and replace lost and damaged textbooks. The replacement cost for textbooks is significant. Please help us find and return any lost textbooks.

Also, please remind your child that it is highly recommended to put their names in ink on the inside cover of their textbook right away.



Please return all registration forms to the school as soon as possible.

Did You Know?

Did you know we have 20 senior high students doing work experience?

Did you know school picture retakes are on October 18th?

Did you know that many of our school activities are planned by student leadership classes?

Did you know senior leadership students are planning to be working throughout the year with grades 5-6 students in mini-dunkers, mini-slammers, and mini-trackers?

Did you know our school has competed in volleyball, golf, and cross country races already this year?

Did you know we sold 55 yearbooks this year?

Did you know that the senior girls volleyball team attended a tournament in Fort Saskatchewan in the first week of school?

Did you know that senior high students are meeting with Mrs. Kope for career planning and scholarship opportunities?

Welcome back to another exciting school year! Together we can make it an amazing year.

Did you know that this is the fourth year Tofield School has had a breakfast program?

Tofield School

Did you know the entire school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run?

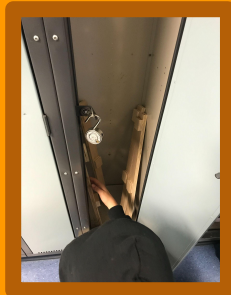
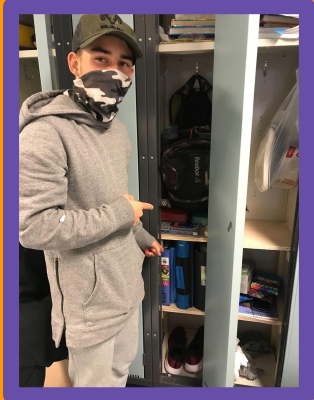
Meet Our New Teachers



Tofield School is pleased to welcome three new teachers to Tofield School. Mrs. Cooke will be teaching grade 6 and Mrs. Woode will be teaching grade 5. Mrs. Dey is teaching Junior High. We also welcomed Tanya Kushnir as an EA this year.



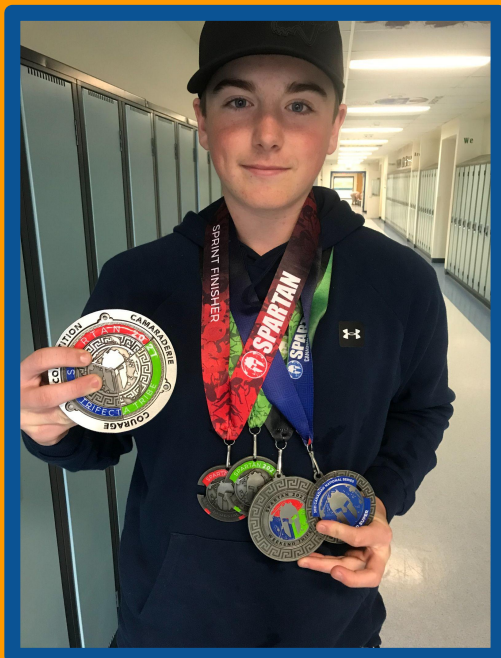
Locker Shelves



High school students helped Mr. Daigle build locker shelves for students to help them stay organized



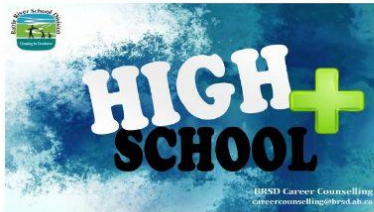
Congratulations!



Kevin Gordon wins medals at a Spartans Race in Red Deer

My blue medal is for the Super, the Super is a 10K race with 25 obstacles. My red medal is for the Sprint, the Sprint is 5K with 20 obstacles. My green medal is for the Beast, the Beast was the hardest and longest one, it was 21K with 30 obstacles. Each of these courses has three mud pits and tons of more stuff. Last but not least, my biggest medal is for the trifecta weekend, which is completing each of those races. Also, every race had an extra 2-3K to it!






