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Dear Parents,

On behalf of Banting Middle School's Parent Advisory Council (PAC), we would like to extend a warm welcome to the start of the 2024/25 school year.

All parents and guardians are members of the PAC, and have the opportunity to connect with other parents and school representatives. As well, the PAC enables parents to become involved in the school's activities and events. The PAC plays an essential role in supporting and enriching the educational experience for our children by providing resources and organizing events.

We encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and get involved with the PAC committees and events. Your participation is invaluable, and we appreciate any contribution of your time and talent. Our goal is to create a positive and supportive environment for all our students, and we hope that you will find our school community welcoming and inclusive.

One such event is the **PAC's Hot Lunch Program**. Unique, as lunches are available on both Tuesdays and Thursdays every week - raising funds, bringing the Banting community together and providing parents a break from making lunches. This year's program **starts on September 24th** and will offer items from Mega Sushi, White Spot, A&W and Dominos Pizza. Parents can order lunches online at <u>banting.hotlunches.net</u> by 9pm the Wednesday prior (e.g. orders are due on September 18th at 9pm for the 24th and 26th). To make this program successful, **we need 3 parent volunteers** for each lunch event for approximately 30 minutes from 11:40am to 12:10pm. If you are interested in volunteering for this program or any other event, please email <u>bantingpac@gmail.com</u>.

On Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 at 6:30pm we will be having our first PAC Meeting where (i) the school Administrators will share information and answer questions; (ii) the PAC will discuss proposed events and committees for the year; and (iii) the Treasurer will provide an overview of the 2024/25 budget. PAC meetings occur every third Tuesday of the month. Participants can attend virtually or in person at the school library.

Information for the PAC, including PAC bylaws, volunteer opportunities, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, monthly budget reports, and meeting links can be found on the <u>school website on the PAC page under the Parents tab</u>.

Once again, welcome to the Banting Middle School PAC. We look forward to meeting you and working together to make this a fantastic school year!

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