

# PANTHER NEWS



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## September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 - Day 1	4
			Staggered Start			
5	6 Labour Day Holiday	7 Students First Day of Regular Classes for K - Gr. 12	8	9	10 - Day 2	11
			Week of Welcome Activities			
			School Wide Picnic (Bring your own lunch)	Bentley School Spirit Day	Minute to Win It - Canceled	Sr. Girls V-ball Home Tourney
12	13	14	15 Student Demographic Forms Due	16	17 No School for Students	18 Jr. Girls V-ball Home Tourney
	Lunch orders available to order online. Deadline September 19.					
19 Lunch Order Deadline!	20	21	22 Fall Individual & Class Photos	23	24 - Day 1	25 Sr. Boys V-ball Home Tourney
26	27 Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccinations (Gr. 7 - 12)  Virtual Parent Council	28 Orange Shirt Day	29 Jr. High Cross Country Meet	30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation No school for students or staff	Oct 1 - Day 2  Terry Fox Run	Don't forget to pay your school fees! Deadline Sept 30

## Welcome New Staff!

Bentley School would like to welcome two new teaching staff this year!

Welcome to Jamie Wilkins who will be teaching some Gr. 2 and 3 Language and Math in the morning. This will help reduce class sizes in these grades during their core subjects. She is a familiar face in our school and has subbed here regularly for a number of years. She lives just outside of Bentley with her husband and two girls who also attend Bentley School.

Welcome back, Mrs. Wilkins!

We would also like to welcome Victoria Presley who will be teaching Jr./Sr. High School Phys Ed. She has taught in Lacombe for the past 12 years as a grade 9 teacher and vice-principal. She loves living in the country with her four children and husband and enjoys traveling, hiking, and lake life. Welcome, Mrs. Presley!



Bentley School  
**WOW**  
SEPTEMBER 7 - 10

**WEEK OF WELCOME**

Welcome Back Students **T**

**W** School Wide Picnic  
Bring your own lunch. Weather permitting.

Bentley School Spirit Day **T**  
Wear your Panther wear or school colors.

**F** ~~Minute to Win It~~ **POSTPONED**  
Games in the Elem gym at 2 p.m. **Until Further Notice**

## Lunch Programs Are Back!

I am sure parents are just as excited as we are to offer our lunch program to students in



Gr. 1 - 12 on a user pay basis. The lunch program is not available for Kindergarten students. Participation is completely voluntary and any funds raised through the program come back to the school in special events and activities for students. We are excited to offer:

- Hot Dog Days (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month)
- Popcorn Days (2nd Tuesday of each month)
- Booster Juice (once per month)
- Subway (once per month)
- Pizza by the Slice (once per month)

Dates may be subject to change based on the school calendar. Club Moo is no longer in operation and we are unable to offer a milk program at this time. Hot lunches by Lora are currently on hold as the Home Ec lab in the High School is remodeled this semester.

### How do I order?

To order login to PowerSchool Parent Portal via the PowerSchool and Online Payments from the homepage of our website during the designated week to place your order. No late orders can be accepted. Watch the calendar each month for the order dates! October lunch are available to order from September 13 to 19.

## School Fees

School fees for 2021-2022 are due **September 30**. Please login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal via the Online PowerSchool and Online Payments from the homepage of our website to pay. Any outstanding school fees or credits from the previous year will roll over into this year. School fees must be paid prior to participating in an extracurricular activities or field trips.

## Student Demographic Forms

Please login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal via the Online PowerSchool and Online Payments from the homepage of our website to complete your student demographic forms by **September 15**. Navigate to the School Engage icon at the bottom left side column.

1. Once School Engage launches, you will see a red circle beside 'Students'.
2. Click on 'Students' to open the list of your students.
3. Choose one of your students with a red circle.
4. Look to the right of your screen under FORMS to access this specific form.
5. Click on the 2021-2022 Student Demographic Update Form.
6. Click on the blue square to open the form.
7. Fill out applicable fields, changing any relevant information.
8. Please ensure you click "SUBMIT" after updating, or save your progress to complete at a later date.
9. Once your form has been submitted you will receive a confirmation email.

## Library Books Not Returned

If you have outstanding library or textbooks from last year, please return them ASAP. Fees for any books not returned, will be applied to your online account.

## Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, September 27, at 8 p.m. via Google Meet. The link to join the meeting will be available on the homepage of our website. All parents are encouraged to attend! Executive positions will be filled at this meeting. Parent Councils have an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that the parental perspective is represented and taken into account. Have your say and join the Parent Council!

## Covid-19 Voluntary Vaccination

AHS is offering voluntary Covid-19 Vaccinations for students in Gr. 7 - 12 at Bentley School on Monday, September 27. If you wish to have your child vaccinated, please return the consent form that was emailed to all parents. Your child will not be immunized at school without your consent.

## Terry Fox Run

Students will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 1 at 1 p.m. in their cohorts. Pledge forms will be distributed to students or you can donate online at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/BentleySchool>

## Locks for Lockers

All Grade 6 - 12 students need a lock for their hallway lockers. Locks are available to purchase from either school office for \$10.