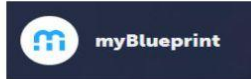






Career Counselling

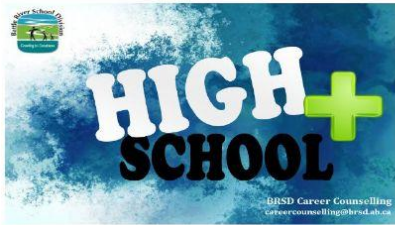
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We've Got Your Back!!

The Career Counselling Team is back in schools and available to meet with high school students. Our regular rounds of in-school visits will start the week of September 13th. Contact your career counsellor or your school's office to set up an appointment.

Meet with your BRSD Career Counsellor	Back to the Basics!	Post-Secondary Apply Early
<p>Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ high school & career planning ➤ get connected to resources like 'myPass', PowerSchool, ApplyAlberta ➤ apprenticeship (trades) info ➤ post-secondary planning & applications ➤ micro-credentials ➤ resume & interview support ➤ tips to find & keep a job ➤ scholarship support & how to fund your education ➤ career trends & labour market information ➤ and so much more! 😎  <p>How to connect? </p> <p>Get the access code from your career counsellor to connect with your <i>High School Plus Google Classroom</i>.</p> <p>Check out the 'classwork' tab for instructions on how to book an appointment.</p>	 <p>High School Plus is a BRSD career planning website for students and families - a key resource hub to support high school planning and beyond! Find it in your school's homepage under "Quick Links".</p> <p>myBlueprint is a planning tool where students can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ plan high school pathways to graduation ➤ investigate career & post-secondary opportunities ➤ and create budgets, resumes, & cover letters. <p>Families are also encouraged to connect to their student's account.</p>  <p> myPass is an Alberta Education site where high school students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ view courses & credits ➤ access diploma exam info ➤ and order Official Transcripts. 	 <p>Getting started?</p> <p>Post-secondary applications may already be open and many open October 1st, 2021 for a fall 2022 start. Check the institution website for dates, admission requirements and other application information.</p> <p>Applications for most Alberta post-secondary institutions are completed through Apply Alberta which is accessed through your myAlberta Digital ID (both tools are also inside BRSD's High School Plus website).</p>   <p>Alberta Post-Secondary Application System</p> <p>Please contact your school's career counsellor if you require support with applying!</p>

The BRSD Career Counselling Team is happy to welcome our newest member, Theresa Kruchten, to our team to support your planning for "life after high school".










Career Counselling

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Grade 11 & 12 students using the myBlueprint tool for Rutherford Scholarship calculations, Graduation Indicator & Pathway Eligibility need to enter past completed courses & marks (from myPass) because they did not roll-over with the shift from ConnectED (Maplewood) to PowerSchool.

More Virtual Events	Our New Team Member!!	Your Application
<p>Missed the ELAA post-secondary events? The world is changing and how we connect to potential post-secondary institutions is changing too.</p>  <p>Post-secondary virtual events, advisor meets and online presentations are available! By connecting, you will be able to ask questions about admission requirements, program choices, scholarships, residence, campus amenities, athletics and more.</p> <p>Look for these opportunities on the institute's website under headings such as <i>Open House, Events, Information Sessions, Advising, Campus Tours, Scholarships and Registration.</i></p> <p>Find links on BRSD's <i>Events to Support Planning for Life After High School</i> calendar (on the homepage of the <i>High School Plus</i> website).</p>	 <p>The Career Counselling Team is very excited to welcome our newest member, Theresa Kruchten. Mrs. Kruchten brings her enthusiasm for working with youth and will now be able to share her solid grounding in career development with BRSD students in addition to her half time teaching assignment.</p> <p>"I was the academic and career counsellor at Bawlf School from 2013-2017. Planning adulthood can be a daunting task, and I am excited to work one on one and with classes as students' plan their futures."</p>  <p> Welcome Mrs. Kruchten! </p>	<p>Keep in mind that most post-secondary institutions start accepting applications around October 1st (a few even before!!). Some programs are not competitive with a first qualified, first applied, first accepted process so applying early matters! Other applications are accepted because of academic standing or the quality of an interview or portfolio.</p>  <p>Alberta post-secondary applications require a myAlberta Digital ID account before registering in the ApplyAlberta site.</p>  <p>Additionally, applications may require a Career Investigation, volunteer hours, or an interview or portfolio. Be sure to check for non-academic requirements so you are prepared.</p>

Have you joined your HS+ Google Classroom?

