



# THUNDER NEWS

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

We are excited to welcome everyone back to our Dual Campus. A special welcome to students and families of the Grade 8's, who have graduated from elementary school and are starting the high school journey. We will make every effort to make the transition a smooth one for you. For all other grades, we wish you well this year, especially our Grade 12 students who are in their final lap and heading toward Grad 2018! There is a lot of important information in this newsletter, so please do take the time to read it carefully. You can always get more information on our school web site or via Facebook and Twitter. Please stay in touch.

Charlie Coleman, Principal, Dual Campus  
 Nicole Boucher, Principal, Quamichan Campus

## FAMILY BBQ & OPEN HOUSE

We invite families of all grades to a Family BBQ and Open House on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The BBQ will start at 5:30pm followed by a Q & A session at 7pm. All of this will take place at the Quamichan Campus.

## OUR SCHOOL VISION

Our school vision statement was written by groups of students. The students' words were endorsed by staff and parents. We will do our very best to live up to the vision created by our students.

That vision is to: ***"Create a safe, diverse community where students express their individuality. Help them achieve their goals and life passions in a positive learning environment"***.

## DAILY FLEX

We are doing Daily Flex Block this year. Flex Time is **NOT** free time. Students **must** stay in school for Flex. **After** a few weeks of mandatory Flex lessons, students will have choices of where to go for their learning. The time is to be used to:

- Get extra help
- Get caught up
- Get extra credits by doing "Passion Projects"

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Cowichan Secondary Code of Conduct can be summed up in one word: RESPECT. If we all (students, staff and parents) demonstrate RESPECT at all times, this will be a safe place to learn. To elaborate on what it

means to show R.E.S.P.E.C.T. we summarize the following:

<b><u>R</u>ESPONSIBILITY</b>	WE WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ACTIONS AND OUR SCHOOL WORK.
<b><u>E</u>FFORT</b>	WE WILL PUT FORWARD OUR BEST EFFORT AT ALL TIMES.
<b><u>S</u>AFETY</b>	WE WILL BEHAVE IN A SAFE MANNER AT ALL TIMES, NOT DOING HARM TO OURSELVES OR OTHERS.
<b><u>P</u>RIDE</b>	WE WILL DEMONSTRATE PRIDE IN OURSELVES, IN OUR WORK, AND IN OUR SCHOOL.
<b><u>E</u>THICS</b>	WE WILL BEHAVE IN AN ETHICAL MANNER, DEMONSTRATING HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.
<b><u>C</u>OOPERATION</b>	WE WILL WORK TOGETHER – STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS – TO MAKE THIS A BETTER PLACE.
<b><u>T</u>OLERANCE</b>	WE WILL BE TOLERANT OF DIFFERENCES AND WE WILL CELEBRATE DIVERSITY.

More details for the Code of Conduct and Expectations can be found in the Student Handbook, also available on line.

## STUDENT FEES

The School Board has approved a \$25 Student Activity Fee for all CSS students, Grade 8 – 12. This annual activity fee is put toward a variety of student activities including those of the student leadership, clubs & activities, assemblies, guest speakers and school spirit events.

The School Board has also approved a one time \$25 refundable textbook deposit. **All grade 10 students and any new students to the school Grade 10 – 12 must pay this deposit on the first day of attendance.** If the student leaves the school before graduation, a full refund will be made provided all textbooks are returned in reasonably good condition. For the majority of students who remain at Cowichan Secondary until graduation, the \$25.00 deposit is rolled over into the Graduation Fee costs. Please make cheques out to

Cowichan Secondary School. We also have a debit machine at the James Street Campus main office.

#### **Athletic Fees:**

There is an annual \$50 Athletic Fee whether a student is on one team or many teams. This Athletic Fee covers the cost of the Athletic Banquet in June plus associated costs of operating so many extra –curricular teams. Each sport has separate team fees depending on the cost of the season.

