



Phoenix Alternative Back to School

August 22, 2023

Greetings Phoenix Families,

The Phoenix Staff have been recharging our batteries; we are eager to welcome our Phoenix Family back to school on August 31st.

All students will begin school the morning of Thursday, August 31st. Please make sure that your child is here by 9:25 at the latest. On that morning, we will distribute schedules, paperwork, take school photos, and assign locks and lockers. Students will then spend the morning meeting their teachers, and receiving an overview of the school, as well as individual class requirements. In keeping with our tradition of eating, we will have food truck with burgers and hotdogs, followed by an early dismissal at around 1:30 pm. Should this schedule change we will let you know. We will provide students with all of the necessary materials; there is no need for parents to purchase any school supplies.

Physical Education

Once again this year, our PE classes will be held outside of the school. Every Day 3 we will be leaving on a new PE adventure. You will be receiving a list of activities with a permission slip in the days to come. Participation in the PE days is required for a passing grade. The first activity will be on Tuesday September 5th, thus it is important to sign and return the permission slip as soon as you receive it

Support Team: Students have a number of options should they require extra support. Our support team consists of the entire Phoenix staff. In addition to a group of dedicated and caring teachers, students benefit from the services of two Behaviour Technicians (Campbell and Kate), our Guidance Counsellor (Ms. Angela), our Attendant (Ms Sofia, Ms Dorothy), our School Secretary (Ms Vera), and the Principal (Ms. Miller).

Curriculum Night: On the evening of September 21st, the staff will present their specific academic expectations for their various classes. The presentation will be in person. Parents will also be informed about the evaluation plan for each class for the year. This evaluation plan will be available on our website following the presentations, should parents wish to print a copy.

Opus Forms: Stamped forms will be given to students on their first day of school. Should you require a form before this time, please contact Vera.

School Fees and Governing Board Elections

We will be sending our school fee statement during the first week of September. Please make arrangements (online payment, or cash) to pay the fees as soon as possible. We do not accept checks. Feel free to contact Vera for any questions you may have.

While Phoenix traditionally does not form a Governing Board, every year we remain open to the possibility. Should there be interest, Governing Board Elections will be held in person the evening of September 6th at 5 PM. If you are interested in standing for election, or if you are looking for more information, please contact the school prior to the meeting. Parents serve on governing board for two years and training is often available and may be required.

No Single Use Water Bottles: I would ask families to kindly respect the values of the school by NOT sending their children to school with single use water bottles. We will provide each student with a reusable water bottle which they can use at any of our water bottle refilling stations. These stations provide cold filtered water. Thank you for your cooperation.

Throughout the year we will provide your child with breakfast, lunch, school supplies, and free trips. We ask relatively little in return. Please help us to teach environmental responsibility by respecting this directive.

Important Dates

School Calendar of Events: Families are encouraged to consult the [Phoenix website calendar](#). This calendar is updated regularly and will contain event details, term dates, reporting dates, and ped days.

Governing Board elections September 6th , 5PM in person

Curriculum Night September 21st 6PM

Despite any challenges ahead, I speak on behalf of the entire Phoenix Family when I say that we are genuinely looking forward to meeting our new students, and reconnecting with our returning students.

As always, should you have any questions, never hesitate to contact any member of the school team. You can call the school at 450-680-3036, email the staff, or contact us through [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). We are here to support the students, their families, and each other.

Warmest Regards,

Darlene W. Miller

Proud Principal of Phoenix Alternative High School