



# H. HARDCASTLE SCHOOL

Challenging the Future



Principal: Darren Nordell  
Vice Principal: Roberta Moriarty

September 2023  
Welcome Back!

Webpage: <http://www.edline.net/pages/hardcastle> Twitter: @HHS\_Royals Facebook: [www.facebook.com/H.HardcastleSchool](http://www.facebook.com/H.HardcastleSchool)

## Principal's message

As the evenings begin to get a little cooler and the leaves begin to change color, so signals another beginning to a new school year. I would like to welcome all our new families, and welcome back those that are returning for the 2023-2024 H. Hardcastle School year. As a school, we would also like to send along a warm welcome to our new families beginning their Kindergarten experience. As we open our school doors, there is always the excitement of beginning new classes while also returning to friends and staff who might have been away for the summer.

As we return, I would like to note that our staff has had 2 changes since we left in the fall that I would like to recognize. HHS would like to welcome back Mrs. Long, who is returning half time and is settling back into her Grade 1 role in the mornings. We would also like to welcome Miss Christie Adair who will be taking on the Grade 1 role in the afternoon, while also working with our Grade 8 class and some other classes in the mornings. We are excited to have them return.

I would also like to thank our community for their continuing support of our activities and education here at HHS. Your support means a great deal, not only for our students, but also the staff as we begin to navigate through another school year. As a staff, we realize the responsibility that we have in helping to prepare our youth, and to provide them with every opportunity to succeed; it is a tremendous honor, and we hope that we can help our students realize their potential as they move forward.

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 by helping to plan events and activities for our school community. Extracurricular opportunities are available to all, as we realize that this will help our students build on their personal character to be successful in the roles they choose. We have high expectations for our school community, and this is something that we cannot apologize for.

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, both in the classrooms and hallways.

HHS has also been chosen as a pilot school for Edsby, a platform which will help to enhance communication to our student's homes. There are still some "kinks" that need to be corrected at the Division level, but hopefully you will find this useful. We encourage you all to stay connected with the school activities through our monthly newsletter, our Facebook page, and both the NWSD and HHS's websites.

On behalf of our staff, I would like to welcome you all back and wish you all a great year ahead.

Principal Darren Nordell



### Staff at HHS

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

**Tracy Long** - Grade 1

**Christie Adair**-Grade 1, Grade 3 Math, Grade 8 ELA

**Cindy Jullion** – Grade 2

**Roberta Moriarty** - Grade 3, Vice Principal, Grade 9/10 ELA, Grade 9 Health

**Jessica LaClare** - Math 4, Math 8 & 9, Health 7 & 8, History 10

**Laura LaClare** - Grade 4/5, Grade 8 Art

**Lorne Long**- Grade 6, Industrial Arts 7-12, Grade 3 & 6 Phys. Ed.

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

**Trevor Gateley** - Grade 7, Science 7, 9 & 10, Biology, Physical Science, Math 7

**Trina Deobald** - Grade 10-12 Math, Social 9, SBIF 7-9, PE 8, PE 4/5, Science 8

**Darren Nordell**- Grade 7 & 9-12 Phys. Ed, ELA 20/30, Principal

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

**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

**Bob Clark** – Head Caretaker

**Bell Schedule**



<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
	<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 4, 5, & 6 Outside
11:40 - 12:25	LUNCH	12:02 – 12:25	K, 1, 2, 3 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

## 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 do not always remember to do so. Please drop off / pick up your children where they do not 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!

### Reading Buddies– Mrs. Weber

Our Elementary Staff are looking for volunteers to participate in a Reading Buddy Program. This would be a paired reading activity guided by classroom teachers with a goal to help improve student's reading and comprehension skills. Reading with a buddy can be fun, rather than seem like a chore. We aim to instill a love of reading and re-engage our readers while developing friendships within our community. This program would ideally take place in the mornings.

If you are interested in joining our Reading Buddy Team, please contact Mrs. Weber or Mrs. Moriarty at the school. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Record Check.

### Cross-Country – Mr. Gateley & Mrs. Katie LaClare

The paths in town are busy after school again with Cross Country practices well underway. Practices will be held every day after school and are essential to build participant skills and endurance. Students are required to practice a minimum of three times a week in order to participate in any upcoming Cross Country meets. Their first meet will be held on **September 14<sup>th</sup> in Hillmond**. Good luck, Royals!

## Edsby

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, parents/guardians of registered students will receive an email inviting them to join the Edsby platform. There will be an app for parents to download to help ease use.

Edsby is our primary form of communication. It will be used:

- for day-to-day information from your teacher and school,
- to report student absences,
- to share evidence of student learning and access to progress reports/report cards,
- to share classroom news,
- to book student led conferences, and
- to facilitate easy communication between parents/caregivers and teachers.

Edsby can be accessed:

- online,
- on a mobile app in the App Store, and
- on a mobile app in Google Play.

**PARENT LOGIN FOR EDSBY**

You can login to Edsby from the mobile app or a desktop at [nwsd.edsby.com](http://nwsd.edsby.com).  
**Visit your App store to download the mobile app!**

You will receive an email from Edsby/NWSD with information to login in and create an account in Edsby. If you do not receive the invite, please check your junk mail folder. You may contact the school to have them resend the invite.

**Invitation from Edsby to connect with 's school**

Edsby has been chosen by Northwest School Division Schools to provide a modern way for parents and guardians to follow their child's progress at school, receive school updates, and much more.

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please click [here to accept](#).

If you have any questions regarding Edsby please contact the school office.

You may be asked for a server address. Enter in *nwsd*

**CREATING A NEW ACCOUNT**

**Register a Parent Account**

Edsby account registration for parent or Oliver Anderson, Mark Anderson. Please select one of the choices below. If it's not your child, please click here.

