

SEPTEMBER 2024

# Northland Online School Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to the Northland Online School! We hope that you all had a fun and restful summer. We are excited to welcome new staff this year, and provide new programming opportunities to enhance your learning experience with Northland Online School. We look forward to a productive and engaging school year!

### **Mark Burke**

Principal

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780-594-2017

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# September Calendar

## K-9 Calendar

2024 SEPTEMBER							BACK for SCHOOL
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 First Day Back!	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11 Parent Night 4:30-6:30 pm	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19 Northland Games Terry Fox Run	20 PD Day-No Classes	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27 Early Dismissal 12:05	28	
29	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day- No School	Truth and Reconciliation Week					

## 10-12 Calendar

HELLO September

## NORTHLAND ONLINE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
8	9	3 First day of School! Welcome Back Assembly: 11:20am	4	5	6	7	
15 Terry Fox Run	16 High School Assembly 11:20am	10 Meet the Teacher Night! 4:30pm-6:30pm	11	12	13	14	
		17 Vibe Club 3:30-4:15	18	19 Northland Games in Anzac	20 PD Day No School for Students	21	
	23 TRC Week Assembly 11:20am	24 Vibe Club 3:30-4:15	25	26 Truth & Reconciliation Week	27 Early Dismissal: Staff Meeting	28	
29 EVERY CHILD MATTERS	30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation No School	31 Vibe Club 3:30-4:15	School Contact: Mark Burke - Principal 780-783-1317				

# TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

K-9 SCHEDULE

SEPT 23 - 27



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Phyllis Webstad book reading in WSM 12:35.

Amik Loves School book reading in WSM 12:35

Indigenous Minecraft Education Event

Art show and share

Orange Shirt Day - Wear orange

# TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 23-27

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE



MON. SEPT. 23

TUES. SEPT. 24

WED. SEPT. 25

THUR. SEPT. 26

FRI. SEPT. 27

TRC WEEK ASSEMBLY 11:20AM WSM ZOOM

INDIGENOUS TREES, PLANTS AND MEDICINES ACTIVITY MS. DAGENAIS ZOOM AT 1:55 PM

LIVE 'SURVIVORS SPEAK' SESSION MS. CRIPPS ZOOM 10:00 AM

ORANGE SHIRT DAY SOCIETY LIVE SPEAKER SESSION WSM ZOOM 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

WEAR ORANGE TRC PRESENTATION WITH ANN BOURQUE 9:00AM - 10:00AM MS. DAGENAIS' ZOOM EARLY DISMISSAL AT LUNCH



# September Events / Important Dates

**NO SCHOOL FRIDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 20TH**

This is a Staff Professional Development Day. We look forward to seeing all of our students on Monday!

# EVERY CHILD MATTERS

**Friday, Sept. 27**  
Early Dismissal at Lunch

Please join us in wearing an **Orange Shirt** on Friday

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**Monday, Sept. 30**  
**National Day of Truth & Reconciliation**  
No School for Students and Staff



## School Clubs

Join us every Tuesday to draw, play games, & hang out!

# High School "vibe club"

Every Tuesday  
3:30pm - 4:15pm  
Ms. Dagenais' Zoom

# LEADERSHIP CLUB

DO YOU WANT TO HELP OUR SCHOOL?


