



**COWICHAN SECONDARY**  
**Friday File: Sept. 4, 2020**

WELCOME BACK!

This week's Friday File  
is more  
"Administrivia" than  
normal, with  
information related to  
school start-up.

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COWICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

***YOU ARE A THUNDERBIRD.***

Let's see you soar.

Feel the Thunder!



# Important Dates and Events

- Thursday, Sept. 10 – Grade 10 students only (9:00-3:15)
- Friday, Sept. 11 – All students in attendance (9:00-3:15)
- PAC Meeting – Wednesday, Sept 16 at 7:00. Details to follow
- Monday, Sept. 21- Non Instructional Day.
- Wednesday, Sept 30 – Orange Shirt Day (In recognition of the legacy of Residential Schools)

# Meet Our Principal!! Mr. Hoff



I'd like to take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to seeing all of the students back at CSS. We have missed you! This won't be like every other year, but together we will make it safe, enjoyable, and full of learning.





## Meet our Vice Principals!

We welcome Mr. van der Linden to Cowichan Secondary after having been at Frances Kelsey for the last number of years. He's very happy to be a Thunderbird. Mrs. Cizeron is excited about the school year and looking forward to seeing students back at Cowichan Secondary!!



## Our Hard Working Counsellors!!

Mr. Parmar and Mrs. Blacklock have been back early and working diligently to organize students into Learning Groups. Thanks for your hard work!!

# COVID Reminders for Students and Parents



- Students are to do a daily health assessment before each school day and staff home if symptomatic. More info at: <https://sd79.bc.ca/covid-19-updates-health-and-safety/>
- Students must wear a mask on the bus and in the halls (and other common areas) where they cannot maintain 2 meters of distance.
- Students are to wash hands when entering the school and after breaks and lunch.
- Students will not use lockers. As well, water fountains (but not bottle filling stations) have been turned off. Students advised to bring a water bottle.
- Students are to maintain 2 meters apart when with students in a different learning group.



# Safety Measures at CSS



We are making our school as safe as we can by:

- Organizing students into Cohorts (Learning Groups) in order to minimize contacts and help with tracing if needed.
- Increased cleaning of rooms and high touch areas.
- Staggering breaks, lunch and end of day dismissal (latest is still 3:15)
- Providing students and staff with masks.
- Controlling the directional flow in hallways to reduce contacts.
- 12 temporary hand washing stations have been installed in our halls.





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**Cowichan Secondary School**  
about 4 months ago

The Thunderbird Ice Hockey program had an outstanding weekend, taking first place in both the Sr and Jr Divisions of Brentwood College's Ross Cup! The Jr Boys defeated Kelsey to keep their record a perfect 5 - 0 in the tournament, while the Sr Boys knocked off the defending champion St. Georges with a thrilling 3 - 2 overtime win!

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**"Cowichan T-Birds"**

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**YOUR school app.**

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## DO IT YOUR WAY.

Get your important updates via app notifications, emails, or text messages.



## STAY UP-TO-DATE.

Information from school websites, social media, and much more in ONE place.



## STAY ORGANIZED.

Personalized calendar, and a homework organizer with daily reminders.



## TAKE IT WITH YOU.

Important phone numbers, school info, and websites in one place on your phone & tablet.



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### iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch/Android:

Open your web browser. Type "cowichan.appazur.com". Then tap the "App Store" or "Google Play" button.

### OR:

Open the "App Store" or "Google Play" app. Search for "Cowichan T-Birds". Tap "Get" (iPhone/iPad) or "Install" (Android). It's free!

### Windows/Mac:

Type "cowichan.appazur.com" into your Chrome/Firefox/Safari/Edge browser.

## GET STARTED!!

- Tap the menu button ("☰" icon at the top left).
- In the menu, tap "Sign In". Use your school account if you have one. Otherwise: If you have not signed in before, "Sign Up" for a new account.
- Tap "Classes" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your classes.
- Tap "Groups" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your clubs, teams, and other groups that you belong to.
- In the menu, tap the "🔔" with your name next to it, and pick how you want to receive notifications.

# Gibby's is Open!



A few notes from Gibby's:

- All Covid protocols for restaurants will be in place.
- There will be no seating – pick up and take out only.
- We will accept pre-orders by text or messenger at 250 732-7135.
- A Gibby's food card can be purchaes ahead of time.