**If payment of these fees creates a financial hardship for any parent, please contact a CSS administrator in confidence to make alternate arrangements.**

#### **SCHOOL TIMES**

##### **OUR NEW SCHOOL HOURS**

8:56 – 10:06 1<sup>st</sup> block  
10:09 – 10:54 Daily Flex block  
10:57 – 12:07 2<sup>nd</sup> block  
12:07 – 12:52 Lunch  
12:52 – 2:02 3<sup>rd</sup> block  
2:05 - 3:15 4<sup>th</sup> block

#### **PARENT CONTACT IS IMPORTANT**

Parent support is a critical factor in student success. Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date phone, cell and e-mail contact information. Please watch for news about re-scheduled Parent Info Nights. **Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday October 11th at 7pm, CSS Library.**

#### **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION NEWS**

Uy'skweyul! Tansi! Welcome to another fantastic year of growth and learning. Aboriginal education staff work throughout the district to foster inclusive classrooms where every student feels a sense of belonging and experiences academic success.

If your child has Aboriginal ancestry, (documentation is NOT required) and you would like to self-identify, please see the school secretary for a self-identification form. Each year your child will be funded for and included in Aboriginal Education programs. Almost all programs will be delivered in the regular classroom, to ALL students. You will be asked to give permission for any activities offered outside of the regular class. You can opt out of Aboriginal Education services any time by notifying the Aboriginal Education staff in person or in writing either at your school or through the district office 250 748 0321 ext 235, abed@sd79.bc.ca Please go to <http://abed.sd79.bc.ca/faq/> for more information.

#### **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM AT CSS**

We are very fortunate at Cowichan Secondary to have a great Aboriginal Education Team to help us support our

Aboriginal Learners. The team includes: Helen Myhre (Aboriginal Education Teacher), Jen Bayley (Hul'q'umi'num), Carol Louie (Culture & Language Teaching Assistant), Glen Edwards, Dwayne George and Earl Jack and Rita George-Greene (Aboriginal Student Support Workers). This team serves both campuses.

#### **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Our Dual Campus has about 1450 students in total between grade 8 and 12. This includes about 500 on the Quamichan Campus and 950 on the Cowichan Campus. We are fortunate to have a solid support team to help students across both campuses. All of these staff members can be contacted by email. The staff email list can be found at the back of this newsletter and on our school web site.

#### **Counsellors:**

**Quamichan Campus:** Sue Baker & Gillian Berry  
**Cowichan Campus:** Nirmal Parmar & Leigh Blacklock

#### **LEARNING ASSISTANCE, LIFE SKILLS, EMPLOYMENT SKILLS AND RESOURCE TEAM**

Linda Quesnel (Cowichan Campus), Laurel Szasz (Quamichan Campus), Andrea Smith (Cowichan Campus), Linda Maslen (Cowichan Campus), Brandy Lutters (Cowichan Campus), Ann Kissinger (Cowichan Campus)

#### **SHUTTLE BUS**

There is a shuttle bus between the campuses this year. We encourage students to use it every block. If students walk we expect them to use sidewalks, crosswalks and street lights.

**There is no student parking at the Quamichan Campus.**

#### **LUNCH TIME EXPECTATIONS AT QUAMICHAN CAMPUS FOR BOTH GRADE 8 & 9 STUDENTS**

Lunch Time Expectations at Quamichan Campus for both Grade 8 and 9 students

We have been asked by some of our parents to clarify what our expectations are around lunchtime at Quamichan Campus, for both grade 8 and 9 students. We always encourage our students to stay on grounds to take advantage of social time with peers, as well as any extracurricular activities that are going on. With the privilege of being allowed to go off campus, there is always the expectation that students are conducting themselves in a safe manner, and in a way that represents our school well in the community. If students fail to do so, they will lose the privilege of being allowed to go off campus. If you, as a parent, do not want your son or daughter to leave school grounds at lunch, please have that conversation with your child. If you want us to know that you have had this conversation with your son

or daughter, please do not hesitate to contact Quamichan Campus administration so that we know your expectation for your child.

### DO NOT J-WALK ACROSS THE HIGHWAY!

Students should ALWAYS use the sidewalks, crosswalks and walk-lights.

Student drivers are advised to “go slow” especially around the school and in the community center parking lot. There are many young children and elderly citizens who use the Community Center facilities as well as CSS students. Students who ride bicycles to school may secure their bicycles to the racks provided in the courtyard behind the school. Students are responsible for locking up their bicycles.

Older students who drive to school may park their vehicles in the student parking lot on the west side of the school, in the Community Center lot directly behind the new Aquatic Center, or in the overflow parking on the west side of the Community Center. Students are requested not to park in spots designated for the general public adjacent to the library and main entrance to the community center. Students should not use Visitor Parking in the U-turn out front.

