



## Welcome to CSS Grade 9 Students

### What you need to know in a nutshell

Welcome to CSS grade 9 students and parents. We are really excited to have you join our CSS family. We know that you will like your new school and want you to have the best start possible, so we're passing along some helpful information to you.

Here we go....

This week all students will receive an email message regarding our return to school. There is some very valuable information in the mail out, but it does refer to our entire school and may seem overwhelming. It will all become clear as we go.

### Before you get here:



#### Computer stuff

What you should do....

1. **Permission Click:** In order to access computers and WIFI at the school, you must complete a form from [Permission Click](#). Parents will receive an email from [Permission Click](#) with an acceptable use agreement form (aua form) which needs to be completed and submitted on line. Please complete and submit the form. If parents have not received the email, please check the spam folder as it may have landed there. If there is no email from [Permission Click](#) please contact our office to verify parent email addresses.
2. **MyEducation BC:** MYed is the marks program that B.C. high schools use. Both students and parents can access the MYed portal to check student progress. However, you must have a username and password to access the site. **Grade 9 students** will receive an email from MYed in the next week which will have their new username and password. You can find the instructions on our website under the Students and Parents tab.
3. **Check your schedule and Demographic Information :** Log into MyEducation BC to review your schedule and demographic information for the 2020-21 school year. This is where you will find your first block class (Octet). You will report to that block on the first day of school and for the next 21 days. Remember to check the room number too as that is where you will report on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please email [css-officestaff@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:css-officestaff@sd33.bc.ca) with any changes to your demographic information.



**Important Dates:**



**Wednesday, September 2nd – Preview /Tour Day  
9:00 a.m. – noon**

For those of you who can make it, September 2<sup>nd</sup> is an excellent day to preview your new school, to get some tasks done and to avoid line-ups the first week of school. This is one of the registration days for brand new students (**you don't need to register** if you're coming from one of our feeder schools: **ADR, CMS or RCTS** or if you have previously registered). All new students have the opportunity to take a tour, led by our Leadership 12 students, of CSS – **tours** begin at 9:00 a.m. and run until noon. Also, you can get your **photo** taken in the Alumni Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You must wear a mask in order to enter the school and when you are in the common areas. Students who are unable to attend on September 2<sup>nd</sup> can have their photos taken on September 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Thursday, September 10th – School Kickoff  
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Arriving at school: Students will be either dropped off at the front of the school by their parents or by bus. If you ride a bike, there is a bike lock up to the right of the front entrance which is locked five minutes after the bell and then reopened at the end of the school day. Bring a bike lock as the compound is quite secure, but we have had bikes stolen on occasion. Entering the building this year is a little different from usual. You need to know where your **Octet One** class is located. Remember that you will be using specific entrances depending upon where your class is located. See the details below. Our school is broken into six different areas and that determines where you enter.

**Area A**

Rooms 1010, 1107, 1109, 1121, 1122, 1126, 1128, 1129, 1131, GYM, mini gym

**Area B**

Rooms 1164, 1166, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1180, 1182, 1184

**Area C**

Rooms 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018

**Area D**

Library, Rooms 2154, 2159, 2160, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2166, 2168, 2170, 2175, 2177, 2179

**Area E**

Rooms 3002, 3003, 3004, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3020

**Area F**

Rooms 3152, 3154, 3156, 3158, 3160, 3162, 3169, 3171

**Sections (For Entrances):**

**First Floor:**

- A: Classes located in the Gym and West of the Gym will use the Fine Arts door or the front door.
- B: Classes located East of the Gym will use the or the Side door by Staff parking lot or back door by the mini gym.

**Second Floor:**

- C: Classes located West of the main stairs (use the Front door and main staircase)
- D: Classes located in the Library or East of the Library (use the mini gym door) and side door the staff parking lot, and then up the stairs)

**Third Floor:**

- E: Classes located West of the main stairs (Rooms 3002 – 3011) use Courtyard entrance and up NLC stairs) **DO NOT ENTER THE NLC**
- F: Classes located East of the main stairs use the Side door by the bike lock up and up the stairs



Area letters will be posted at each entrance. We will assist students entering the building. Don't worry.

You will be with your Octet One teacher solely for the first one eighth of the year. Your teacher will be of great help to you especially during the first week and will answer questions that you have about procedures and protocols etc. Don't be afraid to ask questions and ask for help when you need it. The supplies that you will need will vary from class to class but most teachers require that you have a binder (one large four-inch binder will probably suffice), dividers, pens and pencils. We do not have a standard supply list – ask your teacher for direction.



11:00 a.m. – Dismissal of all students

**Buses** – Remember that buses run at their regular pick up times first thing in the morning, but will take home students at 11:00 not at the regular afternoon times on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Regular bus times will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **September 11<sup>th</sup> and onward:**

The rest of the first week will follow a regular scheduler schedule which means that you will begin each day with a FLEX block (8:30 – 9:00) which will allow you to get into the building in an orderly and safe manner and to your class on time (9:00). Lunch times vary depending upon the floor that your class is located on. Students are able to leave campus at lunch if they would like, but must ensure that they return to class on time after the break. Our cafeteria provides students with excellent food and will be opened for students and staff. Please see the schedules which are attached to the CSS mail out.

### **Your classes:**

You are enrolled in eight courses this year, but will take only one class at a time to ensure the safety of all of us. You will have the same teacher for both your English and social studies courses: this person may be referred to as your Humanities teacher. A reminder that you must change into gym strip for your PE classes every class.

We are really happy to have you as part of our school and want you to make the transition to our school as easily as possible. Ask questions if you have them and ask for help. Your counselors can help you with questions related to your courses. As well, our secretaries in the office are very helpful and will answer many of your questions. You can ask your administrators, teachers and other students too. We know that you're going to love our school as much as we do.

**Welcome to you and see you soon.**