

Northridge Family Update for...

September 21-25, 2026

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It was a beautiful, sunny day for our welcome back BBQ and meet the teacher event on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who made time in their busy schedules to be there. We want to say an extra thank you to the PAC team who helped set up, clean up, sell tickets, cook, and serve the food at the BBQ. It's a big job and having so many volunteers helped it run smoothly. Teachers were happy to meet families, kids were happy to show off their new classrooms, and all of us are looking forward to a great year of learning together.

Reminder: Monday is a professional development day; there is no school for students.

Lunch at School – Support for Families

Northridge receives funding from the Ministry of Education & Child Care to provide food for students at school. If your family would benefit from having us take care of lunches, please email cnickerson@sd61.bc.ca so we can include them in our school meal planning. We also have fruit and other snacks in the office for any student during the day if they are hungry.

The PAC Hot Lunch program is launching this week. No child should miss out on this fun lunch opportunity due to family finances. If you would benefit from financial assistance to cover the cost of your child's PAC lunch, please email the principal, Carey, at cnickerson@sd61.bc.ca or the vice principal, Ramy, at rgerber@sd61.bc.ca and the school will take care of the payment for you. Your privacy will be respected.

Cross-Country for Grades 3-5

Fall Cross Country is back again for Grade 3-5 students! Mrs. Maxwell will meet with interested students on Wednesday at morning recess to send home waivers. Our first practice will be on Thursday before school at 8:10 on the school field. Mrs. Maxwell is seeking about 5 parent volunteers for 8:10 Community Runs on Thursday, October 1, 8, 15, and 22. If you are interested in helping for some or all of these runs, please email Mrs. Maxwell at jmaxwell@sd61.bc.ca

Join the Northridge Swim Club – open to all grades (flyer attached)

Registration is now open for the Northridge swim club! Provided in partnership with Pacific Coast Swimming, this swim program is designed to introduce students to structured swim training and competition in a fun, supportive team environment. Students develop swimming skills, endurance, fitness, and confidence while representing their school.

Practices happen every Tuesday from October - March, 3:15pm- 4:00pm at Saanich Commonwealth Pool. Cost is \$160 which needs to be paid by cash or cheque made out to Northridge Elementary School. Families are responsible for transportation to the pool.

In order to participate, students MUST already be able to swim 25m unassisted and be comfortable in deep water without an instructor in the pool with them.

Spaces are limited and registration is on a first come first served basis:

<https://www.pacificcoastswimming.com/program-info/fast-schools-program>

Have questions? Email Northridge parent rep, Isla: islamcconnachie@gmail.com

Absences/Lates

If your child will be absent or late, please remember to email (northridgeattendance@sd61.bc.ca) or phone the attendance system **(250-479-4639)** before 8:45. All families need to let the office know even if you have informed the teacher. This will avoid you getting an email and phone call from the automated system and help our staff plan for the day. You can find the email and phone number on our school website. We recently updated our attendance email; both the new and previous email address will work to report your child's absence.

Parking/Pick Up & Drop Off Safety

We continued to have some dangerous situations during drop-off and pickup times this week. Please do not use the drive-through lane in front of the school unless your child can independently get in or out of the vehicle. We understand some students need adult assistance and we ask that you find a parking spot on a nearby street if you need to get out of the vehicle.

The parking lot is reserved for staff and those who need access to the disability parking spaces. Thank you for your help to make it as safe as possible during these busy traffic times.

The Week Ahead

Monday	• Professional Development Day – no school for students
Tuesday	• Indigenous students' pizza lunch
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	• Deadline to order PAC hot lunch (see info from PAC)

Looking Further Ahead

- Tuesday, Sept. 29 – Orange Shirt Day
- Wednesday, Sept. 30 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day – schools are closed
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Early Dismissal at 11:50 AM for Parent/Teacher conferences

Notes from the Northridge PAC (newsletter attached)

Hello Northridge Families,

We are pleased to let you know that our hot lunch system is up and running for the school year! You can now visit northridge.hotlunches.net to set up your account and begin ordering lunches for the fall. Please note that our first lunch will be on October 2, and the order deadline for it is Sept 25.

All accounts are purged at the end of every school year, so even if you had an account last year, you will need to create a new one this year. If you had a credit remaining at the end of the last school year, it will automatically carry over as long as you use the same email address.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please feel free to get in touch!

We do not want cost to be a barrier to any family. If you need financial assistance, you can speak, in confidence, with the principal (Carey Nickerson) or vice principal (Ramy Gerber).

If you have questions, contact northridge.pac.hotlunch@gmail.com

PAC Connection Newsletter

Each week, the PAC's Connection newsletter will be attached to this update. This week you will find information about swim club, hot lunch, and the ever popular fall apple fundraiser.



NORTHRIDGE PAC HOT LUNCH DATES

Mark your calendars for the PAC's hot lunches this Fall!

Fri Oct 2, Pizza	 Order deadline Sept 25
Thurs Oct 22, White Spot	 Order deadline Oct 16
Fri Nov 13, Subway	 Order deadline Nov 6
Fri Dec 4, Pizza	 Order deadline Nov 27

Order online at: northridge.hotlunches.net
Questions: northridge.pac.info@gmail.com

Want to stay on top of all the PAC news? Ongoing program updates, and order deadlines can be found in the PAC Connection newsletter sent out each Friday! You can also find us on Facebook @NorthridgeFamilies.