

Welcome Back!

A quick announcement before I get into the full letter. On Thursday September 15th we will be having a parent BBQ at 5:00 pm. I would love to meet all of the Cavalier Community!

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community at Kitscoty Jr. Sr. High School. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

In a lot of ways this new school year has two sets of beginnings. Firstly, the beginning of a new school year. Every year the approach of fall leads us to the annual influx of students into our school. For the staff at our school this is the moment we wait for each year. Our students have a great staff that has spent the last week in planning so that your child has every opportunity to exceed and grow. Our office team has been working hard registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and making a positive difference.

Secondly this year will be the beginning of our return to typical. We want our students to grow as a community and as people. Our staff wants to build relationships with all our students so we can be in the best position for them to grow as people. We want our community to once again feel welcome into the school and for our parents/guardians to know that they are an integral part of their child's education. During much of the pandemic this was challenging but as we move forward it is important to rebuild the social aspect of our school. Please recognize however that for security reasons all doors will be locked after the first bell.

Your student will be best served by being active in class and within the school itself. Please help them become involved in extra-curricular activities, especially now that we are able to participate in them more fully.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. First of all I would like to introduce Ms. Chantelle Wunder, our new Foods teacher. Chantelle is a graduate of KHS and brings her talents from Marwayne. You will find she always has a bright smile and looks forward to each moment that she is with students. Ms. Hailey Ferguson is back with us for the time being to teach Phys Ed and Science. She brings an exuberance and a deep sense of caring to her role regardless of the time frame. Lastly, I am Tom Hawboldt, your new principal. I come from a long career in administration and teaching in Saskatchewan. Each day I walk into our school I feel a gratitude in being given the opportunity to serve the students, staff and community of KHS. Thank you in advance for your trust.

Student Parking

It has become common for our students to park in the community hall parking lot. The town has been very generous in allowing us to use that space. It needs to be respected and cared for and in that effort, we will be organizing monthly (at a minimum) cleanups of the parking lot and surrounding

area.

Student Placement

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement and timetabling for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Careful consideration was given to input from staff and families as well as student learning styles. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Please understand that we will make every effort to ensure your students success this year, but all timetabling requests or accommodations may be challenging to meet or may not in the best educational interest of the student.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. Kitscoty Jr. Sr.High School is eagerly looking forward to enriching your child's life. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all students.

Warmest Regards,

Tom Hawboldt
Principal
Kitscoty Jr. Sr. High School