
Clearwater Secondary

Newsletter

August 31st 2021

Welcome Back

Hello Parents,

We are looking forward to having your children join us again on Tuesday September 7th. School staff are hard at work preparing for the return of students and you likely have many questions. School will look similar to last year but with fewer restrictions. As our guidelines change I will continue to send updates via newsletters, which will be posted to our website. I hope that you and your families were able to find sometime to connect and relax amidst the smoke.

We have phoned every grade 8 parent, but we were not able to connect with everyone. We are hosting a tour of the school for grade 8 students and parents Wednesday September 1st at 10 am. If you know a grade 8 parents please pass this on incase we were unable to get them on the phone.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to phone or email. If you would like to meet in person please phone and make an appointment ahead of time.

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Upcoming Dates

Tuesday September 7th - First Day of School

- Students will receive their schedules, meet their teachers, and spend a few minutes engaged in learning with each teacher. Please send them with their regular school supplies!
- School starts at 10:30
- Busses will pick students up two hours later than their regular time
- Students will be dismissed at approximately 12:30
- Busses will pick student students immediately after dismissal

Wednesday September 8th

- Regular school day schedule, 8:30 am to 3:04 pm
- Note we are running a few mins later than last year in order to accommodate the two week spring break.

Monday September 27th

- Professional Development Day, no school

Thursday September 30th

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (new statutory holiday), no school

COVID Protocols

No cohorts

All students will be allowed to use the front entrance and all the hallways.

Do not come to school if you are sick.

With anything. If your child develops symptoms while they are at school we will contact you and have you make arrangements for your child to go home. The daily health check form is up on the school website.

Wash your hands

Hand sanitizer will be available and we will encourage students to wash their hands frequently.

Masks

Masks are to be worn indoors in all parts of the school with exceptions for things like eating. The Provincial guidelines can be found here and the section on masks is on page 19, 20, and the top of page 21. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidlines.pdf>

Lockers

Students will be allowed to use lockers this year. A reminder that students must use a school lock. If you are not sure if the combination lock you have came from the school look at the back, our locks have a key hole in the back. Locks can be purchased at the office for \$8.

Passing of a Student

You may have already heard the very sad news that one of our students, Dayton Gall-Plastow, passed away on July 9th. I have spoken with Dayton's parents, and I have permission to share that Dayton passing was anticipated because of his deteriorating health, due to Dayton's medical complexities. Our condolences are with Dayton's family, friends and anyone impacted by this sad news.

As parents, you know your children the best and can help them processing this sad news. When with your children, please keep the following in mind.

- Give honest, simple brief answers to your child's questions.
- Create opportunities for our child to talk with you about what happened. Be especially loving and supportive.
- Listen to your child and let her know that her feelings are normal and acceptable.