



Columneetza Junior Secondary

June 2024 Newsletter

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Track & Field (TF) for Grade 7s:

This year the Gr. 7 students from Columneetza have been invited to take part in the Williams Lake Track and Field Championships being held from June 5th to 7th on the Columneetza field.

The Track & Field schedule is attached in this email.

Parents cannot sign students out of classes to watch a friend or a sibling UNLESS supervised by parents who are at the school watching the event.

Yearbook Sales:

Yearbook sales are now happening in person at Columneetza for the next two weeks! The current cost is \$40, but prices will increase after the 14th to \$50 and sales will end on the 21st. This year's theme is "CoFlix," inspired by Netflix, and includes highlights such as the Terry Fox Run, Turkey Shoot, Orange Shirt Day, Halloween, Remembrance Day, Christmas Dance, Xmas Chaos, Xmas Assembly, Columneetza Cares, Powwow, Spirit Days, Grade 8/9 boys and girls Basketball, Aquatics, Rugby, Girls Soccer, Track and Field, Expos, and electives. Don't miss out—buy your yearbook now before it's too late! All Sales WILL BE out of The Falcons at LUNCH or before school to Mr. Sheppard.

Final Assembly June 27th @ 10:15am:

There will be a final assembly on the last day of school for students. We will begin with subject-based awards and then move onto overall school awards ending with some year end presentations by staff. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive a call from the teacher or the office to attend (space in the gym is limited).

Practice Lock Down Drill

Parents & Caregivers – we will have our last practice Lock Down Drill on June 12th at 9:15am at Columneetza School. The RCMP will be here to lead the practice drill and we will notify local schools and the daycare of this practice.

Important Dates

June 5	TF 1000m @ 3:20pm
June 6	TF Grade 4 & 5; Band Concert 7pm
June 7	TF Grades 6 & 7
June 11	Staff Meeting 3:35pm
June 12	Practice Lock Down Drill at Columneetza with RCMP @ 9:15am
June 20	Locker Clean Out #1
June 24	Learning Updates due to the office by 9am
June 25	Firetruck here for 2:30pm to spray students
June 26	Locker Clean Out #2
June 27	Awards Assembly @ 10:15am; Last Day of School
June 28	ADMIN DAY -no school for students

Student Schedules for 2024-2025:

Students going into Grade 8 & 9 next year will be able to view their schedules in the MyEducation portal before the end of June, hopefully in the next week.

Columneetza Cares Food Drive:



We are thrilled to announce that the Columneetza Cares Food Drive has come to a close! While we are still crunching the numbers, it looks like we have collected over \$2,600 worth of nonperishable goods, over 800 items. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this drive a success. Your generosity is making a big difference in our community!

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER



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.

BC Safer School (Parent/Caregiver) Resources:

Below are some links to provide information on student safety in the digital world

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>



Center for Humane Technology

<https://www.humanetech.com/>

Personal Device Restrictions & Code of Conduct for September 2024

We are still in the process of working on the Personal Device Restrictions to begin the 2024-2025 school year as per the provincial order. A great plan would be to have your child, "leave the phone at home," or when at school to leave it in their bag or locker. We have also purchased locked cell phone cases for each classroom teacher to help with cell phone management; the case will also be easy to carry in the event of an emergency. Cell phone use will be restricted during the instructional hours of the day (when class is in session). Cell phones will not be permitted in washrooms or changerooms at any time during the day. We will have exemptions for students with diabetes who need to manage glucose levels and a plan for students who require technology for communication or as deemed in their learning plan. We will be asking that parents don't text or call during the instructional hours (class time) and to call into the office phone in case of an emergency. Students will have access to the office phone to contact parents/caregivers. Once we have a draft of the restrictions finalized, we will send this out to parents in an email along with the updated Code of Conduct before the beginning of the new school year.

Student Dress Code:



As the SUN begins to shine and the weather gets warmer, a gentle reminder to all students, The key word for Columneetza's dress code is **APPROPRIATE**. Beachwear is not permitted and footwear must be worn at all times. Students dressed inappropriately or wearing clothing citing any reference to alcohol, drugs, derogatory comments or sex will be asked to change. Open toe shoes are not permitted in shop classes or the gymnasium.



KidSport GRANT APPLICATION KidSport provides funding for kids from families that need financial support to help cover the cost of sport registration fees #SoALLKidsCanPlay! Max grant: up to \$300 per child per calendar year.

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Tel: 778-775-2304 Fax: 250-392-7884 kidsport.ca/british-columbia

Athletics & Clubs at Columneetza:

This link will take you to the Columneetza Website where you can see all of the athletics and clubs available this spring:

<https://www.sd27.bc.ca/lcsscolum/page/838/athletics-and-clubs>

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. Next year, Columneetza's PAC will meet separately from WL's PAC, but we are planning to have the PAC meetings on the same night so that parents with children at both schools can easily attend both. 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: September (Date TBD)

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”

