



Columneetza Junior Secondary

March 2024 Newsletter

Columneetza Junior Secondary (Gr.7-9)
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Parent Teacher Night ALL GRADES – Wed., March 6th, 5-7pm

All parents, caregivers and Education Coordinators are welcome to come to Columneetza to meet your child's semester 2 teachers and discuss your child's progress to date. Interviews will be held on a first come first served basis and will be held in each teacher's classroom. Counsellors and administration will be in the main lobby to help with directions and schedules. Please, bring your child along as a guide and participant in each interview. **The Foundry and Denisiqi will also have booths for parents and students to check out!! There will be pizza for sale on Parent-Teacher Night as a fundraiser for \$2.50/slice.**

Input for the District Plan to Enhance Learner Success

Cariboo-Chilcotin School District No. 27 wants to hear from students and their families, staff, community partners, and other members of the community as we start to think about our next multi-year plan to enhance learning. We want to know which of our key focus areas are important to you, what you are excited about in your school or the district, and your priorities for greater success for ALL students in the next few years.

There is a provincial **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning**

(FESL): <https://bit.ly/FESL24>. It gives districts the mandate to improve outcomes for all students in the areas of belonging, literacy, numeracy, grade to grade transition, graduation, and transition to post-secondary. It includes a number of measures including results on provincial assessments and student surveys. Special attention is paid to equity among groups of students.

Visit our website to **read our most recent report** on the progress of our District Plan for Learner Success: <https://bit.ly/ReportFall2023>. Current priorities include belonging, attendance, literacy, and numeracy.

Important Dates

Mar 1	Grade 7 Learning Updates due to the Office
Mar 6	Gr. 7 Learning Updates Go Home; Parent-Teacher Night 5-7pm
Mar 11	PAC Mtg WL Library 6pm
Mar 12	Staff Meeting
Mar 18-29	Spring Break & Good Friday (no school)
Apr 1	Easter Monday (no school)
Apr 2	Back to School & Artist in the School Performances (All Grades)



SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/d7nLSPCRty>

Positive Culture at Columneetza

Thank you to all of the staff and students who have been participating in activities at lunch in the gym: staff vs. student sports and dodgeball! We have been packing the gym with participants and audience members to cheer on teams and be a part of some fun! Also, a little shout out to a group of teachers organizing mini lessons on human rights, Lunar New Year, black history and indigenous ways of knowing for the entire school to participate in during class time as a way to support global citizenship at school. Columneetza Cares!

Learning Updates (Report Cards)

The Grade 7 Learning Updates will also be published to the MyEducation Parent Portal.

My Education Parent Portal Link:

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

My Education Student Portal Link:

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



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: 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. PAC Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the school website soon!



**NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 11th @ the Columneetza Campus Library - 6:00pm
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>

Columnetza School Website: <https://www.sd27.bc.ca/lcsscolumn>

Facebook Page: “Lake City Secondary – School Page”

