



# ABERDEEN HALL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL



## CONGRATULATIONS GRAD CLASS OF 2021!

We would like to congratulate this group of students who persevered during this past year and wish you all the best in the next phase of your lives!

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021

# LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Aberdeen Hall Community,

We sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the summer break thus far, and are recharging your batteries for September. Last year was a challenging, but successful year and we are looking forward to starting a new chapter that will include an opportunity to begin to look back on the pandemic. At this point, the Ministry of Education is hopeful that we will enter Stage 1, which is defined as: “full-time in-class instruction for all students in all grades. No learning group or density requirements.”

An update is scheduled from the Ministry of Education on or about August 15, 2021. We will share this information with you as soon as possible. In June, there were some serious discussions about lifting all mask requirements for school settings, but again the Ministry will be working closely with Interior Health to make the final recommendations in mid August.

The last 17 months have certainly been very different from other school years, but we are optimistic that during the next few months, we will be able to recreate the normalized learning environment of which we are accustomed.

As I have mentioned in the past, I am very grateful to be a part of our Aberdeen Hall community. The kindness, strength and resilience exhibited over the course of the last year has been exceptional. We all learned many lessons that will benefit us as we move forward.

When asked about what she learned during the challenges of the pandemic, my youngest daughter expressed that she is now “more in the moment”. Before the pandemic, she said she would primarily work for the weekends, and the next big event, but since the pandemic, she has learned to enjoy smaller events and have a greater day-to-day presence. Because of the reduced pace of life and fewer options, she has learned to enjoy the smaller things. A valuable lesson I believe for someone in their early twenties.



We would like to thank those of you who have completed the diversity, equity and inclusion survey from the spring. We are meeting this month as a team to further review the feedback and coordinate our school’s pluralism strategies for the coming one to three years. As part of our August professional development series, all employees will be taking part in workshops about identifying biases and inclusive strategies while teaching.

Please see below for some of our overall strategies for next year.

**Re-establishing community connection** - We are excited to welcome parents back into the halls, and meet personally for Guild meetings and grade parent meet-ups. The human connection was greatly missed and will be welcomed back with enthusiasm. There is a certain chemistry that can only be achieved when we gather in person, especially when it comes to schools and the development of our students. We are enthusiastically planning events such as parent education evenings, performing arts shows, athletic games, galas, golf tournaments, and grade parent meetings.

**Restorative strategies for students, employees and parents** - We will be making a concerted effort to survey our different constituents to determine what restorative remedies may be required to achieve a level of normalcy that we are used to. This will be a process and is a group effort, and we ask that you communicate openly with us and provide your feedback with observations and requests.

**Advancing from lessons learned while teaching through the pandemic** - Further exploration of teaching strategies and learning opportunities developed during the pandemic has strengthened our faculty’s repertoire of progressive teaching methods, and our goal is to achieve an optimal balance of new and time proven techniques to enhance learning.

In closing, I would like to offer a sincere note of appreciation to our students, parents and employees for working so well together to persevere and maintain a positive “can do” approach. Because of this, we are excited about what the future holds.

Warm regards,

**Chris Grieve**

Head of School



## WONDERING WHO YOUR TEACHERS ARE OR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TIMETABLE?

Teachers will be at the front of each school to direct students to their homeroom class and students will be given their timetables on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**. We look forward to welcoming you back!



## UNIFORMS

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 AND STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR NUMBER 2 UNIFORM.**

### Uniform Store

The store will be open from August 3 to September 1 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are by appointment only. Thursdays and Fridays the shop is open from 9:00am-3:00pm.

If you would like to book an appointment to purchase items please book one 15 minute time slot. If you require a sizing appointment please book one 30 minute time slot.

If you have any questions please contact Yusula Choe at [yusula.choe@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:yusula.choe@aberdeenhall.com).

The uniform shop is located across the street from the school by the corner store.

### Looking for gently used uniforms?

Please text or call Karen Quigley at 250-860-7147 with your request for a uniform item(s). Please note that inventory is limited to the following due to the crest change: Blazers, pants, shorts, tunics, kilts and junior gym shorts.

## School Supply Lists

Kindergarten - Grade 3 students are provided with school supplies.  
Please ensure all uniform items and school supplies are clearly labeled.

## Bus Registration 2021-2022

Bus seats are secured for the entire year and reserved on a first come first serve basis.

To ensure your child has a seat on the bus, please complete the registration ASAP.

## After School Care - K-Grade 5

After school care is offered on all full school days from 3:15-5:15 pm. Please register and select your option of full time care or occasional use. There is no charge for Grade 5 students but registration is still required.





# BIRDIES, BOGEYS + BEVVIES

## 2021 GOLF TOURNAMENT

### It's time to par-tee!

We are excited to share that we will be hosting one of our community's most-loved events. Grab your golf clubs and join us at Aberdeen Hall's 2021 Golf Tournament! This fun-filled day is being held at the Black Mountain Golf Club. This is an 18 hole Texas scramble tournament with mulligans, strings and raffle tickets available for purchase.

USE GGID "WDBPAN"  
TO SIGN IN!

**SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 25**  
**BLACK MOUNTAIN  
GOLF CLUB**



## SAVE THE DATES

### Welcome Back BBQ



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Check the Back to School Courier on Friday, September 3 for details!

### Holiday Social at BNA



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Tickets and details will be coming shortly!

## CONTACTS



### Junior School

Principal: **Ms. Casey Turnpenny**  
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Vice-Principal: **Ms. Laura Hazeldine**  
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### Middle School

Principal: **Mr. Paul Bienvenu**  
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Vice-Principal: **Ms. Ashley Bryden**  
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### High School

Principal: **Mr. Grant Ozechowsky**  
[grant.zechowsky@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:grant.zechowsky@aberdeenhall.com)

Questions about student life, leadership, electives or timetables please contact:  
**Ms. Jaime Hill** - Vice-Principal/Student Life:  
[jaime.hill@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:jaime.hill@aberdeenhall.com)

Questions about graduation requirements, transcripts or post secondary guidance.  
Please contact: **Mr. Stephen Acree**  
Vice-Principal/University Guidance:  
[stephen.acree@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:stephen.acree@aberdeenhall.com)

## Questions about Athletics?



Contact **Mr. John Gareau** at [john.gareau@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:john.gareau@aberdeenhall.com)



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## 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### August 2021

31 Tues Professional Development Workshop

### September 2021

01 Wed Professional Development Workshop

02 Thurs Professional Development Workshop

07 Tues First Day of Fall Term

### October 2021

08 Fri Mid-Term Break (School Closed)

11 Mon Thanksgiving (School Closed)

### November 2021

11 Thurs Remembrance Day (School Closed)

12 Fri Professional Development Day (School Closed)

### December 2021

17 Fri Last Day of School (Noon Dismissal)

20 Mon Winter Vacation Begins

### January 2022

10 Mon First Day after Winter Vacation

### February 2022

18 Fri Professional Development Day (School Closed)

21 Mon Family Day (School Closed)

### March 2022

18 Fri Last Day of School

21 Mon Spring Vacation Begins (School Closed)

### April 2022

04 Mon First Day after Spring Vacation (School Closed)

15 Fri Good Friday (School Closed)

18 Mon Easter Monday (School Closed)

### May 2022

20 Fri Spring Mid-Term Break (School Closed)

23 Mon Victoria Day (School Closed)

### June 2022

13-21 Final School Based Exams (Gr. 6-12)

22 Wed Year End Ceremonies

22 Wed Last Day of Classes (Noon Dismissal)

23-24 Professional Development Days (School Closed)

Teaching Excellence | Inspiring Futures | Shaping Character

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