



# Columneetza Junior Secondary School

## September 2024 Newsletter

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Columneetza Junior Secondary School (Gr.7-9)  
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### Important Dates

Sept 3	District Planning Day No students, staff only
Sept. 4	School Opens ½ Day
Sept 12	School Pictures in the afternoon
Sept 13	School-Wide Assembly (Terry Fox, Code of Conduct & Columneetza Cares Kick-off)
Sept 16	PAC Meeting 5:45pm Columneetza Junior
Sept 23	Pro-D Day (no school) Orange Shirt Week Activities
Sept 25	Terry Fox Run 10:15am
Sept 30	National Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
Oct 3	Photo Retakes (morning)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> (½ day)**

**8:45am-11:30am**

I'd like to welcome all students back to school this year, with a special welcome to our new students and staff! The first day of school is a ½ day. New students/registrations, please report to the office.

### First Day (Sept 4<sup>th</sup>) Procedures:

**Grade 7's** – All Grade 7 students will go to the gym and take a seat in the bleachers and administration will conduct a 'Welcome Back' assembly. After the assembly, class lists will be called out and Grade 7 teachers will then take their students to their classrooms for the remainder of the day to get organized.

**Grade 8's and 9's** All Grade 8 and 9 students will need to find their homerooms and then go to their homerooms for the remainder of the morning. Alphabetical homeroom lists will be posted inside the main foyer and in front of the library. Once

students are in their homeroom classrooms, they will be given their schedules and all other necessary information to start the year. Grade 8's and Grade 9's will be called to the gym for grade specific 'Welcome Back' assemblies.

*Please update your child's Verification form, sign the Media Consent, Computer/Privacy Consent and Walking Field Trip forms and return to school.*

**Students will be dismissed at 11:25am. BUSES will arrive at 11:30am to take students home.**

## District Planning Day (Tuesday, September 3<sup>th</sup>)

The 2024-25 school year starts with a District Planning Day on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. This planning day is a unique opportunity for our entire organization to continue our engagement and understanding on the effects of trauma, both historic as the legacy of residential schools. The District will be joined Monique Gray Smith, indigenous author and speaker to lead our learning on these topics. All staff will gather at their school or worksites and participate. Students are not at school this day.

## Safety Upgrades

Full fire alarm upgrade with a new alarm sound.

In the morning, the front door will open for students and staff. There will be 2 additional exit doors unlocked at 8:05am when supervision begins for students and staff to enter the building near parent drop off locations: the doors into the upper floor of the main school building in between the cafeteria building and the industrial education building (by Room 130), and the back doors by the gym (small bus drop off and by Room 187). After the first bell, all exit doors will be locked and doors to the cafeteria building and the industrial education building will be temporarily opened to welcome students into the space. This is to enforce student and staff safety. The front doors of the school will always remain open during the school day. During breaks and lunch the 3 sets of exit doors will be opened to make school washrooms more accessible and monitored by Noon Hour Supervisors and administration.

## School Schedule (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>)

8:40am	Warning Bell to start school
8:45am-10:05	School Starts – A Block
10:05am-10:15	Break (10 mins)
10:15am-11:35	B Block
11:35am-12:25	Lunch (50 mins)
12:25pm-1:45	C Block
1:45pm-1:55	Break (10 mins)
1:55pm-3:16	D Block

## School supplies



School supply lists are posted on the school website and Facebook page. A pen or pencil with lined paper and a binder will be sufficient for the first day ½ day.

Do not bring all your school supplies on the first day wait for teacher direction. Please contact the office if your child needs financial assistance for school supplies. We can help!

**Student Schedules & My Education** Schedules will be given out on the first day or are available online via MyEd.

[Parent Portal Access-MyEd](#). You can also email [css.secretary@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:css.secretary@sd27.bc.ca) for all other queries.





**Counsellors** will be in the school starting August 27<sup>st</sup> to address new registrations by appointment only 250-392-4158. New student registrations will take priority. Please note course options are limited as many courses/classes are full, changing classes ‘to be with friends’ will not be made. A sign-up list in the Counselling Office will be available to students on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> for students with scheduling ‘glitches’ and counsellors will schedule appointments with students beginning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school.

**Newsletters.** School newsletters will be sent out at the beginning of each month and posted to the school district website. We also have a Facebook page that I would encourage you to join as it is used regularly and has very timely news. Please ensure you contact the schools to ensure we have your most up to date email address and phone numbers.



Website: <https://www.sd27.bc.ca/LCSSCOLUM> Facebook: Lake City Secondary & Columneetza Junior Secondary School – School Page

**Breakfast for Learning** our school offers some quick and simple breakfast food options to get the day going from 8:05am-8:30am every morning starting on September 6th. Options include toast, fruit, yogurt, granola bars and tea. This grab and go breakfast opportunity is open for all students.

## Lunches

### Lunch Schedule:

Monday - sandwiches, \$3/half

Tuesday - PB & J, fruit, yogurt, granola bars, hard boiled eggs

Wednesday - pizza, \$2.00/slice

Thursday - PB & J, fruit, yogurt, granola bars, hard boiled eggs

Friday – wraps, \$2/half a wrap

This will begin on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Financial assistance for lunches is available.

