

BARRIERE SECONDARY COUGAR NEWS



What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, September 1

- Labour Day (School Closed)

TUESDAY, September 1

- First Day of Classes (10:30 am – 12:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY, September 1

- Camp Cougar (Full Day: 8:30 am – 3:01 pm)

THURSDAY, September 1

- Regular Classes

FRIDAY, September 1

- Regular Classes

Upcoming Dates

- September 2 First Day of Classes
- September 3 Camp Cougar
- September 8 Meet the Teacher BBQ (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- September 12 Student Verification Packages Due
- September 15 BSS PAC Meeting – Library 5:00 pm
- September 22 Pro-D Day (No school for students)
- September 26 Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
- October 3 Photo Day

September 1 – September 5

New Moon, August 22

Ninth Moon

Pelltspántsk
mid summer month

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re tmicws re Simpcw n7élye.**

**Acknowledge that we are on
the territory of the
Secwepemc Nation,
specifically the territory of the
Simpcw People.**

Cafeteria Menu

Monday

- Cafeteria Closed

Tuesday

- Cafeteria Closed

Wednesday

- Cafeteria Closed

Thursday

- Grilled Ham and Cheese w/ Veg or Butter Chicken w/ Rice and Pita

Friday

- Fun Food Friday!!! Chicken Caesar Wraps or Chicken Strips and Tots

Welcome back Cougar Families!

We are incredibly excited for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year. The office is officially open! We look forward to welcoming students back into the school on Tuesday, September 2 for a short first day of school beginning at 10:30 am ending at 12:30 pm.

Please take a moment to read over the following important information about the first week of school. We will be sending out the weekly Cougar News beginning Friday, September 5 with information for the

upcoming weeks. If you have any thoughts regarding information items that could be included, please feel free to reach out. We are always looking for your voice and feedback.

First Week

Teachers will discuss supplies and classroom expectations during the first day of classes.

Tuesday, September 2: Classes begin for the 2025-2026 school year. Classes are scheduled 10:30-12:30 on the first day. Buses will pick students up at your scheduled pick-up location approximately 2 hours later than usual. Buses will pick students up from BSS at approximately 12:40 pm. Students should bring their school supplies for their first day—they will be able to securely store supplies and personal items in their lockers after first class.

September 2, 2025 BSS First Day of Classes Schedule	
Time	Block
10:30 – 11:00	A
11:00 – 11:30	B
11:30 – 12:00	C
12:00 – 12:30	D
Dismissal	

Wednesday, September 3: Camp Cougar! 8:30 am – 3:01 pm. More information will be shared with students on September 2. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday, September 4: Regular classes begin.

Friday, September 5: Regular Classes.

Class Schedules

Student schedules will be available on the [MyEd Portal](#) beginning Today week. Please watch your email for more information.

Grade 9 - 12 Students can pick up a paper copy of their schedules on the first day of classes in the cafeteria.

Grade 7/8 Learning Community Students will be welcomed at the main entrance by Ms. Davis, Mr. Nielsen, and Mr. Powers.

BSS Personal Device Policy

Please speak with your child prior to them coming on Tuesday about the [BSS Digital Device Usage Policy](#). While the official language is below, what it means is that personal devices, such as cell phones are not to be used during class time. Phones must be stored in their lockers during class time.

At Barriere Secondary School we believe that the foundations of a safe, caring, and welcoming school environment are fostered and maintained through a focus on inclusivity and equity-focused education implemented and supported through a progressive continuum of supports.

Welcome Back BBQ

Barriere Secondary School



Cougars

Welcome Back & Meet the
Teacher BBQ



Monday, September 8, 2025



5:00 pm - 7:00 pm by the soccer field

Please come join us for hot dogs and burgers!.

Meet your BSS PAC members!

We are excited to see everyone! 🎉

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will be open on Thursday, September 4. Cash is accepted or you may purchase your child(ren) lunch cards through the [SchoolCash](#) Online system.

Breakfast Program

The **Free** Breakfast Program has started. For those new to BSS, every weekday from 8:00 am – 8:25 am all students can enjoy a free breakfast.

Course Change Requests

If a course change is needed for Graduation or Post-Secondary requirements, or due to incorrect course assignment, please request an appointment. Continue attending your original classes until you have completed the processes the change.

Lost and Found Items

If students have misplaced clothing or personal items they will be placed on the table at the entrance to the school where students and families can collect the items. If you happen to be in the school, please have a look. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store these items for long periods of time. We will periodically be packaging unclaimed items and donating them to charity.

Leaving Early or Reporting Absences

Under "Safe Arrival": Did you know there is a safe arrival app? This makes reporting absences that much easier! You can find more information [HERE](#).

A reminder to parents that ALL absences/ lates /early dismissals should be recorded on our Safe Arrival system prior to 8:30 am on the day of the absence/ late / dismissal (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known). Please review [THIS](#) link for more information and instructions.

BSS Bell Schedule for the 2025/2026 School Year

The [bell schedule](#) for the 2025/2026 school year will be changed slightly from this year. The start end times for the day will remain the same but there will now be two blocks before lunch and two after lunch. This change will allow for lunch to take place earlier in the day, hopefully helping to ensure students have better access to food throughout the day.

TIME	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
8:25 A.M.	Warning Bell		
8:30 - 9:48	A	C	D
9:48 - 10:04	16 Min LONG BREAK		
10:04 - 11:22	B	B	B
11:22 - 12:19 (warning 12:14)	LUNCH		
12:19 - 1:37	C	D	A
1:37 - 1:43	BREAK		
1:43 - 3:01	D	A	C
3:01	DISMISSAL		



Barriere Secondary School Learning Goals 2025-2026



Engagement Foster student connection and care by engaging all educational community members.

Mental Health Create a school environment that supports positive mental health.

Culture Foster a safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive school culture.

For more information please check out the Barriere Secondary School Learning Plan at the following [LINK](#).

Admin Message

Dear Barriere Secondary School Community,

We are so excited to see everyone on Tuesday, September 2. Please come join us for a burger or hotdog between 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Monday, September 8 for our Welcome Back Community BBQ.

We are looking forward to a great year at Barriere Secondary. Enjoy the long weekend. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

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Vice-Principal

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Principal