Log in to your existing High Prairie School District Edsby parent account

I don't have an Edsby parent account at High Prairie School District

Need help? Cancel

Choose your username \*

Choose your password \*

Verify Password

Create Edsby Account

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**LINKING TO AN EXISTING ACCOUNT**

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Need help? Cancel

**Register a Parent Account**

opmiller@nwsd.edsby.com

Password

Log in and register account of Oliver Anderson, Mark Anderson

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To watch a video with step-by-step instructions for creating an Edsby Account, Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR Code below.

**FAQ**

**What is the server name when using the app?**  
NWSd

**What is the URL when using a browser?**  
[nwsd.edsby.com](http://nwsd.edsby.com)

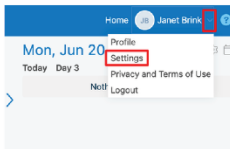
**What is my username?**  
Your username will be the email address that you provided to the school office.



## TURNING ON NOTIFICATIONS

To receive mobile notifications, download the Edsby app

**STEP 1**



On a web browser, click on settings in the top right.

On the app, click the 3 lines (top left) then settings.

**STEP 3**

Click *Personal*, *School*, and *Children* to ensure all notifications are selected.

**Notifications**

Edsby can notify you with

**General**

- Activity Digest
- Personal**

**Organization**

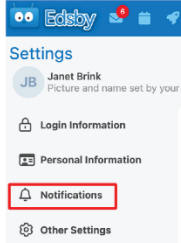
- SK Elementary**

**Children**

- Deanna Walker

**STEP 2**

Click Notifications



**PERSONAL**

Notifications for: Jammie Walker

Receive these notifications

- on Notification Bell
- on Mobile

Receive notifications for

- Personal calendar reminders
- Mailbox

**SCHOOL**

Notifications for: SK Elementary

Receive these notifications

- on Notification Bell
- on Mobile

Receive notifications for

- News item published

**CHILD**

Notifications for: Deanna Walker

Receive these notifications

- on Notification Bell
- on Mobile

Receive notifications for

- Attendance incidents
- Class Activity
- Report card published

### Pilot Schools – Grade 7-12 Gradebook

We are fortunate to be selected as a Pilot School in NWSD that will be using Edsby Gradebook this school year. As the school year goes on, parents will receive access to Grade Reporting through Edsby. More information will be shared later in the fall. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a smooth transition.





DID YOUR CHILD  
OUTGROW THEIR  
HOCKEY  
EQUIPMENT?

### **USED HOCKEY EQUIPMENT SALE!!!**

Before the Edam Minor Hockey AGM on **September 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having a used hockey equipment sale **from 6 to 7:30 pm in the lobby**. You can drop off your used equipment in good shape from 5-6pm in the lobby, but it **MUST** be labelled with your initials & price requesting. You can also donate equipment too.

Edam Minor Hockey will get 10% of the sales. Proceeds will go towards Minor Hockey Day activities as well as year end banquet prizes.

### **3 STAR HOCKEY CLOTHING ORDERS & OLD JERSEY BUYING!**

Along with the used hockey equipment sale from 6 to 7:30pm, we will have 3 Star clothing samples for you to order your 3 Star gear for the upcoming hockey season.

**We will also have a limited amount of old Minor Hockey 3 Star jerseys for purchase at \$10.00 each.**

**First come, first serve and no holds.**

TUESDAY,  
SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup> @  
6 TO 7:30PM!

CLOTHING  
HOCKEY  
EQUIPMENT  
JERSEYS

DOES YOUR  
CHILD NEED  
NEW  
SKATES?



## **EDAM MINOR HOCKEY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**will be held on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30pm**

**at the Edam Community Recreation Centre**

**\*\*Edam Minor Hockey has positions open and multiple positions opening in 2 years when Edam takes over STEP League for our 3-year term.**

**Now is the time to join as we will need to fill 2 boards in 2025-26, so why not join as a member at large now and get to see what it involves.**

**Please attend this meeting if you have an interest in the future of Edam Minor Hockey or would like to hear what the season entails & any questions you may have.**

If you cannot attend but have questions or are willing to be nominated or would like to join as a member at large, please contact a current board member.

Danielle Troesch – President / Treasurer / Ref Coordinator – 306-441-9246

Jordan Blaquiere – Vice President – 306-480-9974

Megan Baillargeon – Secretary – 306-480-8580

Melissa Weitzel – Social Media – 306-280-2994

Rachel Lascelle – Member at Large – 306-441-3146





## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Day 1  First Day of School	6 Day 2  Kindergarten Conferences	7 Day 3	8 Day 4  Kindergarten Conferences	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 6 K  First Day of Kindergarten  Sr. Vball @ P. Hill	13 Day 1  Hot Dog Lunch  Jr. Vball @ Tford	14 Day 2 K  Cross Country Meet @ Hillmond  District Golf @ Meadow Lake	15 Day 3  Grade 12 Canoe & Sr. Vball @	16  Camping Trip St. Walburg
17	18 Day 4 K	19 Day 5  Sr. Vball @ Thunderchild	20 Day 6 K  Jr. Vball Host	21 Day 1  SR. Mega	22 Day 2 K  Volleyball @	23  Maidstone
24	25 Day 3	26 Day 4 K  Sr. Vball Host	27 Day 5  Jr. Vball @ St. Walburg	28 Day 6 K  Jr. Mega	29 Day 1 School Wide Breakfast  Sr. Boys Vball @ Sr. Girls Vball @  Volleyball	30  Tford P. Hill

### Upcoming Dates:

October 6<sup>th</sup> – School Pictures

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day, No School

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – PD Day, No School