

Gulf Shore School Newsletter

September 2026

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Welcome:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year. A special welcome to those of you who are new to our school.

This newsletter is the first of a monthly newsletter from Gulf Shore. We will be sending out a reminder to parents that the newsletter is ready to view and it will be posted on the website at www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore. Parents are asked to take the time to read it as it contains information about the upcoming month. On behalf of the staff, we wish you a very successful school year.

Dates to Remember:

September 8 –	First Instructional Day 2026
September 10 –	Home & School Meeting 6:30 pm
September 15 -	Meet the Staff- 6:30 pm
	7-9 Band meeting for parents grade 7-9
September 25 –	Student Pictures
September 30 –	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes)
October 2 -	Terry Fox Walk/Run
October 5 –	Dental Clinic begins
October 12 –	Thanksgiving Day - (no classes)
October 16 –	Student Picture retakes

Visitors to the School:

Everyone who is visiting the school (dropping off children, picking up children or for any other reason) **must** stop in the office before going to any other part of the school. We ask that you do not park on the side of the road in front of the school, please use the parking lot. Also, please remember that we are a nut and scent free school.

Staffing:

We would like to welcome our new Gulf Shore Staff:

Kim Studer	Vice Principal
Anna Lucassie -	Grade 6F
Brianna O'Connor	Grade 1A
Hannah Thompson	Grade 2A
Marya Wiegers	Grade 5F (Doing Camrie's Veitch mat leave until November
Sarah Bethune	4Y SS, 4F Health, 4Y Math
Amanda MacBain	Gr. 4ELA, Gr. 5/6 Z ELA, Grade 5Y & 5Z Math
Mary Joan Campbell	K-9 Core French, Grade 7 EXP
Roxanne MacLeod	7E Home Room, Gr. 8 & 9 SS, Gr. 7-9 Science, Gr. 9 EXPB, Gr. 5F LA
Louise Gullander	9E HR, 7-9 ENG

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Joanna Mitchell EA
Jodi Blackman YSW

Exploratory Fee

As in past years, we are collecting an exploratory fee for students in grades 7-9. This fee is used to offset the cost of Home Ec., Industrial Arts. The fee for 2026 – 2027 school year is \$31.50. You can pay this fee online through our School Cash Net. You must log on to register your child and from there you can pay these fees on-line. Information on logging on and registering is included in this newsletter.

Nut / Fragrance Free:

Gulf Shore is scent- free. Some members of our staff and students are highly allergic to strong scents. We ask that students refrain from using perfumes and strong scented deodorant of any kind. If you plan on visiting the school please abide by this policy.

We are also a Nut Free School. Please be mindful when packing your children's lunches, NO Peanut butter, soy butter, Nutella or products containing peanuts, pistachios or cashews and no WOW or imitation butter.

Early Arrival at School:

Parents are asked to respect our policy regarding students coming to school early in the morning. Students who walk or are dropped off are asked **not to arrive before 8:20.**

School Photos:

Our school photos will be taken by Everest Solutions on September 25. Retakes for anyone who was missing on our original picture day is October 16.

Agendas: Student Agendas have been ordered for students in grades 1-6 . It is expected that students use their agenda daily to record homework, assignments, and other important dates. It is also a useful place to communicate with homeroom teachers.

Meet The Staff Night: We will be having a Meet the staff night on Tuesday, September 15.

School Busses: Because of the overcrowding on our school busses, we are unable to give a students a bus pass to go on another bus unless it has to do with a change of childcare.

Home & School News:

Next meeting: **September 10, 2026, at 6:30** at Gulf Shore teachers lounge. All parents and guardians are welcome!

What is Home & School?

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- The Gulf Shore Home & School board is an elected group who work as a liaison between parents and the school. We are members of the PEI Home & School Federation and strive to advocate for the best possible education for our students and support them in many aspects.

What does Home & School do?

- Breakfast Program- operates Mon-Fri and provides a mixture of prepackaged and fresh homemade items each morning in partnership with the school staff.
- Pancake Lunches- prepared by volunteers for special events.
- BBQ's: hosted by Home & School volunteers throughout the year.
- Staff and bus driver appreciation activities.
- Meals for teachers- hosted by Home & School volunteers during parent/teacher conferences.
- Family Fun events- from dances to carnival games throughout the whole year.
- Christmas store and bake sale.
- Gulf Shore Hot Lunch Program. <https://gulfshore.hotlunches.net/> See our Facebook page for more details.

How do I get involved?

