



# **H. HARDCASTLE SCHOOL**

Challenging the Future



**Principal: Darren Nordell**

**Vice Principal: Roberta Moriarty**

September 2022  
Welcome Back!

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## **Principal's Message**

Let me begin by saying, "Welcome back for another exciting school year!" As we begin the school year, we are grateful to begin the year without worry as we open our doors for classes, activities, and companionship. With both students and staff, there is a buzz of excitement with this new school year. We would like to welcome our new students and families who will now become a part of the H. Hardcastle family; we look forward to having your children in the classroom and your involvement as parents.

As you enter the school, you may see some faces that are familiar and some that are new to the building. This year we would like to welcome Ms. Andrea Thom back as she has taken on a permanent role in our school, working with the grade 6 class and some of the middle year groupings. We are also welcoming back Mrs. Janessa Roach as she returns from a maternity leave and steps back into the role of Student Support Services Teacher, as well as middle years Art and Home Ec. H. Hardcastle School would also like to welcome Ms. Stephanie Lewis to our school. Ms. Lewis will be working in the grade 1 classroom for the next 2 months until Mrs. Long is able to return.

At this time, I would also like to thank the community for the support that they have shown our school over the past two years as we navigated some of the issues that we were asked to deal with. Your support has helped create this positive atmosphere that we are seeing today.

With the beginning of the school year, activities are in full swing with the gym being busy as is our cross-country paths and the golf courses. The SRC will once again be taking an active role in the school helping to plan events and activities for our school community. As we look to renew the connections with each other or make new connections with students that we may be working with, we are working to challenge them academically and socially in the classrooms and hallways.

We will try to keep everyone updated on the activities of HHS through our monthly newsletter, our Facebook page, and both the NWSD and school's websites.

On behalf of the staff here at HHS, I would like to welcome you back to another exciting year. Take care and have a great 2022-2023 school year.

Principal Darren Nordell



### **Staff at HHS**

**Andrea Harty**- Kindergarten, Grade 3 Social, Elementary RTI

**Stephanie Lewis**- Grade 1

**Cindy Jullion** – Grade 2

**Roberta Moriarty**- Grade 3/4, VP

**Jessica LaClare**- Math 4, Math 8, Math 9, Financial Literacy 30, History 10

**Laura LaClare** - Grade 5, Grade 6 Career Studies

**Lorne Long**- Grade 6, 7-12 IA, Grade 2-6 PE

**Andrea Thom**- Grade 6, Grade 7/8 ELA, Social 7/8, Art 7/8

**Trevor Gateley**- Grade 7/8 Science, 7-9 Health, 9 Science, 10 Science, Physical Science 20

**Trina Deobald**- Grade 10-12 Math, Social 9, SBIF

**Darren Nordell**- 7-12 Phys. Ed, Grade 12 ELA, Principal

**Tory McNie**- 9-11 ELA, Grade 3/4 Health

**Janessa Roach**-SSST, Grade 7-10 Home Ec., Grade 9 Art, Art 30

**Danielle Troesch** – Administrative Assistant

**Chrissy Weber** – Library Technician

**Jolene Sittler** – Wellness Coordinator

**Bev Mannix** – Educational Assistant

**Gwen Holloway** – Educational Assistant, Assistant Caretaker

**Katie LaClare** – Educational Assistant

**Joan Bellanger** – Part-time Educational Assistant

**Robert Clark** – Head Caretaker

### **Bows & Bouquets**

Last year's grade 5 class would like to send a BIG thank you to the Edam Rec Board for sponsoring their field trip in June. Thanks to the Rec Board's generosity, they were able to enjoy the morning swimming, diving, water sliding, riding waves, and floating along the lazy river at the Coop Aquatic Centre in North Battleford. After enjoying a picnic lunch outside the Dekker Centre, we were off to the movie theater. The Grade 5s enjoyed watching the movie "Lightyear" where they learned about the origins of the Toy Story character, Buzz Lightyear. It was a great day that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, students, teachers, and parent chaperones. We appreciate the generosity of the Rec Board to allow our students opportunities like this to enjoy some physical activity and the arts outside of our classroom setting. We also appreciate the parent volunteers who took time out of their day to drive and help supervise this trip. It was a great way to end our year.

