



BRANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Friday, August 27, 2021

ALL VISITORS (INCLUDING PARENTS) MUST VISIT THE OFFICE AND SIGN IN PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SCHOOL.

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY ALERT

Due to severe allergies, Brant Christian School is a PEANUT and NUT FREE environment.

First Day of School – Wednesday, September 1st

- Class begins at 8:20 am, students need to arrive prior to this time to get settled in their classrooms and then proceed per class to the breakfast. If your child will not be on their bus in the morning please advise your driver or Southland Dispatch at 403-938-3966.
- Our Pancake Breakfast will begin outside at 9:00 am near the playground. Parents are asked to please meet there rather than inside the school. Masks are optional due to it being an outdoor event.

REPORTING ABSENCES

To report student absences we ask that parents use the SchoolMessenger app for SafeArrival.

Choose on of these three options for using the app:

1. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the Google Play Store
2. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store
3. Open your browser and go to go.schoolmessenger.ca.

Sign up for an account. Use the same email address that the school has on record for you. If you want to use a different one, please contact the school to have them change your email on file. Choose your password; it must contain at least one number, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and must be at least 6 characters. Verify your account by following the instructions in the email that is sent to you.

Log in to the app using your email address and password that you created in the above step.

If your email address is associated with at least one child in our school, you will see the ATTENDANCE option on the menu. This is shown at the top of the screen on the website or in the menu that is displayed if you click the menu icon in the top left corner of the mobile apps.

NOTE: If you do not see the attendance menu or your students, please check with the school to make sure you are using the email address that they have on file.

To Report an Absence:

Tap/click the Report an Absence + Button

Be sure to enter your selctions for all of the requested items. If the **Send** button is not activated, it means you've missed something.

Tap/click **Send** to report the absence.

If you have not reported your child absent you will be notified. You can then use the mobile app or website to explain your student's absence.

If you would like to receive absence notifications directly to the SchoolMessenger app:

- Go to the **Settings** menu
- Tap **Push Notifications**
- Tap the name of your child's school district (Palliser School Div)
- Tap **Attendance** as a type of message you want to receive

To log out go to Settings in the app or to the right hand corner on the website.

Volunteer Opportunities

Starting in September, Brant Christian School provides many volunteer opportunities. For example, on Friday, September 17th our students from kindergarten to grade 12 will be attending a Field Trip to the Calgary Corn Maze (more info to come on that)! We will be looking for parent volunteers to help chaperone this trip.

If you are interested in volunteering for the above field trip or to drive for upcoming fall sports, or other classroom activities or possible field trips within the next three months we will require the following documents to be completed and on file prior to volunteering: (All forms are attached to this email.)

- **Criminal Record Check – REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS EXCEPT THOSE WHO ARE ONLY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS FOR ACTIVITIES** - (every 2 years (first to be completed within 3 months of volunteer opportunity). All volunteers will require this document in the 2021-22 school year as all CRC's on file will be expired. **Please request a letter from the school to take to your local RCMP or Police department to receive this document at minimal or no cost (depending on detachment) if you may be seeking to volunteer within the next 3 months.**
- Volunteer Registration
- Volunteer Medical Information Form
- Volunteer Consent Form
- Declaration of Confidentiality Form

Volunteer Drivers are required to have all of the above documents as well as the following:

- Volunteer Automobile Driver Authorization Form with proof of insurance attached
- Current Driver's Abstract PLEASE NOTE: Drivers abstracts must be on file prior to driving students. Please obtain from your local registry office.

Please also see the front page of the Volunteer Package for more information to qualify for driving as a volunteer.

COVID-19 Information

- All students will be required to wear masks while riding buses.
- Gr. 3-12 students need to wear masks outside their classrooms.
- If any student wishes to wear a mask at other points, we are completely supportive of this choice.
- Students will not be required to be in cohorts this year, though we will continue to limit close contact.
- Illness – any student who is feeling ill for any reason we request that they be kept home until well. If students feel ill while at school we will separate them and they will be required to be picked up as soon as possible. Ill students will not be allowed to ride home on the bus.
- We will continue to clean surfaces and provide hand sanitizer and encourage handwashing throughout the day.
- Please send a water bottle which can be refilled as we discourage the use of the water fountains.



PAPA JOHN'S
Better Ingredients.
Better Pizza.

SUBWAY
eat fresh.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

More Information to come in September. But Hot Lunches are every Thursday starting in October.

Medications

Palliser policy is that no medications can be administered to students without an "Authorization to Administer Medicine" form on file. Please contact our school office if you require a form prior to any medication being given.

Palliser District School Fees:

In September, please go to the web link here to see fees attached to your child(ren) enrolled at Brant Christian and pay: www.schoolcashionline.com

Mandatory Fees which will be required to be paid through school cash in September are:

- **Technology Fee (Gr. 1-12) - \$35.00**
- **Gym Strip Fee (Gr. 5-8) - \$36.00 (all new students in these grades or as needed)**

Other fees requested throughout the school year:

- Yearbook – Optional to purchase in September
- Field Trip Fees – as requested throughout the school year
- Hot Lunch Fees – Optional on a monthly basis starting in October (more information to come)

All fees on school cash online have a deadline. Please ensure that all fees are paid in a timely manner.

NEW TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE?

Follow these 3 easy steps below to get started!



Go to the address below or click the *School Cash Online* link on our website.

www.schoolcashionline.com



Take a few minutes to register and add your child to the newly created account.



Review and purchase your child's back to school items using direct online payment.

Brant Christian School Society Fees:

NOTE: These are **NOT** Palliser District Fees and cannot be paid through schoolcashionline.
(We will do our best to communicate where fees are required to be paid to over the year.)

Society fees include

- bussing (paid monthly Sept-June or in full in Sept)
- Christian Education & Society Membership (**required prior to Aug.31 – please contact bcssfes@gmail.com on how to pay if needed**),
- Other Fees throughout the school year: Auction Fundraiser and Golf Fundraiser, donations, etc.

Methods of payment for society fees include:

Etransfer: mailto: bcssfes@gmail.com (password: brantschool) Please include description of payment in comment section.

Paypal: Go to our website www.brantchristianschool.ca under the admissions tab – School Fees, scroll to the bottom to see the big PAY button.

Auto Withdrawal: For **bussing only**, form required, please email bcssfes@gmail.com to obtain.

Cheques/Cash: We are moving to all online payments so this is the least preferred method of payment. Please check with the school office to find out who to make the cheque out to.



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SEPTEMBER 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------------------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> School Day Begins: 8:20 am School Day Ends: 3:45 pm </div> | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Friday ON Regular School Day | 4 |
| | 5 | 6 Labor Day Holiday | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Friday ON Regular School Day |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Friday ON Regular School Day Corn Maze Trip (all grades) | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Friday OFF Teacher PD | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <u>COMING UP:</u> Oct. 7 – School Pictures </div> | |

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ~ Romans 15:13 ~