## Important BUS information for this school year!

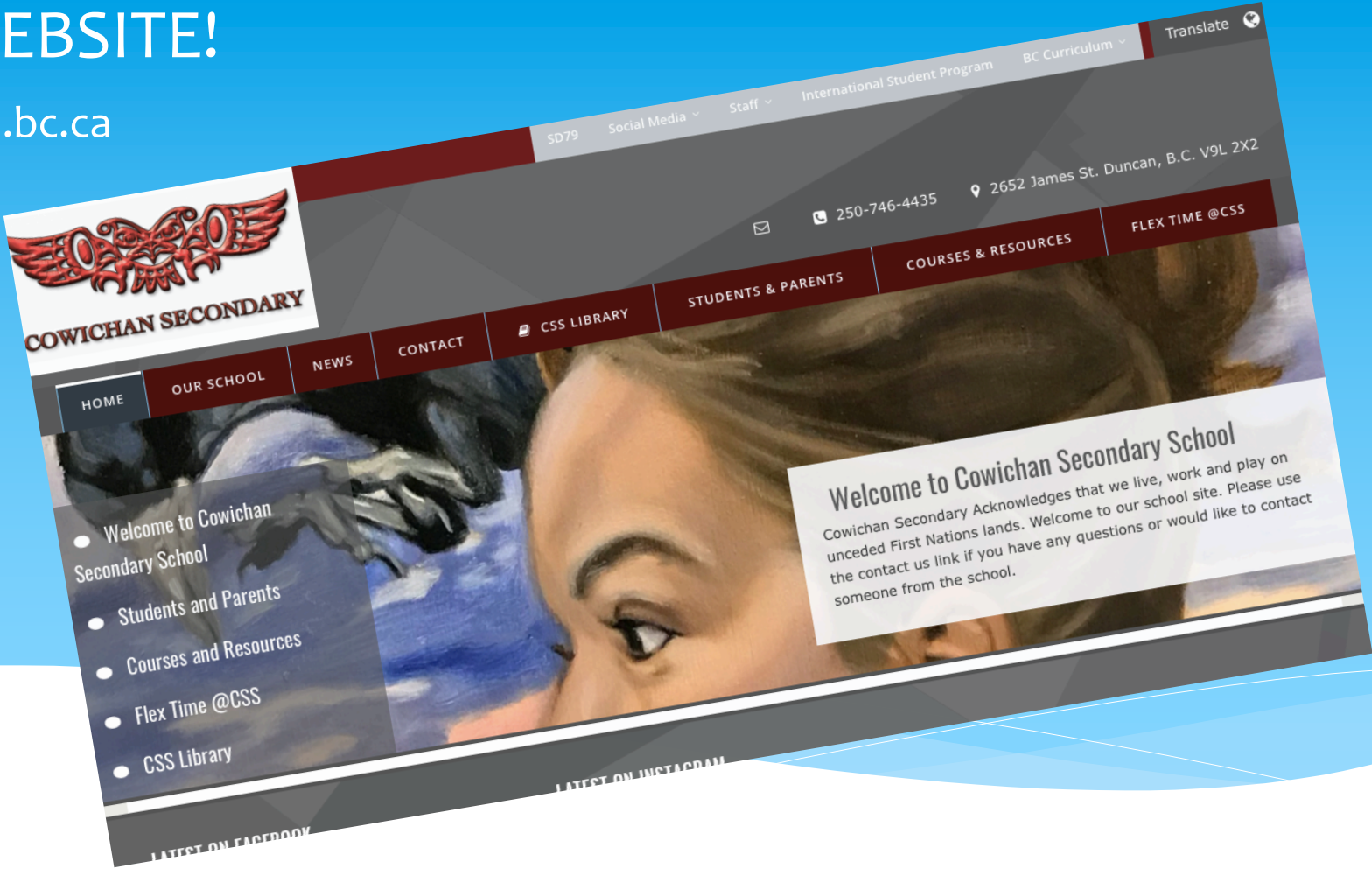
- Students need a bus pass to be able to ride on the District busses.
- Passes will be available for pickup outside the front entrance of the school on Tuesday, Sept 8 (8:30-12:30). A mask will be handed out as well.
- **All students must wear a face mask while riding the bus.**
- No big instruments or sporting equipment, skateboards must be in bags
- There is no eating on the bus.
- As well, any students caught vaping on the bus will lose their riding privileges.

More information can be found: <http://sd79.bc.ca/services/transportation/>



# OUR WEBSITE!

css.sd79.bc.ca





A reminder to all of our students – there is **NO SMOKING, VAPING, E-CIGARETTES** or **CHEWING TOBACCO** anywhere on school district property (including in vehicles).



The Municipality of North Cowichan and City of Duncan would like to spread the word that there is **NO SMOKING** in Kin Park! Please help us by encouraging your children to cooperate.



## 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 costs are to be paid by  
the parent or guardian.

You can subscribe online or by phone.

[www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

1-800-463-KIDS (5437)





# POLICIES OF NOTE

Our student handbook outlines many of our school and district policies. In addition, all School Board policies are available on the SD79 website ([www.sd79.bc.ca](http://www.sd79.bc.ca)). Some specific policies to note include:

AP162: Smoke and Vapour Free Environment

AP164: Food and Nutrition

AP104: District Code of Conduct

AP358: Intimidation, Harassment, Aggression

Policy 13: Appeals Procedure Bylaw