## What do I do if my child is sick?

Please call the student absence line at 403-748-3770 or by email to [bentley@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:bentley@wolfcreek.ab.ca) to report your child sick or absent. Anyone sick with symptoms of COVID-19 or any respiratory virus MUST STAY HOME until they are well. Please monitor your children each day using the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#). Parents should remain up to date on current isolation and quarantine requirements at:

[www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx). Students who have to miss class due to illness will be supported by their teacher, as in pre-pandemic school years. Parents/ caregivers will be contacted to pick up students who develop symptoms while at school.

## Parent Driver Information

The use of private vehicles for transporting students on approved school trips is allowed but drivers are required to carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 third party auto liability coverage.

Please fill out the [volunteer driver authorization form](#) and provide a copy of your insurance stating the \$2,000,000 liability to either school office.

A volunteer driver authorization form and a copy of insurance must be submitted on a yearly basis.

[Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles Administrative Procedure 554](#)

## Athletics

Students are expected to listen for announcements in regards to try outs and practices for upcoming sports teams. Parents can stay up to date on practice information and game schedules by following the [Panther Athletics Calendar](#) available on the website. No spectators are permitted at this time.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

As you are aware, September 30th has been proclaimed by the Government of Canada as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is meant to recognize and reflect on the survivors of, and the families and communities still impacted by the legacy of residential schools. Marking that history and sharing and learning is key as we move forward, step by step, on the road of reconciliation. **This means there will be no classes and schools will be closed for the day.** Bentley School will mark the occasion with students and staff by honoring Orange Shirt Day on Tuesday, September 28, and through conversation and learning around the history and legacy of residential schools

## Volunteers & User Groups

Bentley School has decided not to allow user groups or volunteers into the facility at this time. This will be reviewed again in the near future. Masks are mandatory for any visitors entering the school. All visitors must check in at the office.



## Chromebooks

It is strongly recommended that Gr. 9 - 12 students bring a chromebook, laptop or another form of technology to complete daily coursework. Chromebook availability will be very limited. Students in other grades who have chromebooks are encouraged to bring them as well.

## Student Progress and Reporting

All student progress will be available through internet based portals for K - 12. FreshGrade is no longer available for the district to use. They are moving to a new program called Schoology. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

## Crosswalk Patrol

When you see a School Patroller along the curb wearing an orange vest and holding a stop sign, please stop to let children cross the road safely!

## What Does Day 1/Day 2 Mean?

Bentley School uses a rotating timetable which means schedules change for students depending on the day of the week. Mon/Wed are always Day 1 and Tue/Thur are always Day 2. Friday's alternate between Day 1 and 2. Check the [calendar](#) to see which day Friday is.

A promotional graphic for 'Ice Cream Treats' at the elementary canteen. It features a large blue ice cream cone with a wooden stick melting into a puddle. The background is yellow with diagonal stripes. A black starburst in the top left corner says '\$1'. The text reads: 'ICECREAM Treats', 'ELEMENTARY CANTEEN', 'Tuesday & Thursday', 'Lunch Hour - Starting in Oct!', and 'Exception: Popcorn Days'.



Lifetouch.

# PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Wednesday, September 22, 2021  
Bentley School

### What to Expect:



Students are photographed on Picture Day



Pictures are sent home with your child



Review pictures & purchase on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca)

Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 866-457-8212.



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All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school.

**WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**2021 - 2022 School Year**  
**BENTLEY SCHOOL**

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  - x Statutory & Other Holidays
  - x Teachers' Convention
  - x School Opening/Closing
  - x Holidays
  - x Staff Collaboration Days
  - x Staff Planning Days

August	Aug. 27, 30, 31	Staff Planning Days
September	Sept. 1	Students' First Day
	Sept. 6	Labour Day Holiday
	Sept. 17	Staff Collaboration Day
	Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October	Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
	Oct. 8 & 29	Staff Collaboration Day
November	Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
	Nov. 12	Day off for students and staff
	Nov. 26	Staff Collaboration Day
December	Dec. 10	Staff Collaboration Day
	Dec. 20	Christmas Holidays (Dec 20 - Jan 2 inclusive)
January	Jan. 3	Staff Collaboration Day
	Jan. 4	First day back after Holiday Break
	Jan. 14	Staff Collaboration Day
	Jan. 28	Conclusion of First Semester
January	Jan. 31	Commencement of Second Semester
February	Feb. 11	Staff Collaboration Day
	Feb. 21	Family Day Holiday
	Feb. 22	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)
	Feb. 23	Staff Collaboration Day
Feb. 24-25		Teacher's Convention
March	Mar. 11	Staff Collaboration Day
	Mar. 25	Staff Collaboration Day
	Mar. 28	Spring Break (March 28 to April 1 inclusive)
April	Apr. 15	Good Friday
	Apr. 18	Easter Monday
	Apr. 29	Staff Collaboration Day
May	May 20	Staff Collaboration Day
	May 23	Victoria Day Holiday
	May 24	Staff Collaboration Day
June	Jun. 10	Staff Collaboration Day
	Jun. 29	Students' Last Day (Conclusion of Second Semester)
	Jun. 30	Teacher Evaluation Day (final staff day)

