



Columneetza Junior Secondary

February 2024 Newsletter

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“Be More Than a Bystander” Assembly Feb. 8th – BC Lions address gender-based violence, consent and teach the “more than a bystander” approach for youth.



BE MORE THAN A BYSTANDER
BREAK THE SILENCE ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

#BeMoreThanABystander
www.endingviolence.org

www.youtube.com/EndViolenceBC

@EndViolenceBC

Important Dates

- Feb 8 Grade 8-9 Learning Updates go home (date changed)

Be More Than a Bystander Assembly with the BC Lions
- Feb 13 Staff Meeting
- Feb 16 Pro-D (no school)
- Feb 19 Family Day Stat (no school)
- Feb.20 Gr. 7 Parent Info Session at TRU (Tyne/Wilson/Campsall/O’Keefe/McIntosh)
- Feb. 26 PAC Mtg WL 6pm
- Feb. 28 **Pink Shirt Day**
- Feb 29 Expo #6 begins

CLASS SCHEDULE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-9:00	8:00-9:00	8:00-9:00	8:00-9:00	8:00-9:00
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Semester 2 – Students and Parents. Please note: classes have been in session for a week into Semester 2 and class changes will only be for exceptional circumstances. Currently, we have been unable to hire a PHE 8 teacher for Blocks B & C as well as a Socials/English teacher for 4 Blocks. We have Teachers-On-Call covering classes and will continue to work with Human Resources to hire teachers.

Learning Updates (Report Cards)

The Learning Updates going home this week will look a bit different than usual as they will include elective courses from both Term 1 and Term 2. Work Ethic and Honour Roll will be based on Term 2 only. The Learning Updates will also be published to the MyEducation Parent Portal.

My Education Parent Portal Link:

<https://www.sd27.bc.ca/lcssolum/page/6766/parent-portal-access>

My Education Student Portal Link:

<https://www.sd27.bc.ca/lcsscolumn/page/6813/portal-email-access>

2024-25 Student Course Selection

Students and parents please take note that we will be starting the process of student course selection for the 2024-25 school year this week. Course selection handbooks will be posted online to the school website for viewing shortly. Counsellors will be making classroom visits.

Check out the SD27 Focus Areas:

<https://www.sd27.bc.ca/page/6504/focus-areas>

Read the Most Recent Report on the Progress of the District Plan for Learner Success - Cariboo-Chilcotin Sd#27 Enhancing Student Learning Report September 2023:

<https://media.sd27.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/enhancing-student-learning-report-sd27-submitted-september-2023-1.c751f27031.pdf>

Parent, student, and staff feedback forms will be sent out soon via email and QR Codes!

Careers Awareness Week



School District No. 27 Cariboo-Chilcotin, together with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) and Thompson Rivers University has organized a Youth Discover the Trades event for 160 grade 7 students from Lake City Secondary School. This multi-day event will connect students to their community and just a few of the many career paths available.

Grade 7 Tradesperson Day

On February 21st, students from Mr. Tyne's, Mr. Wilson's, Ms. Campsall's, M. O'Keefe's and Mr. McIntosh's classes will have the opportunity go to TRU to explore electrical, welding, heavy-duty mechanics, carpentry, and millwrighting. Field trip forms will be sent home and are due back Feb. 9th. There is a Parent Information Session at the TRU Cafeteria on Feb. 20th from 6:30-7:30pm for any parents/students in these 5 classes (optional).

Trades Visit Grade7 Classes: At a later date, Ms. Byer's, Ms. McCoubrey's, Ms. Watkinson's, and Ms. Jones' classes will have Red Seal and skilled tradespeople from varying backgrounds at Columneetza to visit their classrooms. Students will interview the volunteers, learn about their educations, what they do in their jobs, and what they love about their careers.



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.

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.

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 attended this month's PAC meeting and took on PAC executive 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 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 26th @ WL Campus Library - 6:00pm, Funding Meeting! March 11 (CSS); April 15 (WL); May 13 (CSS); June (No Mtg)



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.

Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey - Parent Survey:

Please complete the Student Learning Survey if you would like to provide your feedback to the Ministry. The survey is open until May 3rd, 2024.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

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

Facebook Page: “Lake City Secondary – School Page”