**Under no circumstances are students permitted to park in the Staff Parking lot or the designated parent/guest parking spots in the main driveway in front of the main entrance between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily. Students who ignore this warning may have their vehicles towed at their own expense.**

Students who drive recklessly may lose their parking privileges. They may also be reported to their parents and to the RCMP.

### STUDENT LOCKERS

A locker with a lock is made available to all students who wish to have a place to store books and belongings. Locker numbers and lock combinations will be made known to students during class on the first day of school. Please keep in mind that the school does not accept responsibility for the security of items stored in a student's locker.

**Students may only use locks supplied by the school.** There is a \$10 replacement fee for lost locks.

Lockers for PE classes are also available. We strongly recommend their use. It is very difficult to control theft in the PE change rooms as in most blocks there can be as many as three classes using the facilities. More information will be provided by our PE teachers.

We are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

All new students will be provided with a copy of the Cowichan Secondary Student Handbook. The handbook contains information regarding school and district expectations, routines, services, and opportunities. **Information useful to parents can be found in the handbook e.g.** school calendar, school code of conduct, student services, graduation requirements, student awards and school closure information. In an effort to save paper, money and the environment we will only give a paper copy to new students. The handbook will also be available on our web site: [http://css.sd79.bc.ca/Media/Student\\_Handbook.pdf](http://css.sd79.bc.ca/Media/Student_Handbook.pdf)

### INFORMING PARENTS OF POLICIES

The Student Handbook, which was emailed home already, outlines many of our school and district policies. In addition, all School Board Policies are available on the SD79 web site. Some specific policies to note include:

- 1) Policy 6510 – Sexual Orientation, Gender Equity, and Expression  
<https://bcisd79.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=27300>
- 2) Policy 2550 - Healthy Schools (Food and Beverage Sales)  
<https://bcisd79.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=1058>
- 3) Policy 5100 - District Code of Conduct  
<https://bcisd79.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=1548>
- 4) Policy 5110 - Intimidation, Harassment, Aggression  
<https://bcisd79.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=1549>
- 5) Policy 4420 - Multi-Cultural Recognition and Religious Accommodation  
<https://bcisd79.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=1096>
- 6) Appeals Procedure Bylaw No. 2  
<https://bcisd79.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=20246>

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about any of these policies.

### STUDENT PHOTOS

Student photos already took place. Re-takes will be:  
**Cowichan Campus – October 30<sup>th</sup> (A.M.)**  
**Quamichan Campus – October 30<sup>th</sup> (P.M.)**

All students must have their photo taken for use in school records, the Yearbook and Student Cards. There is no charge for this photo service. However, a

colour package may be purchased by paying the fee set by the photographer.

### GRAD PHOTOS

Grad Photos will take place between December 1<sup>st</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>  
More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### YEARBOOK

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

This is the NEW page for the 2018 CSS yearbook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/cssyrbk2018/>. Here you will receive updates as to when publishing dates are, grad photo submissions and quotes deadlines as well as yearbook meeting dates/updates for students involved in yearbook. Yearbook supervisor is Ms. Donnelly. She can be found, daily, in room 106 at the Cowichan Campus, teaching Graphic Design/Photography or contact her at [adonnelly@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:adonnelly@sd79.bc.ca).

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

#### Welcome Back from the CSS PAC!!!

We have one PAC for the Dual Campus. All parents of Cowichan Secondary School students (Grade 8-12) are automatically members of the Parent Advisory Council and are encouraged to attend. Our **FIRST MEETING** of the year was Wednesday Sept. 14th at 7pm in the CSS **QUAMICHAN** CAMPUS Library. **Our SECOND Meeting & AGM, when we will elect a new PAC Executive, is Wednesday, Oct. 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the library at the CSS COWICHAN Campus (James Street).**

**Chair:** Sara Lowe  
**Vice-Chair:** Dawn Butler  
**Treasurer:** Caroline Kirman (DPAC)  
**Secretary:** Sandi Urquhart

CSS PAC Email is [csspac@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:csspac@sd79.bc.ca)  
CSS PAC Facebook Group "[Cowichan Secondary School - PAC](#)"

CSS PAC Meeting was Wednesday **Sept 13th** @ 7pm in the CSS **QUAMICHAN** CAMPUS Library

