

2025/26 Weekly Newsletter Issue 1 – Aug. 23, 2025



Aug. 27 – New Student Orientation (All New Students)

Aug. 28-29 – Staggered entry (No Cafeteria Service)

- Aug. 28 <u>Grades 4-9 only</u> will attend for a full school day
- Aug. 29 Grades 10-12 only will attend for a full school day

Sept. 1 - Labour Day (No School)

Sept. 2 – Regular School Day for All Students

(Cafeteria Open/Tuesday "A" Schedule)

Sept. 5 – Welcome Back Assembly (Wear

Collared Edge shirt)

Sept. 8 – Picture Day (Wear Dressy Attire – ideally a collared Edge shirt), Parent Council Meeting @ 3:30 PM

Sept. 9 – Meet the Staff/Parent Information AGM (Learning Commons, Details Below)

Sept. 17 – Outdoor Education (All Grades)

Sept. 29 - Terry Fox Run

Sept. 30 - National Day for Truth and

Reconciliation (No School)

Oct. 1 - Orange Shirt Day

Welcome Back!

We hope you are all having a great summer! We are very excited to welcome our new and returning Mountaineers for the 25/26 school year. We never take for granted the privilege that we have to work with you to help our student-athletes achieve their personal best in academics, athletics and character building!

Meet the Staff/Parent Information and AGM

We are excited to try something new this year. We are combining our Meet the Staff, Parent Information and AGM into one evening on Tuesday, Sept. 9. We will also be serving food and drinks. We hope you will be able to join us for this important evening. As part of the evening, we will update you on our Strategic Plan and give you an opportunity to provide feedback. Please watch for more information and the RSVP link.

Calendar Summary and Bell Schedule

- School Calendar Summary
- Daily Bell Schedule

School Communication Channels

Mountaineer Minute

The "Mountaineer Minute" is a weekly communication that comes out at the end of each week to keep our school community up-to-date on important information for the coming week and beyond. The weekly Mountaineer Minute will be emailed out (typically each Friday), but also can be found on our "Parent Resources" page on our website.

Edge Express

The "Edge Express" is our monthly school newsletter that highlights Edge student-athletes, staff, alumni and upcoming events. The Edge Express is emailed out the first week of each month, and can also be found on our "News Page" on our website.

EdgeSchool.com

Important information about our school can be found on our website.

EdgeMountaineers.com

Make sure to check out our athletics focused website, edgemountaineers.com to find team rosters, schedules, news stories and content that provides a one-stop-shop for our athletic programs.





Edsby

Edsby is our student information center where you will go to connect with what your child is doing in the classroom. It is the primary way that our teachers communicate their plans for the week. It is also where student marks and attendance are posted. New parents and students will receive an email prompting them to sign up for Edsby in the coming weeks.



SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Main School Accounts









@Edge.School

/EdgeSchool

EdgeSchoolProductions

Other Edge Accounts (Instagram)











@EdgePrepBasketball @EdgeStudiosYYC

@EdgeSchoolGolf @EdgeSchoolHockey @EdgeSchoolSoccer

School Calendar

Our school calendar is a great place to go to see what we have planned for the year ahead. This is a live document so it is important to check back regularly for the most up-to-date information. Please note that the calendar will be updated regularly ahead of the start of the school year. The <u>link</u> for our calendar can be found at the top of our school website.

Attendance Line

If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, please call our main phone line 403-246-6432 ext 101 to report the absence. Absences can also be reported via email (attendance@edgeschool.com) or directly in Edsby.

Edgewear

At Edge School, our dress code policy requires that student-athletes wear Edgewear (Edge branded apparel) above the waist at all times while in school, or while attending school activities off campus. The Edge School logo must be worn on all upper layers at all times. Edgewear may only be purchased through our official apparel provider, Big Mountain. Third party knock-off Edgewear or custom made items are not acceptable pieces to wear. Parents and student-athletes are expressly forbidden from producing their own pieces of Edgewear.

Security of Personal Belongings

As a school, we are very proud of the character that is often displayed by our students. It is not uncommon for us to have lost items and misplaced money turned into the office. Given our safe and welcoming environment, students often become comfortable leaving valuables in unsecured locations. Please encourage your children to keep valuables in lockers. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.