- Sign up to our Gulf Shore Home & School Facebook page.
- Read the Gulf Shore monthly newsletters. Found on the school website.
- We welcome volunteers for our many various activities throughout the school year.
- Attend our monthly meetings. Drop in for one or for all, you can choose.

Gulf Shore Home & School Executive Board and Parent Volunteers:

President: Martina Cole-Gallant

Vice President: Ashley Ryder

Past President: Dorothy Wakelin

Secretary: Raeona Macleod

Treasurer: Charmaine Campbell

Fundraising: Raeona Macleod

Hot Lunch: Kristin Leclair

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Band News

Happy September Sharks! I will be sending out information about band, rehearsals, etc. by email. Feel free to email me anytime with questions at cpperly@edu.pe.ca.

Early Morning Band

Grade 7-9 band students will have early morning band once a week on Tuesday mornings. The expectation is that all grade 7-9 band students attend each early morning band rehearsal. Students are asked to be in the building no later than 7:40 so that they are in their seats playing at 7:50. Our first EMB will be on September 15th.

Band Uniforms and Hoodies

An email will be sent out later this month to take orders for band uniform shirts (required) and band hoodies (optional).

Band Fee

Band students in grades 7-9 are asked to pay their band fee of \$52.50 for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Students in grade 6 are asked to pay a band fee of 26.50. These fees can be paid through our School Cash online service. Information on how to register is included in this newsletter.

Phys Ed/Sports News:

Welcome back to our Gulf Shore athletes for the 2026/27 fall sports season! It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting autumn and tryouts for Intermediate **Soccer** and **Golf**, as well as **Cross-Country** for Pre-Novice, Novice, Bantam, and Intermediate.

Intermediate Girls Soccer (grade 7-9): We will be getting right into the swing of things with soccer tryouts for girls starting Thursday (September 10) & Friday (September 11) from 3:00 – 4:40 PM. Practices will be on Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. Permission forms must be turned in before the 1st tryout and can be picked up anytime at the gym office. Beth Wainwright will be the coach for our girls soccer team this year. Future practices league games are TBD and will be sent out at a later date.

Intermediate Boys Soccer (grade 7-9): We are currently looking for a coach for our Intermediate Boys Soccer team. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in doing this, please reach out to Mr. Roche.

Cross country (grade 3-9) will be offered once again for all students in grades 3-9 who submit a permission form. Permission forms will be sent home with students who are interested. We encourage runners of **all skill levels** to come on out to practice and challenge

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themselves to improve their running, but we will be sending our fastest athletes to the Zone Meet for Novice Girls, Novice Boys, Bantam Girls, Bantam Boys, Intermediate Girls, and Intermediate Boys PEISAA Age Classifications. More info on the Zone Meet at a later date. Practices will be starting on Monday, September 14 and will be run during big recess.

Intermediate Golf (grade 7-9) There will be a meeting on Friday, September 11 at 12 Noon for all Intermediate students interested in competing in PEISAA Intermediate Golf. Parents should stay tuned for another golf update in early September.

Hot Lunch Update:

Gulf Shore is pleased to offer an on-line ordering and payment system for our Hot Lunch Program. In addition to white & chocolate milk every day, we have Subway on Wednesdays and By the Bay pizza on Fridays.

Ordering will begin for the week of September 14th. Orders must be placed the **Saturday prior by 8:00pm** and can be paid **only via Paypal**. **Orders that are not paid before the deadline will not be processed.**

Please follow these steps **to register as a parent** for the Hot Lunch Program.

- Go to <https://gulfshore.hotlunches.net/>
- "Click here to register"
- Enter our access code 7810
- Complete the registration form including your student's home room (this is important and helps distribute orders correctly)
- "Register now" at the bottom of the form.

Register your student(s)

- Login using the username and password you created.
- Click "students"
- Enter your child's information and homeroom (this is important to help distribute orders correctly)
- If registering more than one child, click "add new" to add additional students.

Please note, if your child resides in two homes, each caregiver can register and place orders for their student by adding "Mom", "Dad" or some other designation to the child's last name as the system will not accept the same student twice.

Once your children have been registered in the system, you can begin ordering for the first week, or as many weeks in advance as you prefer.

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Click “order” beside the week(s) of your choice and you will see available options for each day. Once you have selected options for the week, click “update order & proceed”. Your balance will appear at the top of the page. Click “pay with PayPal” and follow the prompts to login to your PayPal account.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out via e-mail KristinL8790@gmail.com or in our Gulf Shore Home & School Facebook group.

