

SUMMER MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

I hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer and are looking forward to an exciting school year at Chilliwack Secondary. Enclosed are a variety of important information items needed to make this coming year as smooth as possible.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:30 am

Class Mini – Cycle Course outline, classroom expectations, assessment practices Attendance, Shape of the day	
8:30 - 9:10	Block A/E
9:15 - 9:35	Block B/F
9:40 - 10:00	Block C/G
10:05 -10:25	Block D/H
10:25-10:40	Load Gym
10:40-11:00	School wide Assembly
11:00-12:30	BBQ – student and staff
12:30-2:30	LINK Assembly –grade 9 students only

*For linear classes a bell will ring at the mid-point for you to make a class change.

**School busses will pick up students at 11:00 we invite students to stay for the BBQ so if possible make alternate arrangements for transportation*

LINK

We are pleased to have the LINK program this year. Carefully chosen grade 11 and 12 LINK leaders will help our grade 9 students transition to CSS beginning with a LINK on the afternoon of the first day of school. All grade 9 students will participate in LINK. LINK leaders will be assigned to grade 9 Humanities classes. The goal is that LINK leaders will do monthly events with their humanities group either during class time or Flex. These events will be designed to help answer questions and create connections throughout the

year. If you have any questions regarding the LINK program please contact Mr. Daniel Blaschek, Mrs. Erin Gniwodda, Mrs. Adams-Louporet and Mrs. Petek our LINK coordinators.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The CSS website includes our code of conduct and progressive discipline policy. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the site and review this information with your son or daughter. Our code of conduct is based on three principles; Attend, Try Your Best and Be Respectful.

FORMS

Please review and complete all required forms in this package, a new software called **Permission Click** has been adopted by the Chilliwack School District and allows you to sign online instead of print and return. You will receive a link by email that asks you to review our computer policy. Important sheets for the following information are provided on our websites. Please click on the links below and review all information:

- [Flex parent information letter](#)
- [Career Education overview](#)
- [Aboriginal self-declaration form](#)
- [Summary of important dates](#)
- [MYed parent portal sign in process](#)
- [Grad handbook \(Grade 12\)](#)
- [Demographics change verification/Change form](#)

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

CSS allows each classroom teacher to establish classroom expectations to maximize learning. Although devices can be a valuable resource in the classroom (when used appropriately) they can also be a distraction and at times pose a threat. **We do reserve the right to restrict students from the use of electronic devices in and around the school if concerns persist.** Parents are encouraged to review appropriate uses with their son or daughter and to be vigilant in understanding what their child has access to. To help your child build the best digital reputation and help keep them safe check out <http://www.safeonline.ca/> for valuable tips.

ATTENDANCE

Success in school is directly linked to attendance! Students who are chronically absent (miss 10% of classes) fall significantly behind academically and have a higher risk of dropping out. We need your help, a unified message on the importance of being in school goes a long way. We will use the following ways to communicate attendance issues:

- Our **daily phone dialer** will alert you to your child's absence from school. (please ensure we have the best number to reach you at in our system). Students default to present in their classes and have to be actively changed to late or absent. It is rare for the phone dialer to phone as an error. If you child is repeatedly telling you that the dialer is calling in error please contact the classroom teacher right away to find out why.
- We will send home monthly attendance reports for students with chronic absences
- Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about attendance and to report excused absences.

Our goal is to help your child graduate and prepare for their next step, **being here on a regular basis is KEY.**

PREVIEW DAY Wednesday August 28th, 2019 PHOTO, LOCKER CHOICE (GRADES 10-12), TIMETABLES

PHOTOS: We have arranged to have our photographer here at CSS in Alumni Hall from 8:30-1:00 for school photos on a **drop in** basis. This allows us to have photos ready sooner and have fewer disruptions in September. For those students who are able to attend and have your photo taken on this day you will have a chance to win prizes including a 50.00 CSS cafeteria card and 15.00 to Storm Trooper's Closet our school store. Please fill out the online photo package order. See you there! Photo retake day will be: September 4th and October 17th, 2019. **LOCKERS:** This year we will allow grade 10-12 students to sign up and choose their locker location. They will be assigned by zone for tracking purposes so if you want a locker with a friend or group of people you will need to be here at the same time. Students who are not able to attend on the 28th will be able to sign up for their locker during the first week of school. If students do not wish to have a locker one **will not** be preassigned to them and no optional fee will be applied. Grade 9 students will be assigned a locker. **TIMETABLES:** a DRAFT timetable will be available for pick up on this day. This will allow students to find their classes and feel better prepared for the first day of school. Timetables are always considered a draft until school begins, as our school based timetable changes as a result of enrollment and staff assignments.

TIMETABLES

Grade 9-12 timetables will be available for students when they arrive at their first period class. A list of each first period class will be posted in the Grand Hall, sorted by Grade for student reference. Please note: timetables are created from the student course requests (including alternates) submitted last February/March. At times, due to conflicts in the timetables, student's first requests are not possible and alternate courses are used. If there is a concern with your timetable (an error, missing graduation requirement or important changes needed for future goals) please email your counsellor with the appropriate request. These will be processed in the order in which they are received. Elective and teacher changes will not be considered at this time. We appreciate your patience as we process a high volume of requests. Our counsellors find it more efficient to respond to emails, and will offer appointments when and if things are too complicated to resolve by email. Counsellors are assigned to students based on their last names:

A – E

Ms. Stephanie Linau (email: stephanie_linau@sd33.bc.ca)

F – Mac

Mr. Chris Olafson (email: chris_olafson@sd33.bc.ca)

MA – SH

Mr. Michael Cameron (email: michael_cameron@sd33.bc.ca)

SI – Z

Ms. Jodie Cornell (email: jodie_cornell@sd33.bc.ca)

CALENDAR

The CSS calendar of school events is located on our website. Please take some time to note the dates for reporting periods, holidays, parent/teacher interviews and other important events.

SCENT FREE ZONE

CSS will attempt to limit the number of scents entering the building through our air. Environmental sensitivities is a diagnosed disability and students and staff that attend CSS each day experience the following range of symptoms as a result of their sensitivity: headaches dizziness, lightheaded nausea fatigue weakness shortness of breath upper respiratory symptoms, skin irritation and scents can trigger allergic or asthmatic patients. We ask that students limit the use of perfume and cologne and choose scent free options for the following products whenever possible: make up, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorants

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists are not provided; if teachers have specific school supply requests, they will let your son or daughter know during the first week of classes. Please have school supplies as soon as possible.

PARENT INFORMATION SERIES

With support from our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), CSS is happy to provide parents with various information sessions on relevant topics for high school parents. Please take advantage of these valuable learning opportunities. Our first session is:

"A Parent's Guide to High School" & "Myed log-in support"

September 9th at 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the CSS Library

**First Grad info meeting directly following from 6:00 - 7:00. PAC meeting will be from 7:00 - 8:00. All CSS parents are welcome to attend.*

YEARBOOKS

Remember to buy your year book early. They are \$45 when purchased September 3 - December 31, 2019. Books purchased January 1- February 28 will be \$55. [Books must purchased by February 28](#) or you will not have a book.

Come prepared to make 2019-2020 the best school year ever! **Welcome Back!**

Sincerely,



Brian Fehlauer, Principal