

YEAR END | JUNE 2022

# THE MOUNTAINEER

Updates for the parents, guardians & students of Buck Mountain Central School



## MISSION:

At Buck Mountain Central School, we passionately engage our diverse students every day by genuinely connecting and supporting them on their learning journey towards high school completion and life beyond our doors.

## Message from the Principal

As the school year comes to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the year we have had and share some information as we plan for next school year.

First, I would like to reiterate my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2022. It was an honour to be a part of your educational journey and I look forward to hearing about all of your major accomplishments and contributions that you make to this world in life beyond high school. We celebrated the graduates with families, friends, and the community on May 27th, prior to the start of exam season!

Next I want to express my utmost gratitude and appreciation for the staff at Buck Mountain Central School. You have made this year exceptional and I am proud to work with such talented, committed, and caring individuals.

Additionally, I speak on behalf of all staff when I thank the families and the communities BMC serves for the ongoing partnership, dedication, and patience as we journeyed yet another school year. We may have had to have some tough conversations or there may be decisions that were made that you have disagreed with, but your eagerness to continue to support and advocate for this small, rural school will forever be our greatest asset. Your commitment to our students makes all the difference.

Finally, I thank all the students of BMC, who have demonstrated growth, perseverance, and resilience this school year. We are proud of your academic and non-academic successes, how you have navigated learning throughout the school year, and mostly how you showed up as the best version of yourself each day, willing to learn new things, express creativity, or tackle a new challenge. Being there with you, along your side as you have demonstrated growth, shown confidence, or met a challenge with grit and tenacity are the most rewarding moments as an educator. You have given us all so much to be proud of and thankful for.

I look forward to continuing to learn with you as we embark on a new school year... after a restful and rejuvenating summer break, of course!

## Parent Advisory Council

Our parent advisory council has had another successful year, thanks to a small number of committed volunteers. We hope to continue to grow and learn together the best way for parents and guardians in our community to get involved at the school throughout the year and as a means to fundraise for things within our school community that can benefit all.

We express our gratitude to Christine Woods, Parent Advisory Chair for the past several years, who will be moving on as her last child in our school is graduating. Thank you for all of the time and energy you have invested in our school community.

Donna Glenn will be stepping into the role of Chair for the 2022-2023 school year and our first meeting will be held on September 13th, 2022 at 7pm. Mark your calendars now!

## Welcome Grade 7 Students

We are excited to meet the new grade 7 class come the fall. Students and guardians are invited to join us during registration on August 25th and 26th, 2022 so they may tour the school and settle their belongings in their lockers. We will have student schedules printed and ready!

The official Grade 7 Orientation will happen on the very first day of school, August 29th, 2022.

We know the start of school somewhere new can cause some nervousness, and want to assure any nervous students or parents that we are here to support a successful transition into grade 7. The BMC team has met with teams from Alder Flats and Winfield to learn about students strengths and their areas for growth. The two fantastic support teams have prepared us well and we are grateful to be working with such great teams of educators, who have one common goal: the successful transition for grade 7 students.

## Registration and First Days of School

We welcome students and parents to come stock up their lockers and sign any last minute forms on August 25th and 26th for school registration. Student schedules will be available via PowerSchool, so if you are squeezing every last minute out of summer break, there is no need to make time during these days to stop in, but we will be there if you choose to come say hello.

If you have not turned in your 2022-2023 registration verification forms to the office and you intend for your child(ren) to remain enrolled, please contact the office as soon as possible.

## New Bell Schedule

Please note that our bell schedule will be changing for the 2022-2023 school year. As noted in previous communications home, we are moving directed learning into period 1. This is a mandatory class for all students and attendance will be tracked and communicated home.



## 2022-2023 Bell Schedule



Warning Bell   8:45 AM (3 minutes)
Directed Learning 8:47 a.m. - 9:16 a.m. (29 minutes)
Break   9:16 - 9:20 (4 Minutes)
Period 1   9:20 a.m. - 9:59 a.m. (39 minutes)
Period 2   9:59 a.m. - 10:38 a.m. (39 minutes)
Break   10:38 - 10:42 (4 minutes)
Period 3   10:42 a.m. - 11:21 a.m. (39 minutes)
Period 4   11:21 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (39 minutes)
Lunch Break   12:00 p.m. - 12:36 p.m. (36 minutes)
Warning Bell   12:36 p.m.- 12:38 p.m. ( 2 minutes)
Period 5   12:38 p.m. - 1:17 p.m. (39 minutes)
Period 6   1:17 p.m. - 1:56 p.m. (39 minutes)
Break   1:56 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (4 minutes)
Period 7   2:00 p.m. - 2:39 p.m. (39 minutes)
Period 8   2:39 p.m. - 3:18 p.m. (39 minutes)
Busses Depart   3:18 p.m. - 3:22 p.m. (4 minutes) <small>CTS Foster Block</small>

- Busses leave the Buck Mountain Central School at 3:23 p.m.
- If the student arrives within the first 15 minutes of the period the teacher will need to mark the student as late.
- If the student arrives after the first 15 minutes the student will be left as an absent.

## 2022-2023 Policy Updates

Please note the changes that will be implemented next school year with regard to cell phones, backpacks and large bags, and hats/hoods.

