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LDSS News

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Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

Our Principal's Message



This newsletter comes to you in the last full week of regular classes. Next week, you will see an adjusted schedule that allows time for longer assessments as well as Ministry and grade level assessments. The block order is mostly the same. More detailed schedules are further in the newsletter. For specific information, please email your child's teacher or for Ministry assessments contact Mrs. Dezamits or Mrs. Dubé.

This has been another challenging semester for students, staff and parents with the ongoing impacts of a pandemic. Please understand that this is difficult for everyone and is not business as usual. We continue to look for ways to respond to each challenge and the constant changing landscape. Later in this newsletter you will find a further piece from me on this topic.

Finally, please be advised that I am currently on a medical leave which I hope will be only short term. In the meantime, you may notice a decrease in our Facebook messaging as that page is connected to my personal account. If you see me in the community, feel free to smile and wave. Otherwise I ask you to respect my privacy at this time. For any inquiry, call the school and the clerical staff will ask how they can direct your call.

What is Grade 13?

There isn't actually a grade 13 in BC public schools. However students have always had until age 19 to complete their graduation requirements. Every year, we have a dozen or more students doing that. There is no way around it with the pandemic has interrupted learning for students. No matter how diligent a student has been, circumstances may have caused them to fall behind or not take a course that they had planned on or need for post secondary. We regularly remind students of these options and did so this week. Please be aware that:

- A student may retake a course to improve understanding (this would be in the place of an elective or could be done in an extra semester).
- If a student took Workplace Math and wants to take Foundations or Pre-Calculus, they can start with FMP 10 and then move on to the grade 11/12 course of choice.
- Next semester, there is still some space in English 11, English 12, Biology 11 and FMP 10, Earth Science 11 and Astronomy 12.
- Homework help is available every day before school, at lunch and after school

Please contact Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Dezamits if you need further information.

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

January 24th to 27th – Assessment Week
January 28th – "I" Completion Day (No Classes)
January 31st – No Classes
February 1st – Semester Two Begins
February 11th – Professional Development Day
February 21st – Family Day
March 21st – Spring Break Begins
April 4th – First Day Back to School
April 15th – Good Friday
April 18th – Easter Monday
April 29th – Professional Development Day
May 13th – Professional Development Day
May 23rd – Victoria Day
June 17th – Commencement Ceremony

Do more
things that
make you
forget to
check your
phone.

Grades 8 and 9 Schedule for January 24 to 28, 2022

	Monday, January 24	Tuesday, January 25	Wednesday, January 26	Thursday, January 27	Friday, January 28
8:50 to 9:55 AM	A Regular class	B Regular class	C Regular class	D Regular class	NO CLASSES. This day is to make up missed exams and to complete any incomplete course requirements. Both require prior arrangement with your teacher(s).
10:00 to 12:00 - Gr. 9 10:00 to 12:05 - Gr. 8	Block B Assessment	Block A Assessment	Block D Assessment	Block C Assessment	
12:00 to 12:50 - Gr. 9 12:05 to 12:55 - Gr. 8	STUDENT LUNCH HOUR				
12:50 to 2:00 - Gr. 9 12:55 to 2:00 - Gr. 8	C Gr. 8 – SNAP Math assessment Gr. 9 – Regular class	D Regular class	A Gr. 8/9 - Student self-assessment	B Gr. 8/9 - Student self-assessment	No classes Monday, January 31 for turnaround day. Building open if student has something needing to be completed Semester 2 classes start on Tuesday, February 1
2:05 to 3:05 PM	D Gr. 8 – Regular class Gr. 9 – SNAP Math assessment	C Regular class	B Gr. 8/9 - Student self-assessment	A Gr. 8/9 - Student self-assessment	

