

October 20th, 2023

## From Mrs. Carhart

On our professional learning day last week our school staff began the conversation about cell phones in school. We spent much of the day looking at how we can better engage our students in learning while creating and cocreating a norm for our school and students about cell phone/technology use in the building- specifically during class time. We have looked at various policies from other schools and are working toward creating something for Simonds High School. We welcome any feedback you have on this and encourage you to reach out to us anytime.

We know that cell phones play a distraction from learning and engagement and we know that the obsession and addiction to phones/notifications is getting out of control for some students. Our school improvement plan is heavily focused on engagement and connection to learning. As a school we are looking to find ways to best support our families and students to create an environment that allows students to be at their best mentally, physically and emotionally while in class.

Over the past two years our staff has done a tremendous amount of work to improve student engagement and create a safe environment at school. Working on cell phone use is our next step. **Important Dates** 

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- October 24th Preschool starts today!
- October 24th Lockdown practice today
- October 24th Musical practice 4-6pm
- October 25th Mount Allison information night 6:30-8pm @Holiday Inn Express For more information please contact the guidance department.
- October 26th Pre-selected students are off to NBCC for Try a Trade day!
- October 26th Musical practice 4-6pm
- October 26th Grad class pumpkin carving
- October 26th Halloween Dance 6:30pm-9:30pm
- October 28th Bottle drive at SHS
- October 30th Spook Fest 5:30-7:30pm in the cafeteria.
- October 31st Halloween
- November 1st Take our kids to work day for Grade 9's
- November 3rd- No school students, professional learning day for staff
- November 3rd Grad Overnighter
- November 3rd 5th Tip Off Basketball tournament- Girls weekend
- November 4th Holiday craft market in the cafeteria







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## **Sports Corner**

## **Important Dates**

Oct 23rd 3:45-5:30pm Swim practice Oct 23rd 6-7:30pm Varsity Girls Basketball Tryouts Oct 23rd 7:30-9pm Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Tryouts

Oct 24th 4:30-5:30pm Boys Hockey Practice at Stu Hurley Oct 24th 5-7pm Boys Football Practice Oct 24th 6-7:30pm Girls Basketball Tryouts Oct 24th 7:30-9pm Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Tryouts

> Oct 25th 3:45-5:30pm Swim practice Oct 25th 4-5:30pm Junior Boys Basketball Tryouts Oct 25th 5-7pm Boys Football Practice Oct 25th 9:15-10:15pm Boys Hockey Practice at RNS

> > Oct 26th 3:45-5:30pm Swim practice Oct 26th 5-7pm Boys Football Practice

Oct 28th 1pm Boys Football Game SSHS vs SHS at St Stephen Oct 28th 8:15pm Hockey Exhibition at the Q-Plex

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