- WANT TO PLAN...
- THEME DAYS
- SCHOOL JOKE BOOK
- HELP OTHER CLASSES

Join Ms Tara in the Whole School Meet Wednesday's at Lunch  
Time 12:05-12:35



# Northland Online School Staff


## K-9 Staff




**K-5**  
Mrs. Twidale




**6/7**  
Mr. Bourque




**Grade 8**  
Ms. Johnson



**Grade 9**  
Miss Tara



**Cree**  
Mrs. Supernault



**Ms. Feddema**

## Grade 10-12 Staff

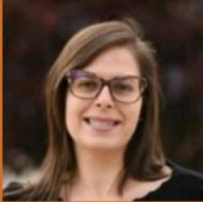
## Supporting Teachers




**Socials & Options**  
Mrs. Rothwell




**ELA & Options**  
Ms. Dagenais



**Socials & Options**  
Ms. Cripps



**Math & Science**  
Academic Counsellor  
Mrs. Daly



**Ms. Rombonzrus**



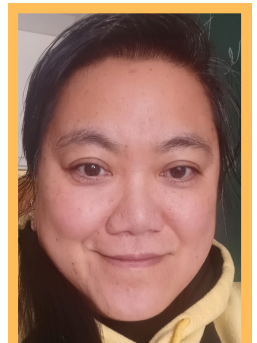
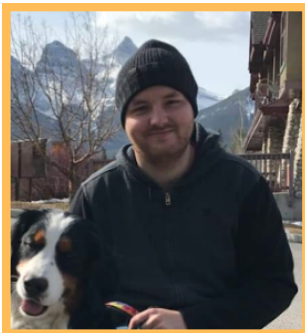
**Mr. Szott**

**Principal**  
Mark Burke

**Secretary**  
Toby Clements

**Education Assistant / School Liaison**  
Angie Steil

**Education Assistant**  
Sophia Bourque





# High School Programming



In the Northland Online School, we have three different learning streams that the students can choose from:

## Synchronous

Communication occurs  
in real time



- Student attends classes via zoom daily
- Immediate feedback loop
- More responsive interaction

## Asynchronous

Communication occurs at  
different times



- Student works at their own pace
- More think time
- More flexibility for communication
- Support during teacher office hours

## Hybrid

Communication occurs  
Synchronously via Northland  
"Learning Hubs"



- Student attends synchronous classes via zoom daily
- Learn in your community via learning space in NSD school
- EA support for learners

**Our high school has been expanding in the Northland Online School!**

**Our grade 10-12 students have the opportunity to choose from three different learning streams to meet their learning needs: Synchronous, Asynchronous, and Hybrid. Please see the poster below for more details on each learning stream that we offer!**



## NORTHLAND ONLINE SCHOOL SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING IN GROUARD!



We are so excited to see Grouard Northland School offering grade 10 this year!

To ensure the students receive a high quality learning experience, the instruction will be supported by Northland Online School!

In this innovative setup, a Northland Online School teacher will teach remotely through a computer or smart board, while an educational assistant provides in-class support for students.

To register, please contact Grouard Northland School Principal Michelle Deering at 780-751-3772 or [michelle.deering@nsd61.ca](mailto:michelle.deering@nsd61.ca)



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# School Council Establishment Meeting

**First Meeting Date: October 1st**

**Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Location: Whole School Meet Zoom**

**Zoom link will be emailed out to all families prior to the meeting**

School councils are an important forum through which members of school communities play an advisory role in school improvement planning. Key factors in collaborative relationships are building meaningful, two-way communication and supporting respectful interactions among education partners. School council is a structured group of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives whose purpose is to advise the principal and the school board regarding matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning. Respectful discussion is always encouraged.

## Gift Card Prizes

Each PAC meeting we do a draw with all attendees names for two gift cards!

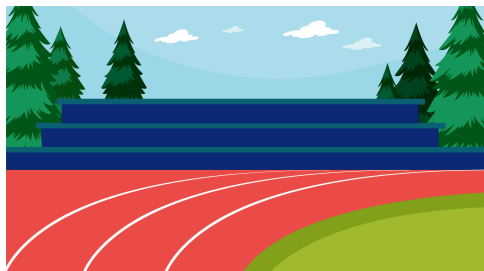


# September Highlights



Our three high school students at Grouard Northland School, Sid, Nikkita, and Elyssa, led the Orange Shirt Day assembly and read a poem for the students and staff at Grouard Northland School. Sid, Nikkita, and Elyssa also made homemade bannock for the staff and students, and served it to everyone after the assembly. We are so incredibly proud of our three students, and they are such positive role models for the students at Grouard Northland School.

## Northland Games





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ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Two of our Northland Online School students and their family participated in the Elizabeth School Terry Fox Run!