#### Agenda Items:

- 🎓 CSS 2018 DryGrad Committee Information
  - Start up updates from Principal Charlie Coleman & the CSS Admin Team
  - Follow up on School Board Dual Campus from last year (What is needed before November?)
  - Funding Requests/Decisions for 2017/18 Year
  - Community Updates
  - Transportation Updates
  - Suggestions for 2017-18 CSS PAC Budget Updates
  - Parent Education Seminars - Fall
  - Do you have additions for the Agenda?  
Email [csspac@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:csspac@sd79.bc.ca)

#### Upcoming PAC Dates\*:

- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – CSS PAC AGM Meeting @ 7pm - CSS Library
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – CSS PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Quam Library
- Dec 13<sup>h</sup> - CSS PAC Meeting @ 7pm - CSS Library
- Jan 10<sup>th</sup> - CSS PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Quam Library
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - CSS PAC Meeting @ 7pm - CSS Library
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> - CSS PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Quam Library
- Apr 11<sup>th</sup> - CSS PAC Meeting @ 7pm - CSS Library
- May 9<sup>th</sup> - CSS PAC "Cookie" Meeting @ 6:30pm – Location TBA
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - CSS PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Quam Library

\*Dates subject to change

**Hope to see you ALL there, and Thanks in advance.**

### DRY GRAD

**ATTN: GRAD 2018 Parents!!!**

**IMPORTANT MEETING – RE: CSS DryGrad 2018 MONDAY Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the CSS Library and then OCT 2<sup>ND</sup> AFTER THAT.!!!**

1<sup>st</sup> CSS DryGrad 2018 Committee Meeting – we need ALL Grad Parents at this meeting to start off the year!! Please come and share your ideas and experiences, hear the 2017 CSS DryGrad Exec, and CSS PAC Passover Binders and Info. Choose your Executive Members, take on small tasks, big roles, medium positions, or just get info and help brainstorm, there are a variety of things to be done and ways to support to make sure this important tradition for our students happens, in the best way. Let's keep the ball rolling and have a Fun, Safe and memorable event to wrap up the 13 years of hard work and education for the 300+ CSS GRAD 2018 Students!!

**CSS DryGrad Meetings 7pm @ CSS Cowichan Campus Library** for the following dates:

- Sep 18
- Oct 2
- Nov 6
- Dec 4
- Jan 8
- Feb 5
- Mar 5
- Apr 9
- May 7
- June 4
- June 18 (If needed, for last minute Event Organization)

## CONFIDENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE APPOINTMENTS

Every other Monday from 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., we will have a Public Health Nurse from the Margret Moss Clinic visit the school at the James St. campus to meet with students who book a CONFIDENTIAL appointment. Please see the Career Centre for further information.

## SCHOOL BUSSING INFORMATION

You **MUST** have a bus pass to ride the bus! Students must be registered with the transportation department in order to ride a school bus. Please, do not call the school for bus schedule information; school staff will not be available to assist you. If you have concerns about the schedule, you may contact the Cowichan District Transportation Department at 748-1066, or find their information on the SD79 website.

## GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATION

Watch for immunization consent packages for grade 9 students that will be sent home early in the fall. Please discuss the information in the consent package and involve your child in the decision to provide consent to immunization. This should be used as an opportunity for adolescents to start making decisions about their own health.

Although a child may be immunized with the consent of a parent/guardian or representative, a grade 9 student can make an informed decision regarding immunization regardless of parental consent or refusal. This is referred to as “mature minor consent.”

For more information:


- Refer to HealthLinkBC file # 119 “The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization” available at: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>.
- A short video presentation on mature minor has been created for grade 9 students. It is available at: <https://vimeo.com/231149258> or by going to [www.viha.ca/health\\_info/immunization/](http://www.viha.ca/health_info/immunization/) → Additional resources → *View our video on grade nine immunization and mature minor consent.*
- Contact the local Health Unit at 250-709-3050 to discuss further.


## CELL PHONES


School District 79 Policy clearly outlines the expectations for cell phone use in the schools. In order to maintain a positive and uninterrupted learning environment, cell phones **MUST** be turned **OFF** at all times in every instructional space during regular class time, unless the teacher has given specific permission to use it. Full details regarding our cell phone policy (and all other


school rules) is outlined in the Student Handbook and is available online.