Find the latest information about career & post-secondary & access to your career counsellor's online appointment calendar

Your BRSD Career Counsellors - Lynda Kope, Theresa Kruchten & Carla Praticante careercounselling@brsd.ab.ca

From the Office

ATTENDANCE

Please email
tfield-aa@brsd.ab.ca
to inform us if your child is
absent from school.

- **Sign out** – Please remember that every student is expected to sign in & out of the school, if you arrive late, leave early, or are in and out during the day. The sign out sheet is a safety measure to ensure that all students are accounted for in the event of a problem.
- **New Physical Address** – Please inform the office of your new address ASAP, either by email (cperry@brsd.ab.ca), note or phone call.
- **New Email Address** – Please inform the office of your new email address ASAP, either by email (cperry@brsd.ab.ca), note, or phone call.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees will be assessed and invoices will be emailed out by the end of September.

Please make payment online by visiting the Tofield School website and clicking on the “Online Payments and Ordering” icon (located at the bottom of the page) and following the links. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Janet Carlson at jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca.

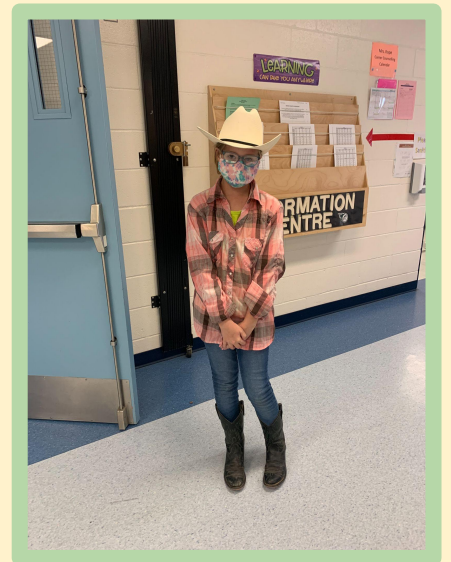
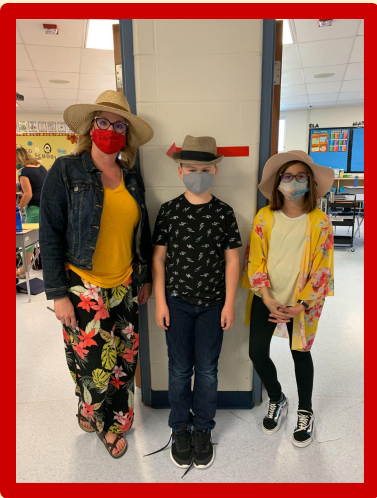
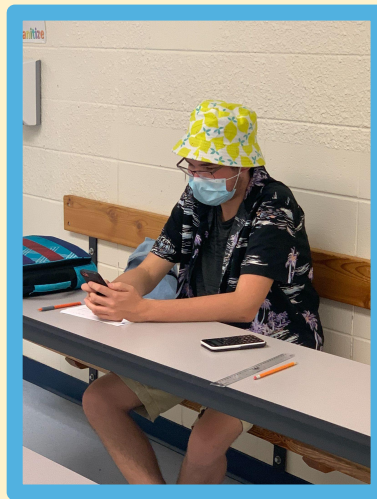
Please ensure you have updated Tofield School with your MOST up to date contact information! In these unprecedented times, it is of the utmost importance that we can contact you in an efficient manner with important information. We thank you for your continued support.





Leadership Class Activities

The Senior High Leadership Class prepared welcome treat bags for the new grade 5 students at Tofield School.



Leadership students organized a Spirit week that included: Western Day, Tropical Day, Shades Day, 90's Day and Face Paint Day. Participating students received a sweet treat.



VIRTUAL POST-SECONDARY EVENTS

ELAA

Educational Liaison Association of Alberta

Your connection to Post-Secondary Opportunities in Alberta!

Register now for virtual events:

- September 21, 11-1 pm MDT
- September 23, 5-7 pm MDT
- September 27, 5-7 pm MDT
- September 29, 5-7 pm MDT



How to Register?

elaa-launch.6connex.us/event/VirtualELAA/student/register

Check your **HS+ Google Classroom** or the **High School Plus Website** (under Quick Links) for more information & to register!

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS at the VIRTUAL ELAA EVENT

Register in the **HS+ Google Classroom** or the **High School Plus Website**

ELAA

Educational Liaison Association of Alberta

Alberta University of
the Arts

Ambrose University

Athabasca University

Bow Valley College

Burman University

Canadian Forces
Recruiting Centre
Calgary

Concordia University
of Edmonton

Grande Prairie
Regional College

Keyano College

Lakeland College

Lethbridge College

MacEwan University

Medicine Hat
College

Mount Royal
University

NAIT

Norquest College

Northern Lakes
College

Olds College

Portage College

Prairie College

Red Deer College

Royal Canadian
Mounted Police

SAIT

St. Mary's
University

The King's
University

University of
Alberta

University of
Calgary

University of
Lethbridge

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**Battle River School Division
2021 - 2022 School Calendar
Approved by BRSD Board January 28, 2021**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Total Days</u>	<u>Sr High</u>	<u>Elem/Jr High</u>
			Oper	Instr	Instr
AUGUST	30	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING DAY (No School for Students)			
	31	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES (No School for Students)			
SEPTEMBER	1	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES (No School for Students)			
	2	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING DAY (No School for Students)			
	3	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)			
	6	LABOUR DAY (Schools Closed)			
	7	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	23.0	18.0	18.0
OCTOBER	1	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)			
	7	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	11	THANKSGIVING DAY (Schools Closed)			
	29	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)	20.0	18.0	18.0
NOVEMBER	4	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	11	REMEMBRANCE DAY (Schools Closed)			
	12&15	DAY IN LIEU OF PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Schools Closed)			
	16	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)	21.0	18.0	18.0
DECEMBER	2	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	17	LAST DAY OF CLASSES			
	20	CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS (Schools Closed)	13.0	13.0	13.0
JANUARY	3	SCHOOL RESUMES			
	6	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	14	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)			
	31	SEMESTER BREAK (Schools Closed)	20.0	19.0	19.0
TOTAL SEMESTER 1			97.0	86.0	86.0
FEBRUARY	3	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	17&18	TEACHERS' CONVENTION (Schools Closed)			
	21	FAMILY DAY (Schools Closed)	19.0	17.0	17.0
MARCH	3	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	28	SPRING BREAK BEGINS (Schools Closed)	19.0	19.0	19.0
APRIL	4	SCHOOL RESUMES			
	7	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	15	GOOD FRIDAY (Schools Closed)			
	18	EASTER MONDAY (Schools Closed)			
	29	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)	18.0	17.0	17.0
MAY	5	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	13	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES (No School for Students)			
	23	VICTORIA DAY (Schools Closed)			
	27	STAFF COLLABORATION DAY (No School for Students)	21.0	19.0	19.0
JUNE	2	STAFF MEETING / EARLY DISMISSAL			
	3	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING DAY (No School for Students)			
	28	LAST INSTRUCTIONAL DAY			
	29	LAST OPERATIONAL DAY (No School for Students)	21.0	19.0	19.0
TOTAL SEMESTER 2			98.0	91.0	91.0
TOTAL FOR YEAR			195.0	177.0	177.0

Rationale

Professional Learning and Staff Collaboration Days - As an organization that learns, we are ensuring sacred time for staff professional development and skill enhancement, using research-based practice and opportunities for collaboration to support mastery of our Critical 2 priorities and to support student needs.

Staff Meeting Days - Based upon feedback from administrators, we have incorporated an early dismissal of 60 minutes on the first operational Thursday of each month beginning in October.

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No school for students	2
3	4	5	6	7 Early Dismissal	8	9
10	11 Thanksgiving (no school)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Picture Retakes	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31					No school for students	