**Note:**  
 Individual schools may have a slightly differentiated number of school days due to higher number of instructional hours per day. Please consult your child's specific school website for further details on a specific school calendar.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**



# School Fees 2021-2022

Fees due September 30th, 2021

## Pay your school fees online:

**Step 1:** <https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca>

**Step 2:** Click on PowerSchool & Online Payment

**Step 3:** Sign in using your PowerSchool username & password.

**We accept cash, cheques, online and debit machine located at the high school office.**

**Cheques payable to Wolf Creek Public Schools**

## Base Fees:

**Kindergarten: \$70** (includes \$50 school fee, \$20 technology fee)

**Gr 1-6 \$20** (\$20 technology fee) (+\$30 yearbook fee Gr. 6 only)

**Gr 7-8: \$120** (includes \$60 options, \$30 yearbook, \$20 technology fee, \$10 student wellness fee)

**Gr 9-11: \$60** (\$30 yearbook, \$20 technology fee, \$10 student wellness fee) + Optional Fees

**Gr 12: \$60** (\$30 yearbook, \$20 technology, \$10 student wellness fee) + Optional Fees + Grad Fee TBA

**Additional fees may be added through out the year to cover the cost of field trips, swimming lessons, sports fees or clubs.**

## Optional Course Fees for High School:

**(these fees will be added to base fee if your child is taking one of these courses)**

### Gr 10-12

PE 10-3/20-3/30-3: \$30

PE: 10-5/20-5/30-5: \$40

Cosmetology: \$20

Woods: \$40

Art: \$20

Foods: \$40

Download our

# Bus Status App



## BEGIN TRACKING YOUR CHILD'S BUS STATUS IN 5 SIMPLE STEPS

### 1. Search

Search "Bus Status" on the App Store or in Google Play, or simply use the QR codes below.



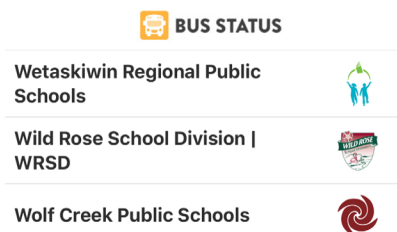
### 2. Download

Download the Bus Status app by Box Clever



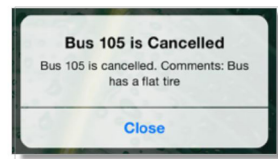
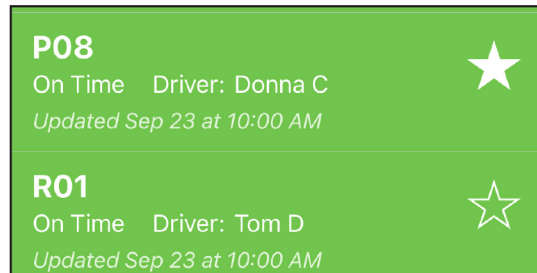
### 3. Open & Select

Open the app and select Wolf Creek Public Schools



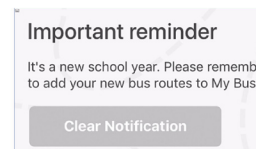
### 4. All Buses

Open all buses at the bottom of the screen and then star to add your child's school buses. You'll get notifications when one of your buses is **Delayed, Canceled or Early**.



### 5. Tap the Bell

Tap the Bell icon to see general notifications.







Dear Parent or Guardian,

**Re: COVID-19 School Immunization Program**

Alberta Health Services (AHS), Public Health School Immunization Program is offering a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible students in Grades 7 to 12, who are born in 2009 or earlier.

Your child can get a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine in school if they:

- have never had a COVID-19 vaccine (this will be their first dose)
- had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 3 weeks ago (this will be their second dose)

Your child's school will let you know when the COVID-19 vaccine will be offered at their school.

This package includes a consent form and information for the COVID-19 vaccine.

**To have your child immunized at school:**

- read this information package
- print the consent form and sign it

The consent form must be completed by a parent or guardian. Your child will not be immunized at school without your consent (permission).

**On the consent form:**

- Complete your child's personal information.
- Complete your child's health information.
- Sign and date the consent form. Return the form to the school no later than 1 week after school starts.

**Call your school's public health nurse if your child:**

- has had a severe side effect to an immunization in the past
- has any changes to their health before getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- gets another vaccine in the 14 days before immunizations will be provided at your school

If you agree to the immunization, your consent means that your child will get **a dose** of the COVID-19 vaccine. If the consent form is not returned, your child will not be immunized at their school.

Care after immunization information will be given to your child after they are immunized. Please review this information with your child.

Only one dose of vaccine will be given in school. If your child needs another dose, COVID-19 immunizations can be booked online at [ahs.ca/vaccine](https://ahs.ca/vaccine) or by contacting Health Link at 811.

If you **do not** wish to have your child immunized:

- **do not** sign the consent form
- **do not** return the consent form

If you agree to the immunization but later change your mind, please call your school's public health nurse to let them know.

If you have any questions or need more information, call your [local public health office](#) or 811.

Sincerely,

Alberta Health Services, Public Health

August 16, 2021