## ADDITIONAL NOTES:


 **Counsellors.** Four of our teachers, Ms. Baker, Ms. Berry, Ms. Blacklock, and Mr. Parmar serve students as **Counsellors** and they are available to assist students in a wide variety of ways. Parents are encouraged to contact a Counsellor as the need arises. Counsellors are not involved in disciplining students, and sensitive information shared with them is kept confidential.


 **Grade 8 students:** As this is your their first year in high school, staff will be sure to help make you feel welcome and supported here. We encourage Grade 8's to stay on campus. We want to keep you safe and will provide lots of fun activities for you do at lunch and other times.


 **Grade 10 students:** Most of our Grade 10 students were part of our Dual Campus last year. If you were at the Quamichan Campus last year, you already know this campus because you had Math and PE here in Grade 9. Welcome back. If you are brand new to us from another school, we welcome you too! We will make sure your transition into Grade 10 and the Grad Program is a smooth one. Please drop into the Main Office or the Counselling/Career Office if you have any questions.


 **Grade 12 students:** This is it! Your Grad Year!!! Be sure to get involved with Grad Council and encourage your parents to help with the parents' Dry Grad Committee. Watch for regular GRAD NEWS updates throughout the year. We will also remind you often, that we have a GRAD BEHAVIOUR POLICY in place.


 **Student Leadership.** Various activities and events are organized and co-ordinated by the student leadership groups. Those students who volunteer to serve are given opportunities to develop leadership skills.


 **Team Sports.** Interested students are given an opportunity to represent their school on extra-curricular athletic teams at the junior or senior levels. Sports include field hockey, volleyball, basketball, curling, wrestling, swimming, gymnastics, soccer, rugby, golf, cross-country, track and field and more.

 **Clubs and Other Activities.** Students may broaden their cultural and social learning by participating in Clubs and Activities such as: Athletic Council, Variety Shows, Improv Team, Peer Tutoring, hamper drives, team management and support. If you have an idea for a club, let us know.

 **School Dances.** Dances are sponsored by various Student Leadership groups and Grad Council and are chaperoned by staff.

 **Cowichan Wear.** Cowichan Wear consists of fashionable sweat shirts and pants, T-shirts and shorts printed with the school name and logo, are available for purchase by students and parents. These durable articles of clothing are intended to promote school spirit and make excellent Christmas presents or birthday gifts.

 **CSS Yearbook.** Our high-caliber yearbook is produced by students in the Yearbook course. Advanced sales will be advertised in the fall. The cost is approximately \$50.

 **Lost and Found.** Lost and Found items are kept in a container outside the general office. Expensive items – cell phones, electronics, jewelry etc. may be claimed at the front office.  
From time to time found items are displayed in the hall. Unclaimed items of value are donated to a charitable organization.

### PARENT DRIVERS

Our students appreciate the willingness of a number of parents to transport team members, field trip participants, etc. Parent drivers are required to file, at the school office, a copy of their driver's license and vehicle insurance, minimum \$2,000,000 liability, as well as their driver's abstract. The latter may be obtained from an insurance broker or the Access Centre.

### STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

School District #79 (Cowichan Valley) Board of Education does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities.  
Participation in this program is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian.

If you wish to subscribe on-line, the web page is [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) Or call 1-800463-KIDS (5437)

### DUAL CAMPUS LEADERSHIP TEAM

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\*\*\*All staff emails are at the back of this newsletter and available on our website\*\*\*



The Cowichan Valley School District's International Student Program is looking for families who would like to host a student. We have long term and short term winter, spring and summer hosting opportunities. **We are currently looking for home stay families for 2017-18 school year.** Criminal record checks are required for all adults (18 years old and older) residing in your home.

#### To be a host family, you must:

- Be willing to provide emotional, social and academic support
- Be open to new cultural experiences
- Integrate your student into your family life and share activities together
- Have transportation and the ability to pick up students occasionally
- Provide a private bedroom with a desk, dresser and closet
- Provide healthy meals and snacks

Families are paid \$200 per week/\$800 per month. To find out more about our program email me, call our office or visit our website at <http://isp.sd79.bc.ca/apply-now/homestay/>.

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### GIBBYS' CAFE

#### Come get it all at the Cafe

Fresh ground coffee, teas, **real** iced **coffee smoothies**, **Real fruit and protein smoothies**, great food, fresh baked goodies and so much more! Come try our Chicken Caesar or beef taco wraps, they are the best in town.

