

Skeena Middle School

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School Starts at 8:45

Bell Schedule

8:40	Warning Bell
8:45	Classes Start
	1 st Block
9:53	2 nd Block
10:56	Break
11:11	3 rd Block
12:15	Lunch
12:56	End of Lunch
1:00	4 th Block
2:07	5 th Block
3:11	Dismiss

Student Absenteeism

Please remember to contact the school whenever your child is going to be away from school. If you send a note with your child, please have the note delivered to the main office first. If the absence is going to be for an extended period of time i.e. more than one day, we can put a homework request out to teachers.

Visitors and Guests to the School

All parents/guardians, visitors and guests are required to check in at the main office upon arrival. Thank you.

Students Leaving the School

In the interest of student safety, any students who need to leave the school for any reason, i.e. an appointment, home for lunch – are required to sign out at the main office and to sign back in upon return. Thank you.



Newsletter – September 20

2018

Dear SMS Families,

We would like to welcome all our students and staff back to Skeena Middle School and are looking forward to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Staff members have been hard at work preparing and planning for the start of the year and the arrival of our students. We are looking forward to working together as a team to provide the very best educational experience for your child. Our newsletter is one way we maintain communication between school and home. Thank you for taking the time to read the enclosed information.

We are very fortunate to have a talented, caring group of teachers and support staff in place at Skeena Middle School. Please join us in welcoming all our new teaching staff and support staff to SMS. We are looking forward to working together as a school community to make the 2018-2019 school year a fantastic one.

We want students and parents to know that we welcome the opportunity to talk with you in the hallways, in classrooms, in the office, at meetings as well as at cultural and sporting events. We want to work with our entire school community to continue to establish a positive, dynamic learning and social environment. We encourage all of our parents/guardians to continue to take an active role in their child's education.

Please feel free to contact your child's teachers, Mr. Barron, Mr. Killoran, or Mr. Newbery with any questions or concerns at any time during the year.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 20

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for pizza, coffee, tea, or juice and the opportunity to meet your child's teachers, look around the school, and say hello to administration.

Enter to win new SMS Clothing!

Sport Teams and Clubs



Volleyball

Gr 7 girls practice 3:30-5:00 on Monday and Wednesday

Gr 7 Boy practice 3:30-5:00 on Tuesday and Thursday

Gr 8 boys 5:00-6:30 Mon and Wednesday

Gr 8 Girls 5:00-6:30 Tuesday and Thursday

Gr 9 girls will be determined soon starting at 6:30 pm

All students are reminded to hand in consent forms to their coaches- NOT THE OFFICE.

Band

Gr 8-9 Jazz band Monday and Wednesday morning 7:20- 8:40am

Gr 8-9 After school concert band Tuesdays 3:15-4:15

Gr 7 After school concert band Mondays 3:15-4:15

Band parents meeting Thursday, September 20, 7pm Skeena Band Room following open house.

If you have any questions contact Ms. Thomas at crystal.thomas@cmsd.bc.ca

Leadership Team

Any students interested in volunteering to organize and plan events for the school, help out our community and beyond, are asked to join SMS Leadership for our first meeting in Room 119 at lunch on Thursday, September 20th. Teacher sponsors are Ms. Kenmuir, Ms. McNutt, Ms. Sousa and Mrs. Wolfe.



LUNCH PROCEDURES

During lunchtime at SMS, our Grade 7 and 8 classes will eat their lunch in their CORE classrooms while our grade 9 students eat their lunches in the Open Area.



All students are able to take advantage of the following:

Healthy Brown Bag Lunches- students in need of a lunch may go to Room 156 at lunch to get one of our brown bag lunches and/or fruit/snacks.

Soup- we will begin our hot soup program soon. One day a week, we will be making soup and buns available by donation. Students are asked to pay \$0.50 or what they are able to for a cup of soup and a bun.

Canteen – our Canteen is open at lunchtime and break-time offering snacks and drinks. We will be starting our HOT LUNCH program soon. Order forms have been sent home with all students.