## Governor General Award

HHS would like to congratulate Abbey Harty on her achievement in winning the Governor General's Award for H. Hardcastle School. Because of an error in the school office, Abbey wasn't given the opportunity to receive her award in person. I would like to apologize to Abbey and the Harty family for this oversight; it is our goal to acknowledge our student's successes. Again, congratulations, Abbey, on achieving this standard and we wish you the best of luck as you move forward.



## Hardcastle Parents

If you know that your child will be absent from school at some time during the day, or if they will be absent for the entire day, contact the school and inform the office. It is important for the school to know where your children are. Most often, appointments are made well in advance. By keeping the office informed of these absences, we will not have to spend time interrupting classes to clear up attendance issues with students.

The number of absences that a student has from a class will dictate whether a student will be allowed to remain in class or to take part in school extracurricular activities. For some of our High School awards and scholarships, attendance is included in the criteria for determining the award recipients.

It is important that your child is in school, and by informing the office when they will be absent you will help make our record keeping more efficient and enable us to maintain a more accurate account of our students. If you do not "call in" for your child, they will be marked absent, no matter what the reason.

If you haven't already, please sign up for School Messenger, text "Yes" to 724665 to get all notifications from the school and/or division.



## Reminders to Parents Dropping off and Picking up Students



**1** – School Doors open at 8:35am. Please do not send your children to school before 8:35am as there are no teachers on supervision and children will have to wait outside.

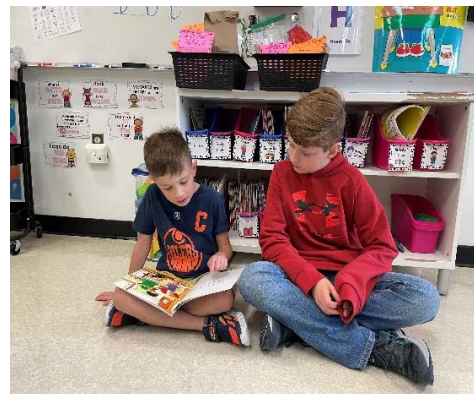
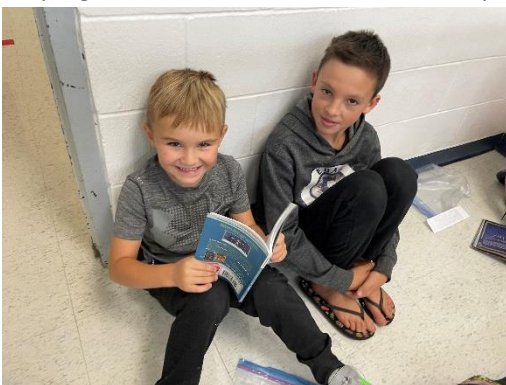
**2** – Do not drop off your children on the East side of Railway Avenue. Elementary kids are small and even though they are supposed to look both ways and watch for cars, we all know they don't always remember to do so. Please drop off / pick up your children where they don't have to cross the road – using the West Railway Avenue side of the road only. If you are running late when dropping off your child, please drop them off at the Main Office Doors as they need to check-in at the office.

**3** – Remember bus safety! Do not ever pass a stopped school bus. Our bus drop off / pick up is 1st Street, so between the times of 8:30 to 8:45 and 3:00 to 3:20 the street is closed to public traffic.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe!

## International Literacy Day

To celebrate International Literacy Day on September 8th, our entire student body took time to pair up with a buddy and read together. High School and Middle Years Students were paired with an Elementary Student. It was great to see the pairings work together. We hope to continue similar type of groupings with more events to come this year.