**We have it all, just like the other guys**  
**Only here at Gibby's it's bigger, better, tastier and costs less than they do.**

Buy it here first then go out there... You'll be glad you did!!

Don't forget to buy your food card...get free food!  
Pay \$20.00 for \$23.00 of Café stuff  
Pay \$50.00 for \$56.00 of Café stuff.  
YES, we take debit.

**Check out our website – [gibbyscafeandcatering.ca](http://gibbyscafeandcatering.ca)**

**Don't forget to like our FB page for daily specials.**  
**[www.facebook.com/gibbyscafe](http://www.facebook.com/gibbyscafe)**

## CONSISTENT CONTACTS

Parents may make arrangements to meet with or contact a teacher or administrator in a variety of ways. Often the best way is to email us. See Staff Email List at the end of this newsletter.

In person during office hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Web Site <http://css.sd79.bc.ca>

If you have any questions about your child, it is always best to contact the individual teachers directly. In addition, please feel free to contact an administrator or counselor at either campus.

### Staff Email List – Dual Campus

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

### September

5	Tues	1st day back. 2 hrs Early dismissal
8	Fri	Photo Day - James St. Campus
13	Wed	PAC meeting 7pm - Quam Campus
18	Wed	Photo Day - Quamichan Campus
18	Wed	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
25	Mon	Non-Instructional Day
26	Tues	Family Welcome back BBQ (5:30pm) & Info night (approx 7pm)
28	Thurs	Terry Fox Run - Whole school @ Cowichan Sportsplex

### October

2	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
9	Mon	Thanksgiving
11	Wed	PAC Meeting – CSS library, 7pm
18	Wed	PLC - 2 hrs Early Dismissal
20	Fri	Pro -D
30	Mon	Photo Retakes. James St - AM, Quam - 1 PM

### November

2	Thurs	1 hr Early Dismissal
6	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
8	Wed	PAC Meeting – Quam, 7pm
10	Fri	Remembrance Day Assemblies
10	Fri	End of Term 1
13	Mon	Remembrance Day - No School
15	Wed	PLC - 2 hrs Early dismissal
27	Mon	Non Instructional Day

### December

1-14		Grad Photos
4	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
13	Wed	PAC Meeting – CSS library, 7pm
25-29		Winter Break

### January

1 - 5		Winter Break
8	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
10	Wed	PAC Meeting – Quam, 7pm
15	Mon	Non - Instructional Day
24	Wed	PLC - 2hrs Early Dismissal
24	Wed	End of Term 2
25	Thurs	Completion Day
26	Fri	Turn around Day - No students
29	Mon	Semester 2 start

### February

5	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
12	Mon	Family Day
14	Wed	PAC Meeting – CSS library, 7pm
23	Fri	Pro -D

### March

5	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
7	Wed	PAC Meeting – Quam, 7pm
12 - 16		District Closure
19 - 23		Spring Break
30	Fri	Good Friday

### April

2	Mon	Easter Monday
9	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
11	Wed	PAC Meeting – CSS library, 7pm
12	Thurs	1 hr Early Dismissal
19	Thurs	End of Term 3
20	Fri	Non - Instructional Day
25		PLC - 2hrs Early Dismissal

### May

4	Fri	Pro - D
7	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
9	Wed	PAC Meeting – CSS 7pm
16	Wed	PLC - 2 hrs Early Dismissal
21	Mon	Victoria Day

### June

4	Mon	Dry Grad Meeting 7pm, CSS library
13	Wed	PAC Meeting – Quam, 7pm
16	Sat	Grad Banquet (Prom)
22	Fri	End of Term 4
25	Mon	Completion Day
26	Tues	Completion Day
27	Wed	Non-Instructional Day
28	Thurs	Non-Instructional Day
28	Thurs	Grad Walk-Up
28	Thurs	Dry Grad (after Walk-Up)



**ATTN: Grade 8-12 SWIMMERS**

**2017 BC High School (Gr.8-12)  
Swimming Starts – Tuesday Sept 26th 7-8am!**

**Practicing Tues & Thurs 7-8am @ CAC Pool in Sept/Oct  
2 Swim Meets (optional) – Zones and Provincials (Nov)\***

**No swim team experience needed, ALL Swimmers  
Welcome: SwimBC, BCSSA, Para & New**

**Interested in doing what you love for your school?**

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