



# Sheridan County School District #3

July 26, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In a few short weeks the 2022-2023 school year will be upon us. Since stepping into this role at the beginning of July, I have felt a warm welcome in Sheridan County School District #3. I am excited and eager to have students back in the building. For staff and students both this year will be one of growth - as every year should be. I will share a little of our back to school plan - but please do not let that change your focus away from summer relaxation and rejuvenation, school will be here soon enough.

To share a little about myself, I have lived in Wyoming since the start of high school, in many locations around the state (Cody, Laramie, Cheyenne, Wheatland, and most recently Torrington). Prior to that I was raised in Montana (Red Lodge, Augusta, Glasgow, Havre, and Miles City). I attended the University of Wyoming, where I studied finance and then returned for secondary education and math. While there I also played baseball. I have been both a high school teacher and principal. I look forward to the challenge present in Sheridan County #3, I am proud and humbled to take over as superintendent.

We will have three new staff members joining this year. Amanda Andreen will be joining as a paraprofessional. Caleb Green will take over the agricultural education program and our FFA program. And, Isolina Nimick will be our new kindergarten teacher. All are excited to join the team and are as eager to have students back in the building as I am.

Many of our teachers and staff have been working hard over the summer to update and prepare curriculum for the coming year. Wyoming is implementing computer science standards this year and the teachers have been preparing to ensure that our students have every opportunity to excel in this new realm.

**In preparation for the school year, we will be hosting an open house and online registration in cooperation with the Town of Clearmont and Clearmont Community Church on Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 2:00 - 6:00.** Please plan to join us for a community dinner beginning at 4:30, meet the new staff, and prepare for the first day of school. **Clearmont Community Church will have backpacks full of school supplies available for all K-6 students**, please remember to thank the church for their generous donation. If you are inclined, bring a lawn chair and some yard games and enjoy the evening among friends.

**We would like to recommend that all parents complete the online registration from home, if possible, by logging into the PowerSchool student/parent portal at [\(https://ps.shr3.k12.wy.us/public/\)](https://ps.shr3.k12.wy.us/public/) and clicking on the arrow to the right of the "Click Here", choose school forms to update or register your student. Please remember that you will need to update forms for each child.**

**In addition to the online registration, we are having you complete a new 22-23 emergency/medical contact sheet for each child registered. These forms will be kept in the SCSD#3 Emergency Evacuation Binder.**

Please contact the school at your earliest convenience if you will not be able to attend the open house on the 11th or if you have questions or concerns regarding registering your student online.

**Enclosures included with this letter:**

- [2022-2023 Calendar Summary](#)
- [School closure information letter](#) (below)
- [BAND app instructions](#) (below)
- [School supply lists](#)
- [2022-2023 Emergency/Medical Contact Sheet](#) (one per student)
- [Trip and bus expectations](#)
- [School bus schedules](#)
- [Student internet usage rules and expectations](#)
- [K-6 inside recess plan](#)
- 7-12 bell schedules ([regular](#) and [short](#))

The [2022-2023 free/reduced lunch application](#) packets will be available to pick up during the open house. You may also contact the school to have an application packet mailed to you. Please remember, you will be required to submit a copy of your 2021 tax return and copies of the past three months' paycheck stubs with your application before the approval process may begin. For your information, full price lunches will be \$2.50 for K-6 students and \$3.00 for 7-12; this will be charged until approval of the free/reduced application.

**The first day of school will be Monday, August 15, 2022.** If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school at (307) 758-4412.

Sincerely,



Chase Christensen  
Superintendent  
Sheridan County School District #3

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to announce that this year our school will be using BAND as part of our emergency communication. In the event of a weather emergency, school closure, or potential temporary virtual learning, I will use this app to message parents. We will also plan to use the BAND app to share information in the event of other emergencies - to maintain a clear and open line of communication, so that all are on the same page.

### What is BAND?

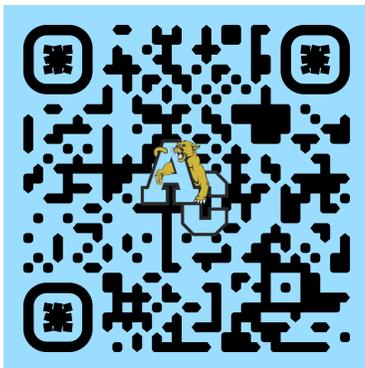
BAND is a free group communication app. The group we created is a secure group that non-school members cannot join. We'll be able to communicate privately and share files, forms, and other information.

Even if you don't have a smartphone, you can access BAND on your PC at <https://band.us>.

\*IMPORTANT: You MUST use this link (<https://band.us/n/ada57686zaz87>) or scan the QR code below to join the group.

If an early dismissal happens during regularly scheduled school hours, we will call all parents. **We will leave a voice message if no one answers!** *It is important that you have updated information on file with our district office.* The safety of our students and staff during bad weather conditions continues to be our top priority during the winter months. Thank you for your support and assistance in keeping our students safe.

Any time a school day will be altered or canceled, the district will continue to use the following communication channels:



- Bus parent contacted by driver
- Posted to website and Facebook
- Updated on school phone 758-4412; 3
- Local media informed
  - Bighorn Mountain Radio
  - KOTA - Rapid City
  - Sheridan Media
  - K2 TV



**Please sign up and join the BAND group - this will ensure you have these communications as early as possible.**

Thank you,

*Chase Christensen*

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