### **Drama** – Mrs. Moriarty

Our HHS Drama club is so excited to plan live performances once again! Our eager students have been reading through the 2 plays that we have selected for the fall, and quietly deciding what role they are interested in playing! The two plays that we have selected are You're driving me crazy by Todd Wallinger, and High-Rise High-Jinks by Ken Preuss. Each play is composed of 4-5 scenes depicting students learning to drive, and life in a high-rise. Each play is sure to make you laugh, with a lot of physical comedy. When we have been reading, our cast begins to giggle with each line read. We have students in our Drama club from Grade 7-12, with a variety of experience, from seasoned pros to a newbie eager to take center stage. We will begin practicing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, with plans of presenting our plays in December for a community Dessert Theatre. We are sorting out the details, and busily planning behind the scenes. Continue to watch in our school newsletter, and our school social media, for more details. I am so excited to bring our students' talents once again to the stage, as we have a long history of skilled actors and actresses who began in our school!



### **Yearbook** – Mrs. Moriarty

After a break over the past few years, we are excited to bring back yearbook at school. I have been working on the yearbook this past year, and into the fall, and I am working on finalizing the last event pages from the previous year. Yearbooks can be ordered through school cash online, and through the office until September 29<sup>th</sup>, when orders will be finalized. With the last details of the yearbook being finalized, yearbooks will be delivered after its final submission.

We are beginning to look at yearbook for this year and need your help! If you are at any school events, and you have your phone or camera, I will take all pictures that you are willing to share with me. Please email me at [Roberta.Moriarty@nwsd.ca](mailto:Roberta.Moriarty@nwsd.ca) to share any pictures you may have. If your child is on a sports team, please ensure that you take as many group photos, and action photos as you can. It is impossible for me to make it to every event, and your help will make that much easier to manage! Yearbooks are made richer by the beautiful pictures that fill it. Our student body is excited to take part, and I have a crew of eager young students who are willing to take on the huge task that is yearbook. We will begin meeting later in the fall, once we have a few more pages that we can start work on!



## Bell Schedule



| TIME          | ACTIVITY           | Time          | Activity               |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
|               | <b>High School</b> |               | <b>Elementary</b>      |
| 8:45 – 8:50   | Homeroom           | 8:45 -8:50    | Home room              |
| 8:50 – 9:45   | Period 1           | 8:50-9:45     | Period 1               |
| 9:45 – 9:50   | Transition         |               |                        |
| 9:50 – 10:45  | Period 2           | 9:45-10:40    | Period 2               |
| 10:45– 10:50  | Transition         | 10:40-10:50   | Recess * All           |
| 10:50– 11:40  | Period 3           | 10:50-11:40   | Period 3               |
|               |                    | 11:41 – 12:02 | Grade 1, ¾ & 6 Outside |
| 11:40 - 12:25 | LUNCH              | 12:02 – 12:25 | K, 2 & 5 Outside       |
| 12:25-12:30   | Transition         | 11:40 - 12:25 | LUNCH                  |
| 12:30 – 1:20  | Period 4           | 12:30-1:20    | Period 4               |
| 1:20 – 1:25   | Transition         |               |                        |
| 1:25 – 2:15   | Period 5           | 1:20 – 2:10   | Period 5               |
| 2:15 – 2:20   | Transition         | 2:10-2:20     | Recess * All           |
| 2:20 – 3:10   | Period 6           | 2:25 – 3:10   | Period 6               |
| 3:10-3:15     | Clean Up           | 3:10-3:15     | Clean Up               |
| 3:15          | Dismissal          | 3:15          | Dismissal              |

### Name Bars

At HHS we would like to recognize the students that are taking part on school teams. Team boards were donated to the school in 2012, and it is on these boards where student athletes are recognized for their involvement. Students in Grades 4-12 are eligible as they are the students that are eligible to compete for HHS in interschool play. The cost for a name placard is \$3.00. If your child is taking part, please consider purchasing one of these name placards. It is a one-time purchase as they can be reused year after year and used for all sports throughout the year. These name bars will remain with the school. If you are unsure whether you have purchased one prior, please contact the school and we will check on that information for you.

### Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day at HHS will be held on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us in recognizing that every child matters by wearing Orange to school.



### HHS Annual Terry Fox Run



We are excited to announce that our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Wednesday, **October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**. It is at this time that we can honor the legacy that began with Terry's journey across Canada. Our community has always been a tremendous supporter of this event; this past year, we achieved a "Top 20" status in the province for community fundraising. Thank you for the ongoing support that you, as a community, continue to provide.

There will be a free school wide hamburger BBQ following the run for all school participants. Community members are welcome to come and have lunch with us, with a donation of \$5.00 for a burger and water with proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation.



### **School Pictures**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** is Picture Day at HHS! Don't forget to dress your best and put on your best smile.

### **Remembrance Day PowerPoint Presentation** – Mrs. L. LaClare

Please help us update our Power Point Presentation for this year's Remembrance Day Service. Our slideshow is updated on a yearly basis, and as students graduate and move on from our school, their slides are removed. If your child currently attends H. Hardcastle School and has a relative that served in the wars, we would like to recognize them in our school presentation. Please send us a picture and include which war(s) they served in, along with the years if possible.

Email to: [laura.laclare@nwsd.ca](mailto:laura.laclare@nwsd.ca)

### **Golf** – Mr. Gateley

Kye Thom, Keagan Russett, Michael St. Amant and Nate Poole travelled to Meadow Lake on September 14<sup>th</sup> to take part in Golf Districts. Despite a challenging course, the four golfers enjoyed their day and displayed great sportsmanship. Although everyone made some great shots, they were faced with some difficult shots as well. Great job to these four students. It was an enjoyable day by all, with great memories made.





## September 2022

| Sunday | Monday                              | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
|        |                                     |   |   | 1 Day 1<br><br>Classes Begin<br>Welcome<br>Back!  | 2 Day 2  | 3   |
| 4      | 5<br><i>No School</i><br>Labour Day | 6 Day 3   | 7 Day 4   | 8 Day 5<br><br>—— Grade   | 9 Day 6 K<br>Kindergarten<br>Begins<br><br>12 Canoe Trip —————→<br>—— Senior Girls | 10<br><br><br><br><br>@ Wilkie  |
| 11     | 12 Day 1                            | 13 Day 2 K<br><br><br><br>Senior Vball<br>@ P. Hill     | 14 Day 3<br>Hot Dog<br>Lunch<br><br>Golf<br>Districts<br><br>Junior Vball<br>@ Thunderchild | 15 Day 4 K<br><br>Driver's Ed<br><br>Cross Country<br>@ Hillmond  | 16 Day 5<br><br><br><br><br>—— Senior Girls  | 17<br><br>Junior Boys<br>@ Loon<br>Lake<br><br>Senior<br>Boys Vball<br>@ Medstead<br><br>@ NB John<br>Paul II |
| 18     | 19 Day 6 K                          | 20 Day 1<br>Senior Vball<br>@ Thunderchild              | 21 Day 2 K<br>Junior Vball<br>@ P. Hill   | 22 Day 3<br>Driver's Ed<br><br>Cross Country<br>@ Wilkie<br><br>—— Senior                               | 23 Day 4 K<br><br><br><br>MegaVolley @   | 24<br><br><br><br><br>Maidstone   |
| 25     | 26 Day 5                            | 27 Day 6 K<br>Senior Vball<br>Host<br><br><br>—— Junior | 28 Day 1<br>Junior Vball<br>Host<br><br><br>MegaVolley                                      | 29 Day 2 K<br>Driver's Ed<br><br>School Wide<br>Breakfast<br><br>Orange Shirt<br>Day<br><br>@ Maidstone | 30<br><br><i>No School</i><br>Truth &<br>Reconciliation<br>Day                     | 31  |

### Upcoming Dates:

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** - No School, Professional Development Day

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** – Terry Fox Run & BBQ

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – No School, Thanksgiving Day