### **BMC Cell Phone and Device Policy**

Buck Mountain Central School has a restricted cell phone and device policy. As such, during scheduled class times, students in grades 7-9 are not permitted cell phones in instructional areas. Students wishing to contact their parents may seek permission from their teacher to do so through the office. Parents may phone the regular school phone number to contact their child.

Teachers may request students bring their devices to a class on a specified date and time if the use of the device adds instructional value to the classroom activity and school provided technologies cannot meet the need.

Students in grades 10-12 are encouraged to keep their cell phones and devices in their lockers during instructional times. Teachers will provide their expectations for cell phone/electronic use in their respective course outlines.

Upon misuse of cell phones and devices in instructional areas, instructors will ask that the device be taken to the student's locker. Continued misuse will have the device taken to the office, where it will be returned by the end of the day, or when deemed appropriate by administration. If a student's use of their device continues to be problematic, the teacher may request a meeting with parents to discuss.

### **BMC Backpack and Book Bag Policy**

Backpacks, book bags, duffle bags, sports bags, or other types of satchels are not permitted within classrooms. Small purses, fanny packs, or other small enclosures meant to store personal effects or supplies, are permitted within reasonable limits. Students are encouraged to combine binders and visit lockers at the appropriately scheduled breaks in order to be prepared for class. Reasons for this policy include general classroom clutter, safety, and hazards. Special cases may be permitted as determined by administrators, and include exceptional circumstances.

### **Hats and Hoods**

We anticipate that effective in the 2022-2023 school year, hats and hoods will no longer be permitted in WRPS schools. An administrative policy regarding this is currently in draft form and will go through the approval process early next school year, however students and families should be aware of this change now as we will be enforcing it at the start of next school year at BMC. This change comes as a result of consultation with our RCMP partners. The intent behind this policy is to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and volunteers in WRPS schools.

# Exam Schedule

Please be aware of BMC's final exam policy:

At Buck Mountain, we believe that student completion of final assessments are an essential element of education. Through this practice, students show their understanding of curricular outcomes and acquired knowledge and/or skills for whole courses.

- Completion is compulsory. Failure to complete will result in a final mark 0% on the assessment.
- Exceptions to completion of the assessment may be given in the case of extenuating circumstances, as deemed appropriate by school administration, in consultation with course instructors.
  - Exceptions may include serious medical care, with documentation, and compassionate considerations for personal tragedy.
  - Final evaluation of course completion will be made on a case by case basis.
- All students must write on the school mandated date; however, alternative arrangements may be made with approval by school administration, in consultation with course instructors.

[BMC Final EXAM POLICY](#)

## Buck Mountain Central School Exam Schedule June 2022

<b>Monday, May 16</b>	9:00 am	ELA 9 PAT Part A Exam	Room 141
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 122</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 14</b>	9:00 am	Social Studies 30-1 Part A Diploma	Room 143
	9:00 am	Social Studies 30-2 Part A Diploma	Room 143
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 170</i>
<b>Friday, June 17</b>	9:00-9:30	Math 7 Part A Exam (Period 1)	Room 169
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 164</i>
	9:00-11:00	Math 30-2 Diploma Exam	Office
	12:45-1:45	Math 8 Part A Exam (Period 6)	Room 165
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 164</i>
	1:00-1:30	Math 9 Part A Exam	Room 141
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 143</i>

**Tuesday, June 21**     *National Indigenous Peoples Day*  
*Multi-school event at PLRS/FALUN*

### Wednesday, June 22: Last Day of Classes

<b>Wednesday, June 22</b>	9:00 am	Social Studies 30-1 Part B Diploma	Room 143
	9:00 am	Social Studies 30-2 Part B Diploma	Room 143
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 170</i>

9:00 -10:30     Math 9 Part B Exam     Room 141  
*Regular afternoon classes follow for all grades.*

<b>Thursday, June 23</b>	9:00 -10:30	ELA 9 Part B Exam	Room 141
	9:00-11:00	Science 24	Room 144
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 146</i>
	9:00-11:00	Chemistry 20	Room 144
	9:00-11:00	Math 10 C	Room 165
	9:00-11:00	Math 10-3	Room 123
	9:00-11:00	Science 14	Room 144
	9:00-11:00	ELA 8	Room 145
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 164</i>
	9:00-11:00	Math 7 Part B Exam	Room 169
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 170</i>
	1:00-3:00	Math 8 Part B Exam	Room 145
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 164</i>
	1:00-3:00	ELA 7	Room 169
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 170</i>

<b>Friday, June 24</b>	9:00 -10:15	Science 9 Exam	Room 141
	9:00-11:00	Chemistry 30 Diploma	Room 170
	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 10-1	Room 143
	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 10-2	Room 169
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 170</i>
	9:00-11:00	English Language Arts 20-1	Room 143
	9:00-11:00	English Language Arts 20-2	Room 144
		<i>extra exam room</i>	<i>Room 146</i>
		<i>First Aid 12:18-3:18 Room 144</i>	

<b>Monday, June 27</b>	9:00 -11:00	Physics 30 Diploma	Room 170
	9:00-11:00	Biology 20	Room 169
	9:00 -10:30	Social 7	Room 145
	9:00-11:00	Science 8	Room 165

*First Aid 11:00-3:18 Room 144 (break for lunch)*

<b>Tuesday, June 28</b>	9:00 -11:00	Math 31	Room 141
	9:00- 11:00	<b>Make up exams</b>	<b>Office</b>

*First Aid 8:45-3:15 Room 144*