



BLACKS HARBOUR SCHOOL

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June 12, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

BHS teachers recently met to discuss the rising costs associated with inflation, and the negative impact this has on our students and their families. We're especially concerned with the rising cost of school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year. We shared our concerns with our Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) and collaborated with them on a way to reduce the cost of school supplies for the coming school year.

After researching the cost of supplies, we proposed to the PSSC that we offer to purchase school supplies for our students and charge a school fee of \$65.00 per student, instead of sending home a school supply list. By purchasing supplies in bulk, we can get a discount, and as a government organization we receive breaks on taxes. This helps reduce the overall cost of supplies. It also ensures that all students have equal access to the same academic supplies.

The parents on our PSSC compared the cost of purchasing supplies on their own to the \$65.00 school fee and determined that it's more cost effective to pay the school fee than to shop individually for school supplies. They voted unanimously in favour of the school fee.

The \$65.00 school fee **covers the cost of academic supplies**, such as:

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| ✓ Individual Whiteboard | ✓ Binders |
| ✓ Whiteboard markers | ✓ Clipboards |
| ✓ Plastic Doughtangs | ✓ Notebooks |
| ✓ Pencil case | ✓ Looseleaf |
| ✓ Markers | ✓ Art supplies |
| ✓ Crayons | ✓ Highlighters |
| ✓ Erasers | ✓ Rulers |
| ✓ Scissors | ✓ Pencils |
| ✓ Glue sticks | ✓ Headphones |
| | ✓ Etc. |

Please note, your child will need some items that are **NOT** covered by the school supply fee, such as:

- ✓ Lunch bag
- ✓ Bookbag
- ✓ Inside sneakers
- ✓ Water bottle

You can pay in cash at the school office from now until June 23, 2023, or you can pay when school begins in September 2023. Please plan to pay the school supply fee of \$65.00 before September 22, 2023.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our main office, 506-456-4850, or you can contact any of our teachers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tammy Surette
Principal

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