



# Williams Lake Campus

## Lake City Secondary

### September 2023 Newsletter

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#### Important Dates

Sept 5	District Planning Day No students, staff only
Sept. 6	School Opens ½ Day
Sept 13	School Pictures in the morning
Sept 18	PAC Meeting 6:00pm Columneetza Campus
Sept 22	Pro-D Day (no school)
Sept 29	National Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
Oct 5	Photo Retakes
Oct 9	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct 20	Pro-D Day (no school)
Oct. 25	Parent-Teacher night
Oct. 30- Nov. 3	Provincial Assessments

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (½ day)**

**8:40am-11:30am**

We would like to welcome all students back to school this year, with a special welcome to our new students and staff. The first day is a ½ day and we would like to remind everyone to remain calm and patient while we get everyone organized.

Undoubtedly, there will be some unforeseen challenges, but we will get them resolved as quickly as possible.

#### First Day (Sept 6<sup>th</sup>) Procedures

**Grade 10 – 12 Students** – All students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will go to their A block class (Homeroom) and will stay there for the remainder of the day. Alphabetical homeroom lists will be posted inside the front doors, on the office windows, in the commons and other spots around the school so students can figure out where their A block class is. Once students are settled in their classes, schedules and other necessary information to start the year will be provided.

**\*Gr. 10-12 students who have a Columneetza class in A block (Metal work, Drafting, Auto or French Immersion) please go to the WL campus September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## District Planning Day (Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>)

The 2022-23 school year starts with a District Planning Day on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. This planning day is a unique opportunity for our entire organization to continue our engagement and understanding on the effects of trauma, both historic as the legacy of residential schools, and as recent as the result of the pandemic. The district will be joined by author Jo Chrona to lead our learning on these topics. All staff will gather at their school or worksites and participate. Students are not at school this day.

## School supplies



School supply lists are posted on the school Facebook page. A pen or pencil with lined paper and a binder will be sufficient for the first day.

Do not bring all your school supplies on the first day, please wait for teacher direction.

**Student Schedules** will be given out on the first day or are available online via MyEd, (if you remember your log in ID and password). Instructions on how to log on and use MyEd will be emailed to all parents in early September so please monitor your Email.



**Counsellors** will be in the school starting August 28<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> to address new registrations and scheduling 'glitches'. Please stop by the school between 9am to 3pm to see a counselor. Please note course options are extremely limited as most courses/classes are full, changing classes 'to be with friends' will not be made. New student registrations will take priority.

**Newsletters.** School newsletters will be emailed out at the beginning of each month and posted to the school district website. We also have a Facebook page that I would encourage you to join as it is used regularly and has very timely news. Please check verification forms and send back with any changes so we have up to date information.



**Student Verification Forms** – Student verification forms will be handed out to all students in early September. Please go over the information listed and make changes as needed. All forms should be signed and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is vital we get these forms returned so we have accurate contact information for all students. Please ensure the media release form and the Indigenous self-identification form is completed and returned as well.

***Students who return the forms will be entered in a draw to win a \$100 gift certificate!!***



## Bus Students

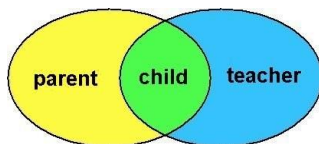
**School bus registration** - for the **2023-2024** school year is open. The online form is on the website under Schools – Bus Information ([Bus Information \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://sd27.bc.ca)), or there is a QR code (below) so parents can fill the form out on their cell phones. All bus students, not just new bus students, must register.



**Breakfast for Learning** our school offers some quick and simple breakfast food options to get the day going from 8:05am-8:30am every morning. Options include toast, fruit, yogurt, granola bars and tea. This grab and go breakfast opportunity is open for all students.

## Calling in Absences

At Lake City Secondary we feel regular attendance is a crucial component of academic performance. Students are expected to be on time and attend every class. If students are ill or cannot attend for other reasons, **it is up to the parent or guardian to notify the School Messenger system** at 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, website login or calling the school. <https://go.schoolmessenger.com> All undocumented absences will be considered unexcused and may result in consequences. Poor attendance may result in a file review.



**Parent Advisory Council:** A strong relationship between the school and parents is very important in a child's education, and one way of being involved with the school is to be a member of the PAC. Last year's PAC was a very dedicated group, which was really appreciated. We are hoping that the same will be true this year, and with your help, this can come true. All parents are invited to attend Lake City Secondary PAC meetings. The meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ Columneetza Campus Library - 6:00pm**



**Student of the Week** is selected by a different staff member each week based on positive actions of the students that contribute to our school's culture. Each teacher chooses their own criteria under a theme of the Indigenous Circle of Courage: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and/or Generosity. Student of the Week pictures will be posted on our Facebook page and in the WL Tribune.

**Picture Day** – is **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** for WL students in the morning.

There will be a reminder with suggestions for a good photo session. These are the individual portrait photos. If your child is away, retakes are Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Volunteering at the School** – All volunteers volunteering their time to support school events must have a criminal record check completed before they start helping out. This includes driving students, dry grad, coaching, helping in a classroom, etc. To apply online go to the link below and enter the password:

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Williams Lake Campus Access Code: **3RMX4S4KYY**

**School Sports Teams and Clubs**



Sports teams, and other student extracurricular activities will be up and running. Students are asked to listen carefully to announcements for information. Sports teams include: Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball, Badminton and Track and Field. School clubs include LGBTQ+, Enviro, and 'Greenologists'. Many others may develop – keep your ears open 😊

**Salmon Trip 2023 - September 25-27** - The goal of this trip is to involve young people in activities that help them appreciate how a watershed works—the animals, the plants, the water, the geography, and the role of human interaction. Space is limited and students must complete an application (attached).

Some of the activities will include: monitoring salmon health, identifying stream invertebrates, hiking, learning the importance of salmon and healthy watersheds from First Nation leaders, and working with UNBC researchers.

Cost is \$50 but see Ms. Riplinger or Ms. Nowotny if this is prohibitive.

Activities on this trip can also be incorporated into a capstone project or Independent Studies credits.

***Lake City Secondary acknowledges that our school is located on the unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc where we are honoured to live, laugh and learn.***