School Cash Online

We are excited to inform you we now offer SchoolCash Online as our preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks. Our SchoolCash Online page can be found here: <https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashionline.com/>.

Benefits to parents and schools

SchoolCash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. In addition to convenience for yourself, you will help increase efficiency and security at your school by making payments directly into your school's bank account. This allows teachers and secretaries to focus on helping students, and not counting cash. In addition, you are immediately informed about school activities!

Register now!

Registering for your free SchoolCash Online account takes less than two minutes! Visit <https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashionline.com/> and click Register.

Should you encounter any difficulties, please contact the SchoolCash Online parent help desk by visiting schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support.

How it works

Powered by KEV Group, SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the safe and secure management of school fees. This system puts all of the school-related fees for your student online for purchase. Schools post their items and activities and assign the relevant fees to your student, so you can then make purchases online using your credit card. This allows you to stay informed about upcoming school activities while keeping track of the school fees that require your attention.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or Public Schools Branch.

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Watch for students on the road

A new school year means that children walk, cycle, or ride a bus to school or travel in their family cars. Passing school buses with red lights flashing is a persistent issue reported by bus drivers across the province. Drivers are reminded to focus on school bus safety as students return to class.

A new government campaign encourages parents and educators to talk to children about bus stop safety -arriving early, staying back from the road, looking both ways, and waiting for a signal from the driver before crossing the road. To learn more about school bus safety and the rules of the road, [visit School Bus Safety.](#)

Update Home and School Contacts

Attention Presidents: Use the Google Form to update this year's current Home & School executive contact details by Oct. 1st. (<https://forms.gle/TB4W9WJuUndDeLPd6>)

Attention Treasurers: Submit 2026-2027 Membership fees to the Federation office by Oct. 15th.

E-transfers to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to: PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

Semi-Annual Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Place: Gulf Shore Consolidated School, 185 Hilltop Avenue, North Rustico, PEI

Topics: 1. Youth Health Survey 2025-26 Results = reported by nearly 8,000 PEI students
2. Home & School Networking

***Registration details to follow.

Executive/Volunteer Training

Experienced facilitators Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Volunteer Training Workshops. These will focus on equipping new and returning Home and School volunteers with the practical knowledge needed to collaborate effectively with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students. Details include:

Monday, Nov 2 Spring Park School, 6 – 8 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 3 Souris School, 6 – 8 p.m.

Nov. TBD Alberton School, 6 – 8 p.m.

*****Registration details to follow.**

What's on your first Local Home and School Meeting's Sept./Oct. agenda?

- **Add details from this September Newsletter.**
- **Meet your principal** = discuss setting goals for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Welcome new parents to meetings.**
- **Code of Conduct** = Do you understand your responsibilities, your child's, and your school's responsibilities regarding a code of conduct? Ask your principal for details.
- **Cell Phone Use = Review Minister's Directive**
- **Brainstorm** = Find ways to support your child's school.
- **Fundraising = What is the purpose for raising funds this year?** Develop a proposed budget for this school year's initiatives - ask for a motion to approve the budget, ask for a mover/second, and write it into the minutes. Your fundraising committee can now proceed with support from the local Home and School. Motions are required for all financial decisions.
- Next Meeting of the Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees: Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7:30 PM, Montague Intermediate School. More details at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees>

Canada's national tipline for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children.

***Report** ***Child Sexual Abuse** ***Online Harms** ***Research** ***Campaigns & Media**

Cybertip.ca offers a unique lens into new online risks for children and youth. Follow the link to sign up for important info about current trends and emerging technology concerns to help keep your family safe. Click here: [Cybertip!.ca](https://cybertip.ca)

Back-to-school vaccination reminder

Parents or guardians can contact a local Public Health Nursing office to have their child's immunization record reviewed and to schedule any missed vaccinations. Families are also encouraged to receive recommended seasonal vaccines, including influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, when they become available this fall. More information is available at [Childhood Immunizations](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/health/childhood/immunizations).

 When parents and teachers communicate with each other, they can collaborate and share ideas from different perspectives in the best interest of the student's development and success.

Other community news...

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~~Dairy Farmers of Canada's Registered Dietitians = For access to ready-to-use food and nutrition resources developed by Dairy Farmers of Canada's Registered Dietitians, go to [TeachNutrition.ca](https://teachnutrition.ca).

See a catalogue of free resources available in English and French for parents and educators.

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