

PSO NEWS



Happy Fall All!

Upcoming events:

Oct 17th - Grade 12 Scholarship meeting
9am during A block

Oct 16th - PAC Meeting 5:30pm

Oct 18th - Re-Take day

Oct 20th - Pro-D Day

Oct 23rd - Grade 8 Elective Change over

Oct 25th - Grad Council meeting at
6pm in school cafeteria

Nov 10th - School Closed for
Remembrance Day

Nov 13, 14, 15 - Grad Photo Days

Nov 15th & 16th - School day
shortened by 1 hour (2:15 dismissal)

Grade 8 Parents - As you may have noticed, the Parent Portal for Grade 8 students and their parents is not available yet. The District IT department is working on this, we hope this will be up and running soon. We will let you know once it is. Thank you for your patience.

Food Programs

We are very excited to be able to offer free lunch and snacks between classes for **ALL** students.

Students are welcome to come down to the cafeteria every day for free soup and sandwiches and veggies.

Also we have a breakfast program here at PSO. Everyday, students can come and get breakfast food at the cafeteria.

Parent Teacher Night

Just a reminder to parents that we will be having a parent teacher evening on October 25th. We are in the process of setting this up at this time. If your child's teacher wants to speak to you, you will be getting a call from the office to arrange a time to meet that evening.

Also you are welcome to call to book a time with your child's teacher when we are ready to take appointments. Stay tuned for this.

PAC Meeting

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. All parents are invited to attend Peter Skene Ogden Secondary PAC meetings. Last year's PAC was a very dedicated group, which was really appreciated. We are hoping that the same will be true this year.

**NEXT PAC/AGM MEETING:
Monday, October 16 @ Peter Skene
Ogden Library - 5:30pm**

New Reporting Information

Beginning this year, Grade 8 and 9 students will have their learning communicated to them through the proficiency scale. Term 1 report cards will reflect this change. Please see attached information on the proficiency scale and what communication of student learning to caregivers will look like. You will begin to see these changes in your child's progress through the Myed Parent Portal as well.

Picture Re-Takes

Picture Retakes are slated for **Wednesday, October 18th**. Any staff or students that did not get photos the first photo day, can bring their order form and payment on retake day.

Even if students do not want a picture package, they should have their photo taken for the ID card and yearbook.

If a student likes their first picture (from seeing their ID card), but did not order a package then, they can come see Steeve the photographer and give him the order package and tell him they want the picture from the first picture day.

If a student does not like their first picture, they can get retakes. If they already paid for a package, they must bring those photos back on retake day and give them to the photographer in order to get the new retakes. Order forms and payment must be given directly to the photographer on retake day.

We cannot accept them at the office.

Holiday Market

PSO is hosting a student Holiday Market on November 18th. Student clubs will have items for sale as well as some of our talented students will be showing off their work and items will be available for purchase. (Times to follow)



Halloween Costumes

If your child participates in dressing up for Halloween on October 31st, please make sure they **DO NOT** bring fake weapons of any kind to accompany their costumes. We also ask that students avoid dressing up as a stereotype of an entire culture of people as this is cultural appropriation. Instead, encourage them to be imaginative and creative and to wear a school-appropriate costume.

Student Verification Forms

We want to make sure we have the most up to date information for student contact information. Student verification forms will be sent out by grade levels on different dates. We will also email out to parent email addresses on file. Please review the information and return with changes and your signature. Thank you for your assistance!

Numeracy and Literacy Assessment

Literacy assessments for grade 11 and 12 students currently enrolled in English 12 or English First Peoples 12 will be held on Wednesday Nov 1st beginning at 12:30. Room number TBA. There will be catch up exam sessions for Grade 12s only for students that have previously missed Gr 10 Literacy or Gr 10 Numeracy assessments on Thursday Nov 2nd at 9:00 am and at 12:30. Students will need to check their graduation requirements at the Tuesday Oct 17th Gr 12 meeting to see if they are missing a Grade 10 assessment.

Grad Info

The Grad Council will be hosting a Haunted House fundraiser at the South Cariboo Movie Theatre on October 31st starting at 5pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person and the concession will be open.