Grades 10, 11, and 12 Schedule for January 24 to 28, 2022

	Monday, January 24	Tuesday, January 25	Wednesday, January 26	Thursday, January 27	Friday, January 28
8:50 to 9:55 AM	A Regular classes	B Regular classes Literacy 12 Assessment	C Regular classes	D Regular classes Numeracy 10 Assessment	NO CLASSES. This day is to make up missed exams and to complete any incomplete course requirements.
10:00 to 11:55 - Gr. 11/12 10:00 to 12:00 - Gr. 10	B Block B Assessment	A Block A Assessment Literacy 12 Assessment (continues)	D Block D Assessment	C Block C Assessment Numeracy 10 Assessment (continues)	
11:55 to 12:45 - Gr. 11/12 12:00 to 12:50 - Gr. 10	STUDENT LUNCH HOUR				
12:45 to 2:00 - Gr. 11/12 12:50 to 2:00 - Gr. 10	C Numeracy 10 Assessment * Grade 10, 11, 12 students not writing this assessment will go to their regular class, but there will be no new work.	D Literacy 10 Assessment * Grade 10, 11, 12 students not writing this assessment will go to their regular class, but there will be no new work.	A Literacy 10 Assessment * Grade 10, 11, 12 students not writing this assessment will go to their regular class, but there will be no new work.	B Literacy 12 Assessment * Grade 10, 11, 12 students not writing this assessment will go to their regular class, but there will be no new work.	No classes Monday, January 31 for turnaround day. Building open if student has something needing to be completed Semester 2 classes start on Tuesday, February 1
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LDSS Lakers clothing is available for order now!

Order and payment deadline is Thursday February 10th.

Call 250-692-7733 for more information.

Russell Lightweight Hood  \$30.00	Russell Hood  \$40.00	Russell Crewneck  \$35.00
Russell T-Shirt  \$20.00	Jogger Pants (Mens/Ladies)  \$40.00	

Lakes District Festival of the Performing Arts

The Lakes District Festival of the Performing Arts 2022 is currently a go!

The festival is scheduled to run from April 19th to 30th, 2022.

The closing date for entries will be February 28th, 2022.

- Instrumental - April 19th with adjudicator Calvin Dyck
- Piano – To Be Announced
- Speech Arts - April 22nd and 23rd with adjudicator Nitasha Rajoo
- Vocals - April 26th to 28th with adjudicator Karyn Way
- April 30th - Gala Honours Night

All current Public Health Orders will be followed. Participants over 12 years of age will be required to be vaccinated to participate.

Students and families interested in Speech Arts can contact Jess Shively (Speech Arts Coordinator) at (250) 692-3912 to help locate poems, etc. to use.

Junior Boys' played against Fraser Lake on Monday, January 17th



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Daily Health Check for Students (Parents)

Updated January 12, 2022

Parents and caregivers must perform a daily health check and follow directions as to when students must stay home:

Symptoms	What To Do
- Fever - Chills - Cough - Loss of sense of smell or taste - Difficulty breathing	1 or more of these symptoms: Get tested and stay home.
- Sore throat - Loss of appetite - Headache - Body aches - Extreme fatigue or tiredness - Nausea or vomiting - Diarrhea	If you have 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better. 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. Get tested if not better after 24 hours.
If you are a close contact* of someone who has COVID-19 and have any of the symptoms listed above: Get tested and stay home.	

*For more information and instructions on close contacts, go to: www.bccdc.ca/covid19closecontacts.

Self Monitoring for Close Contacts

- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 listed above for 14 days from the day you last had contact with the person who has COVID-19, even if you are fully vaccinated or had COVID-19 in the last 90 days. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 listed above, please use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you should get tested for COVID-19.

Self-Isolation for Close Contacts

- If you are **fully vaccinated or had COVID-19 in the last 90 days**, including children with two doses, you are not required to self-isolate but should self-monitor closely. If an individual develops symptoms they should isolate immediately and isolate for five days. Please note, symptoms override close contact status in terms of self-management.
- If you are **not fully vaccinated and did not have COVID-19 in the last 90 days**, you are required to self-isolate for 10 days from the day you last had contact with the person who has COVID-19, even if you do not have any symptoms. If an individual goes on to develop symptoms and tests positive, their isolation is five days from their onset of symptoms which may end up shorter than the initial 10 days.

Stay Home When Required to Self-Isolate

When you self-isolate, you stay home and keep away from others to help stop the spread of COVID-19. You should self-isolate if:

- You have symptoms of COVID-19.
- You are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and you are not fully vaccinated.
- You have been asked to self-isolate by public health or because of recent travel.

For more information on self-isolation and self-monitoring, please visit the [BCCDC webpage on self-isolation](#).