High School Foods Class



## TERRY FOX ACTIVITY

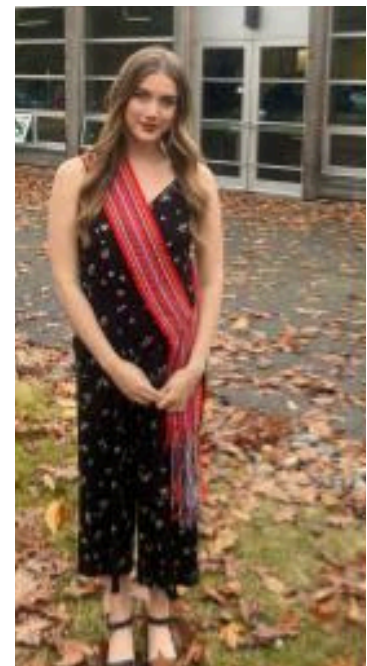
Help us Decorate this iconic Terry Fox Shoe!  
It is encouraged to also include the name of someone you are running for. This can be someone you know personally, or even Terry Fox himself!



Send to your finished work to your teacher so we can show it on the whole school meet!



## Cultural Showcase



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# Division Announcements

Welcome Back Message - Superintendent of Schools/CEO  
Cal Johnson

Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello students, parents, guardians,  
staff, and community members,

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you all had  
a safe and enjoyable summer.

To our new families and staff, welcome to Northland  
School Division (NSD). It's an honor to serve you as the  
Superintendent of Schools/CEO.

As we embark on this new school year, we are excited to  
introduce a new three-year education plan. This plan  
reflects the priorities set by the Board and  
Administration in response to the feedback received  
from communities during the 2023-2024 school year:

Welcome Back Message from Superintendent of  
Schools/CEO



Northland  
SCHOOL DIVISION

**Priority 1 - Connections Supporting Reconciliation:** Each year, Northland School Division will work to increase and strengthen visible connections to the land, Indigenous languages, school communities, and collaborative partnerships. This is part of our commitment to reconciliation and building a stronger community.

**Priority 2 - Holistic Learning:** Our goal is for every child enrolled in a Northland School Division school to excel in literacy and numeracy and to have a solid foundation in social-emotional skills. This priority ensures a well-rounded education that supports both academic and personal growth.

**Priority 3 - Excellent People Supporting Students:** To ensure our students receive the best possible education, we aim to attract and retain dedicated staff and empowered leaders by providing access to lifelong learning opportunities, high-quality resources, excellent teacher lodging, and comprehensive remuneration and benefits.

**Priority 4 - Responsible Resourcing:** We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of equitable access to timely supports and school site infrastructure while operating within a fiscally responsible framework.

To support these priorities, here are some strategies that will be in action this year to support student success:

→ We have expanded our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education team by introducing two new roles: a Supervisor of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education and an Indigenous Cultural Land-Based Learning Coach. All three will support schools and work with Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

→ A new Learning Coach for Physical Literacy and Athletics has been hired to enhance physical education programming and provide more opportunities for students to participate in team sports.

→ The Collaborative Response Model from Jigsaw Learning is being implemented to enhance student success. This model involves regular team meetings with teachers, support staff, and administrators, focusing on data-informed decision-making and targeted interventions.

→ We are introducing a Common Timetable for elementary and high school students, which will offer more learning options for all Northland students.

→ Additional Educational Assistants have been hired across the division to better support student learning.

To help families see how these priorities are positively impacting student learning, please watch for updates from schools on Facebook and in newsletters.

Welcome back, everyone! Let's continue working together to help Northland students achieve their goals and dreams. I look forward to connecting with communities throughout the school year!

Sincerely, Cal Johnson  
Superintendent of Schools/CEO  
Northland School Division

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## Have Your Say!

We would love to hear from you! Please let us know if you have any questions or thoughts about anything going on at the school. Please send us an email at [mark.burke@nsd61.ca](mailto:mark.burke@nsd61.ca), or fill in the page below and email it back to Mark Burke!

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**Insert Name and Contact Information  
(If you would like a response)**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**