Canteen Cards - are available for students to purchase in the office in the denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$25.

We offer a Breakfast Club each morning in the Open Area beginning at 8:15. We also have fresh fruit available each day for students needing a snack during the day.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

There are a number of activities for students each day at SMS, including:

Outside Equipment: We have a number of soccer balls, basketballs, Frisbees, and other equipment available for students to use outside.

Library: Our library is open for students at lunchtime for a quiet place to complete work, read a book, or talk quietly with friends.

Computer Lab: Our computer lab in the Library is open every lunch for student use. Priority is given to students completing schoolwork.

The Gym: Our gym is open every day for students to play basketball, volleyball or other activities.

Intramurals: We will be starting our intramural games in the next few weeks.



Student Photos



Student photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 25.

Important Dates

Pro-D Day
– Sept.21

PAC Meeting
– Sept. 19.

Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 27

Student Photo Day
- Sept. 25

Good Communication....

We believe that communication with our Parents, Guardians, and our entire school community is incredibly important. In an effort to try and improve communication between school and home, we will be emailing our newsletters as well as posting all newsletters and other communication (notices, forms, etc.) to our webpage at <http://skeena.cmsd.bc.ca/>.

If you would like an emailed copy of the newsletter, please ensure that we have an updated email address on file in the office.

Skeena Middle School uses an automated callout system. If our secretaries are unable to contact parents, we use this system to call parents and guardians to notify them that their child is away from school. This system is also used to notify all of our parents/guardians about the events (e.g. Open House, Report Cards, Parent/Teacher Interviews, etc.) at Skeena Middle School.



Student Pick-Up and Drop Off

We would like to remind all of our parents/guardians to follow the signs indicating the "Drop Off" Area in our front parking lot.

All parents/guardians are reminded that our bus lane (the lane closest to the building) is reserved for school buses only until 4:30 pm.

September PAC Meeting

Our first PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting of the year is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

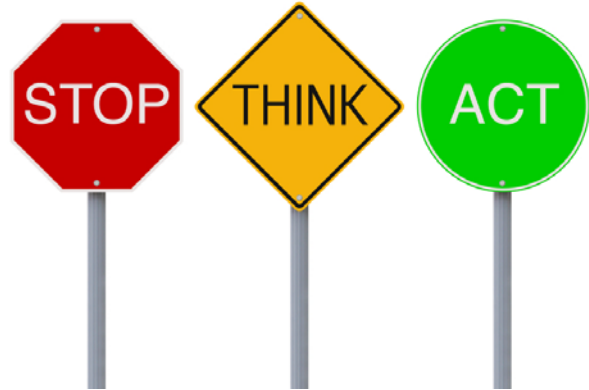
The SMS PAC group meets approximately once a month to discuss and review a variety of topics, and to receive an update of activities and events taking place at the school. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend PAC meetings.

P.A.C. STATEMENT: *"Parents and school, talking and planning for the success and future of our children"*



SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

- We all care about student safety. It is important that we continually stress the importance of using crosswalks, sidewalks and overpasses, and frequently remind students about following safe traffic and road rules.
- Talk to your child about taking extra caution near busy intersections and corners.
- Students should be cautious and fully aware of their surroundings and avoid using their cell phones and listening to loud music.
- Skateboards, longboards, and scooters can be brought to school; however, it is crucial for students to follow safety and road rules. It is also essential that those riding skateboards, longboards, or scooters to and from school have the necessary equipment to protect their own personal safety. **Helmets are required.**
- If your child is bringing a skateboard, longboard or scooter they must bring these items into the office as soon as they arrive on school grounds. Students are not permitted to ride these before class, at lunch or break, or after school.
- If your child is bringing a bike to school, they must lock this up as soon as they arrive on grounds. Bikes are not to be ridden on school grounds.





Return one or both draw slips to win SMS clothing or free hot lunch! Remember, a parent/guardian needs to read the newsletter in order to enter the draw.

Entry # 1

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Comment: _____

Entry # 2

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Comment: _____

