



## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Oct. 2:  
Terry Fox  
Celebration

Thursday, Oct 10:  
Meet the Families  
Night



Meet the Family

Friday, Oct 11:  
PD Day

Monday, Oct 14:  
Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Oct 15:  
Twin Day/Match  
Your Teacher Day

Tuesday, Oct 22:  
TVDSB Cross  
Country Finals

Wednesday, Oct 23  
Gr. 7 Immunizations

Tuesday, Oct 29:  
Colour House  
Assembly

Principal: Christine Sharpe  
Superintendent of Student Achievement: Sheila Powell

Secretary: Joanne Crawford.  
Trustee: Dave Cripps.

Custodian: Mike Brown  
Trustee: Leanne Hopkins

# A.J. BAKER CRUSADER'S CORNER

OCTOBER 2024

## A GREAT START!



Wow! September sure flew by! We are all getting into our routines, sharing what we are learning and finding our groove at AJ Baker.

In September we kicked off our Terry Fox campaign and raised over \$3000. Our students and staff enjoyed an afternoon of running together, and we even found some dinosaurs, sharks and unicorns running amongst us!

Coming up in October, we are looking forward to starting our Character Council events, getting into our fall sports and enjoying a long weekend.

October brings with it cooler days, and students should make sure to dress for whatever the weather brings. We go outside daily, whatever the weather (as long as it is safe to do so).

October 31 is Orange and Black Day, and we ask students to keep their costumes at home, so they can be clean and dry for Halloween night for those who celebrate. At school, there will be some fun surprises and we invite everyone to wear Orange and Black that day.

Christine Sharpe - Principal

## A Friendly Reminder:

If your child will be late or absent, please let the school know using School Messenger. If you know you will be picking your child up early, you can also record it through School Messenger.

<b>9:00</b>	<b>School Day Begins</b>
<b>9:00-9:50</b>	<b>Period 1</b>
<b>9:50-10:40</b>	<b>Period 2</b>
<b>10:40-10:55</b>	<b>Morning Recess</b>
<b>10:55-11:45</b>	<b>Period 3</b>
<b>11:45-12:45</b>	<b>Lunch and Lunch Recess</b>
<b>12:45-1:35</b>	<b>Period 4</b>
<b>1:35-2:25</b>	<b>Period 5</b>
<b>2:25-2:40</b>	<b>Afternoon Recess</b>
<b>2:40-3:30</b>	<b>Period 6</b>
<b>3:30</b>	<b>Dismissal and Bus Boarding</b>

## Access to School

- All TVDSB external doors to the school will be locked unless for essential operational needs.
- A doorbell and phone number are outside the main doors to reach the office staff. We will happily greet your child or bring them to you.
- Parents may sign out/pick up their children for lunch if desired. Otherwise, students remain at school during the lunch break. The doors to schools are locked at all times. There is a doorbell and camera to alert office staff. Please call ahead to let Mrs. Crawford know if you plan to pick up your child.

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL / HEALTH CONDITIONS IN SCHOOLS

To ensure children with potentially life threatening medical conditions remain safe while attending school, TVDSB requests that Parents/Guardians update the necessary medical information on the Parent Portal so the school's administration can review an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) for the student . Medical conditions considered potentially life threatening may include:



1. Asthma
2. Anaphylaxis
3. Epilepsy
4. Type 1 Diabetes
5. Any other potentially life threatening condition that could result in a medical incident\* (discuss with your school administrator)

## NUT SAFE SCHOOL

**A reminder that A.J. Baker Public School is a Nut Safe School.**

**Please be aware that we have students who are allergic to peanut and nut products, and a reaction could be fatal if they come in contact with these products. We ask for your help and cooperation to avoid sending any food to school containing peanuts or nut products.**

Also, we ask that peanut butter substitute products not be used in place of Peanut Butter for student lunches. This can be problematic as it is very hard to identify it as such. The Thames Valley District School Board supports not using any peanut butter substitute as it is too hard to delineate from peanut butter.

Thank you for your attention to this as we attempt to make the learning environment as safe as possible for all our students. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## **DISMISSAL/EARLY PICK UP**

\*At 3:30 p.m., All students will be dismissed by their teachers, except those in the before/after school program. Students in grades 5-8, who are walkers, will be permitted to walk home if we know parents consent to this. Students will walk out of the building.

\*Teachers and parents will connect to dismiss students.

\*Student may not travel on other friends' buses at any time.

\*Students may not travel with other families unless we have written consent or a phone call from both families ahead of time.

\*Students will only be permitted to leave with adults on the approved contact list unless we receive consent from the parent/guardian. That person should be prepared to show photo I.D. If they are not a parent/guardian, regardless of consent. If you have a custody agreement or alternate schedules for families, please provide these to the school. We would rather delay a child's dismissal than send them home with someone not on the contact list.

\*If you are meeting your child after school, please wait for your child in the parent area (near the flagpole) and promptly leave the school yard to avoid congestion. Please ensure you have alerted a staff member that you have taken your child. Your efforts to keep everyone safe are truly appreciated.

## **Social Media**

Did you know that AJ Baker has a Social Media presence?

We can be found on X (formerly Twitter) @AJBakerKintore

We can be found on Instagram @ajbakerps

We can be found in Facebook Groups (AJ Baker Public School)

All three platforms will have regular updates. Student photos will never be included without your permission (and theirs).

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

School Council/Home and School Association Meetings are held on the **first Monday of each month** in the library. All members of the school community (parents, guardians and families) are welcome to attend.