If you would like to find out more information about the Grad Council, please email Kristy Gosselin at jkmj.anderson@gmail.com. **The next Grad Council Meeting will be October 25th at 6pm in the school cafeteria.**

Grad Scholarship Meeting: Please be aware there is a Grade 12 scholarship meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 9AM. Please attend even if you think you do not qualify for scholarship.

Newsletters

School newsletters will be emailed out the second week of each month and posted to the school website. We also have a Facebook page that we would encourage you to join as it is used regularly and has very timely news.

Calling in Absences

At PSO 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>

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing a month into school! Please remind your student to check our lost and found table in the front foyer.



The logo for 'stopfinder' features the word 'stopfinder' in a grey, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter 'o' is replaced by a red octagonal stop sign with a white smiley face in the center. The letter 'f' is a larger, red, lowercase font. The background of the top section includes a blue sky with white clouds and a large yellow sun in the upper right corner.

The all-in-one, easy to use app for viewing & sharing your student's transportation schedule.

View your student's trips and stops.
Securely share your student's schedule with caregivers.
Receive bus notifications and updates.

An invitation to activate your Stopfinder account will be sent to the primary email address on file with the district between October 15th and November 15th.

If you need to update your email address on file, please phone your student's school before October 19th.

If you haven't received an email invitation to register by November 15th, email sd27maintenance@sd27.bc.ca.

DOWNLOAD STOPFINDER VIA THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY



Information for Parents and Caregivers



K-12 Student Reporting

When you were in school, were you asked to memorize information and repeat it on a test, only to forget it soon after? We now know learning is not just memorizing – it's being able to use what we know and apply it in real-world settings. Universities, colleges, and employers today care more about how students think than how many facts they can repeat.

BC's Curriculum

The learning students do today is more complex than ever. British Columbia redesigned the provincial curriculum to respond to the needs of today's learners. The curriculum continues to give your child a strong foundation in reading, writing, and math. But it also teaches your child how to think critically, communicate, solve problems, and use their knowledge in ways that both matter in school and will matter in a rapidly changing future.

The new curriculum has been in place in all grades since 2019, but report cards and the way student learning is communicated haven't really changed for decades. Report cards are now changing to align with the curriculum and to help ensure that every student in the province is set up for success in their learning.



Classroom assessment

You may remember getting a letter grade or percentage at the end of a chapter in your textbook or after a test, signaling to you that learning had come to an end. Today we know that learning doesn't stop when students hand in an assignment or complete a test.

We also know that:

- student learning can be communicated in ways other than letter grades
- teacher feedback on student learning can help students continue to learn
- students are more engaged when they have a say in how they show their learning



That's why students will receive marks on a four-point scale from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Students in Grades 10-12 will still receive a letter grade and percentage to support their entry into post-secondary education. And reporting for all students will now include self-reflection and goal setting.

Report Cards

These changes mean that report cards might not look the same as when you were in school. But the information you will now receive will provide a complete picture of what your child can do, where they need to improve, and how you can support their learning. Reporting in this way will ensure that students focus on learning instead of competing for marks.



Email

student.reporting@gov.bc.ca



Website

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

What is consistent?

5 reporting events (3 written and 2 informal reports, such as parent/caregiver-teacher conferences)

Letter grades and percentages at grades 10-12

Written feedback grades K-9

Student self-assessment of Core Competencies grades K-9

What is evolving?

Inclusion of the graduation status update at grades 10-12 on the end of year report card

The consistent use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale by all districts at grades K-9

Written feedback at grades K-12

Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal-setting grades K-12



The Provincial Proficiency Scale

If your child is in Grades K-9, you won't see letter grades on their report card. Instead, you will see information on where your child is on the Provincial Proficiency Scale. The scale uses the terms "Emerging," "Developing," "Proficient," and "Extending" to describe student learning. The scale maintains high standards for student learning.

Emerging

Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.

Developing

Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.

Proficient

Proficient is the goal for your child. It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn't mean their learning stops.

Extending

Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

For more information:

