



Columneetza Junior Secondary

January 2024 Newsletter

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Weyt-kp! Columneetza's Thomas-Dueck Pow Wow

On Friday, January 26th our Pow Wow Committee has organized a Pow Wow at Columneetza. Grade 7-9s will have the opportunity throughout the day to go with classes to the gym to experience this rich cultural event. We have also invited surrounding bands, schools in SD27 as well as Little Chiefs Primary School to join us. We will have Taleomi and Northern Tribes drumming and Brent Edgar as our MC.



PSST is an online anonymous reporting tool that serves the safety needs of today's students.

PSST is a secure and confidential place for students to share information about anything that concerns them at school. Students do not need to provide their name unless they wish to be contacted.

Wear Winter Clothing – Be Prepared!

Students, Parents & Guardians, as the cooler weather begins to make an appearance, we are asking for students to ensure they are wearing warm clothing to school so they can be outside during classes and breaks. If you need help getting your child outfitted with warm winter wear the school can help. Call the school at 250-392-4158.

Grade 9 Immunizations -Message from Interior Health

Parents/ Guardians, Grade 9 students will be sent home a consent package Monday, January 15th for Routine immunizations to be done in school. There is information about which vaccine's your child is eligible for in the package as well as in the link below. Feel free to reach out to Public Health if you have any questions or concerns. Please have the consent form back in the school office by **January 19th**.

Important Dates

Jan 8	School Reopens
Jan 26	Semester 1 Ends; Pow Wow at Col
Jan 29	Semester 2 Starts Expo 5 starts; PAC Mtg 6pm at Col Library
Feb 2	Grade 8-9 Report Cards due to the office
Feb 13	Grade 8-9 Report Cards go home
Feb 7	Staff Meeting
Feb 16	Pro-D (no school)
Feb 19	Family Day Stat (no school)
Feb 29	Expo #6 begins

- If you do not want your child immunized, please return the consent form and tick the **No** on the consent form for all immunizations that apply.
- If you want your child done at the health unit, please return the consent form with a note that states that and a public health nurse will contact you to arrange.
- Public Health Nurses will go to the school in the next few months. We do not have a particular date yet.

IF A CONSENT FORM IS NOT RETURNED, PLEASE EXPECT SEVERAL PHONE CALLS FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE.

<http://insidenet.interiorhealth.ca/Clinical/PandP/Immunization%20Documents/Grade%209%20Immunization%20Teaching%20Package.pdf>

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Mentoring

BBBS is looking for student mentors for the In-School Mentoring Program involving Columneetza, Nesika and Cataline for 1 hour/week. Students from Columneetza will be paired up with Kindergarten - Grade 6 students. This is a way to gain volunteer hours and make a positive impact on a younger person's life. Call or text Curtis from BBBS at 250-267-7361 if you are interested and look for the BBBS booth this week again at lunch by the library.

SOAR - Free e-library for Columneetza students



Students can access this e-library from school or home, on their computer, Apple/Android phone, or tablet. There are hundreds of audiobooks, fiction & non-fiction books, and magazines. Just download the free Sora app, find our library (British Columbia Interior/North K-12 Shared Digital Collection), select "Columneetza", and sign in using your school username and password. If you can't find the audiobooks/books you were hoping for, just drop by the

Columneetza library – we may be able to add them to the collection.

Change of Address, Contact Information and Updated Legal Documents:

For any families that have moved or otherwise changed any contact information for their child(ren) please call the school at 250 392 4158 and we will update our school records. Items that need continual updates are phone numbers, email addresses, mailing addresses, and custody orders. Thank you for helping us keep your records up to date.



School Messenger - Columneetza is using School Messenger automatic callout module. The program is linked to MyEd BC and sends out emails, phone calls and messages to parents whose children did not go to class for that morning or afternoon (unexcused absence). Parents can respond in kind to the message indicating that the child is ill etc. The system also allows parents to indicate that their child will be away for the day by calling 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, website login or calling the school.

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>

Parent Advisory Council: Thank you to all of the parents that responded to my email and are willing to attend this month's PAC meeting and put their names forward for PAC positions!! You are very much appreciated. 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 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, January 29th @ Columneetza Library - 6:00pm

Food Sales at Columneetza



Breakfast for Learning – breakfast food is available 5 days a week from 8:10-8:40am. Lunch food is also available every day for students who need a lunch or have forgotten a lunch, see Courtney Mailhot, Youth Engagement Worker. Wraps are sold Wednesdays and Fridays for \$2 per half and pizza is sold Thursday for \$2.50/slice.



E-Sports (League of Legends) Club is Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in room 150, from 3:30 - 5:30pm at Columneetza. Team members are practicing this semester and will begin team competition in the Spring. New members welcome.

The 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline:

The 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline is a new service available 24/7/365 to help Canadians when they need it most. The service, accessible via call or text to 9-8-8, offers trauma-informed and culturally affirming support to anyone who is thinking of suicide or who is worried about someone they know. This service is also available in the “Take Action” section of the erase Mental Health and Well-being web page:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/mental-health>

Foundry - Williams Lake – Cariboo Chilcotin Location:

Offers youth ages 12-24 access to mental health and substance support, physical and sexual healthcare, peer support and social services. 250-398-2185 9am-6pm Monday-Friday.

Criminal Records Review Online Program:

Any person wanting to volunteer at our school will be required to use this code when submitting an online request. Online

Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>, Access Code: 8ND5W2DD2X

Lunch Hour Supervisors:

We are still looking for interested parents/caregivers/community members to join our team and help supervise students at lunch in the Library and the Gymnasium. Please call or email Hattie Darney if you are interested (250-392-4158 – hattie.darney@sd27.bc.ca). A current resume, 2 references and a Criminal Records Check are required.

Columneetza School Website: <https://www.sd27.bc.ca/lcsscolum>

Facebook Page: “Lake City Secondary – School Page”



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