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New Student Orientation

Edge School staff members are excited to welcome new families to our new student/parent orientation sessions on **Wednesday, Aug. 27**. Details are outlined below:

Grades 4 to 9 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

- Arrival 8:45 AM
- Student Information Session 9:00-9:30 AM
- Student Tours 9:30-10:00 AM
- Parent Information Session 9:30-10:00 AM

Grades 10 to 12 - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- Arrival 10:45 AM
- Student Information Session 11:00-11:30 AM
- Student Tours 11:30-12:00 PM
- Parent Information Session 11:30-12:00 PM

This is designed to welcome our new students to the school and to provide information regarding the school year. Teachers will discuss the expectations of Edge School, as well as some of our traditions. Your child will have a chance to meet other new students and feel more comfortable heading into the first day of the new school year. Students should dress comfortably. They will meet a teacher outside in front of the school. Teachers will have grade level signs and students should join their grade level group. Once all students of a group are assembled, they will head inside. *Please note that these sessions are for new students only.*

Student Timetables

Student timetables will be available in <u>Edsby</u> by the first day of staggered entry and will also be available for pickup in the foyer before school on the staggered entry day.

Busing

If you have registered for busing, our Director of Enrolment (Mike Stevens) will be in touch regarding busing logistics. There may be some space available on the bus if you are interested in transportation. Contact Mike if you have any questions or if you would like more information.







Staggered Entry

Our staggered entry is designed to give all students a safe and smooth transition back to in-person learning. The day will follow a regular school day schedule (including sport). The senior schedule is modified to allow for all senior classes to be the same length. Our daily schedule can be found here. The details of the staggered entry schedule are found below.

Thursday, Aug. 28 – **Grades 4-9 only** will attend for a full school day and attend all their classes and a sport block. Note: if you are unsure which sport block your child should attend, please contact <u>Cory Fraser</u>.

Grade 4-7 Sport Block

- Multi-Sport/Flex (basketball/baseball/soccer/flex students) come prepared for basketball on-court session and on-field soccer session
- Dance come prepared for dance
- Golf come prepared for a driving range session
- Hockey Skill Academy come prepared for an on-ice session

Grade 8/9 Sport Block

- Hockey Skill Academy come prepared for an on-ice session
- U15 come prepared for an on-ice session during sport block
- U15 Prep come prepared for a DPC session during sport block and afterschool practice
- Dance come prepared for dance.
- Basketball come prepared for on-court training
- Soccer come prepared as per communication from Soccer Director
- Golf come prepared for a driving range session

Friday, Aug 29 – **Grades 10-12 only** will attend for a full school day and attend all their classes and sport block. <u>You can</u> find the one-off schedule here.

Sport Block

- Dance come prepared for Dance
- Soccer come prepared for on-field training
- Basketball program meeting with coaching staff in the gym
- Golf come prepared for a driving range session
- Hockey Teams come prepared to be on-ice
- Fitness Academy and Flex come prepared for fitness session

Policies

It is important for you to be aware of all of the policies and administrative procedures that guide the operations of the school. These can be found <u>here</u>. Please take some time to review them and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions that you have.

New Policies

As a result of government-mandated changes to the Education Act, there are two new policies that will be in effect this year. These policies are currently being reviewed by our board for approval. Once approved (prior to Sept. 1), they will be uploaded on our website with the other school policies.

The two new policies are "Continuity of Education Programming in Emergency Situations" and "Parental Choice in Matters of Gender Identity, Human Sexuality and Sexual Orientation".









Cell Phone Policy Reminder

As a reminder, **cell phones and other personal devices (including smart watches) are not permitted in classes or to be used during class time** (in the Learning commons or any other areas in the school) unless teachers have requested to have them present for educational purposes. If students choose to take these devices to school, they are responsible for securing them. The expectation will be that students will not bring these devices to class. If a student chooses to do so, they must place them in an unmonitored storage area within the class. All students are offered a locker for their belongings.

At this time, these devices may be used outside of class time (lunch, before school and after school). This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Medical Form (Individual Care Plan)

If your child has a medical condition that may require our attention or awareness, we require that you complete an 'Individual Care Plan' and return it to the school. Please print, (or download and fill out the PDF and email) complete and return the Individual Care Plan form as soon as possible. Forms can be returned to the office or emailed to Cynthia.

If your child has medications that could potentially save their life in the event of a triggering event (eg. severe allergies), we request that you please provide properly labeled and appropriate medication dosages for storage in the office (eg. EpiPen).

Health Related Expectations

We wanted to take a moment to update you on our health-related expectations for the 25/26 school year. Ultimately, we want to work together to limit the spread of transmissible diseases. Students and staff are expected to follow updated Alberta Health recommendations. As has always been the case, students who are at school while sick may be asked to separate themselves from others. Depending on the severity of symptoms, we may request that parents pick them up from the school.











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