Students or parents can ask any staff member or the office how to access support. Every day of the week, additional snack food will be available in the Cultural Room (Room 144) for students to access if needed.

## Verification Forms & Medical Information

Student verification forms will be sent home in the first week of school. It is very important that we get your child’s up-to-date information as soon as possible including contact information so that we can call home if your child needs you.

For parents of students with severe allergies/anaphylaxis, Public Health now recommends that 2 EpiPens are always kept at school. Please check with the office to make sure that we have an EpiPen for your child and that it is up-to-date. If your child wears a Medical Alert bracelet, please make sure the school knows they wear it at school. For students with a seizure

condition or Type 1 Diabetes, please make the school aware so that we can plan for safety and complete safety planning promptly.

### Calling in Absences

At Columneetza 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> All undocumented absences will be considered unexcused absences. Poor attendance may result in a file review and a meeting with the student and guardian(s).

### Noon Hour Supervision

**This year we will have 4 Noon Hour Supervisors and 3 Administrators** providing supervision inside the school and outside the school (on school property). Noon hour supervision occurs from 11:35am to 12:35pm. If you are interested in joining our team, please call 250-392-4158.

**Parent Advisory Council (PAC):** 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. Last year's PAC was a very dedicated group, which was really appreciated. We are hoping that the same will be true this year, and with your help, this can come true. Columneetza parents are invited to attend Columneetza Junior Secondary School PAC meetings. The meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each Month starting at 5:45pm in the Library.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ Columneetza Campus Library – 5:45pm**



**Student of the Week** Student of the week is selected by a different staff member each week based on positive actions of the students that contribute to our school's culture. Student of the Week pictures will be posted on our Facebook page and in the WL Tribune. Thanks to Red Tomato Pies for donating student prizes for this program!

**Picture Day** – is **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for Columneetza students in the morning starting at 8:45am**. There will be a reminder with suggestions for a good photo session. These are the individual portrait photos. If your child is away, retakes are Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## School Sports Teams and Clubs



Sports teams, and other student extracurricular activities will be up and running. Students are asked to listen carefully to announcements for information. Sports teams and clubs include: Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball, and Track and Field. School clubs include Fit Club, D&D, Anime, LGBTQ+, League of Legends, Yearbook, and Student Voice. Many others may develop – keep your ears open for announcements 😊. If we don't have the club you are hoping for, tell a staff member about your idea and maybe we can start one!

## Terry Fox Run

This year the annual Terry Fox Run at Columneetza is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:10am during B Block. I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their participation and support for the run!

## Cafeteria Building Update

I am pleased to announce that we will have two classrooms ready-to-go for school start-up in the cafeteria: the Foods classroom and a new French Immersion/Humanities classroom. This fall we anticipate being able to use our cafeteria space and hopefully our lunch program will operate out of this space. Thank you for your patience and understanding and we look forward to using beautiful new classroom spaces!

## Parking

Please use the drop-off and pick-up loop that is located in between the dorm(daycare) and shop buildings. Please do not block the bus lanes at the front of the school or the small bus turnaround at the back of the school. Thank you for your understanding.

## Salmon Trip (Open to Grade 9s)

**September 18th-20th.** The goal of this trip is to involve young people in activities that help them appreciate how a watershed works—the animals, the plants, the water, the geography, and the role of human interaction. Space is limited and students must complete an application (email: [nara.riplinger@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:nara.riplinger@sd27.bc.ca) for the application).

Some of the activities will include: monitoring salmon health, identifying stream invertebrates, hiking, learning the importance of salmon and healthy watersheds from First Nation leaders, and working with UNBC researchers. The cost is \$50 but see Ms. Riplinger or Mr. Cook if this is prohibitive. Activities on this trip can also be incorporated into a capstone project or Independent Studies credits.

<p><b>Administration Team</b>  Hattie Darney, Principal  Matt Cullum, Vice-Principal  Alina Cameron, Vice-Principal</p>	<p><b>Clerical Team</b>  Marilyn Hale, Office Front Desk  Tassie Giroday, Office Records &amp; Registration  Ildiko Doeber, Office Finance</p>
<p><b>Columneetza Indigenous Support Workers</b>  George Fraser  Jordy Moise  Katrina Wilde  <b>Youth Engagement Worker</b>  Courtney Mailhot</p>	<p><b>Counselling Team</b>  Jon Harding  Tara Burtenshaw</p>



**Facebook Page** – Lake City Secondary & Columneetza Junior Secondary –School Page

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



## Bus Students



All students who need to ride a bus will need to be registered with bus garage. Call 250-398-8632 for assistance. All students will use a bus pass this year and will receive the pass from school. Students must be registered and cannot just “hop on” to get to another location.

## Bus Schedule 2024 – 2025

Students going to the Memorial Complex in the morning for Hockey or Aquatics will take the bus to the WL Campus and walk over to the Complex once classes begin (this will not happen on the first day of school as the teachers will be at Columneetza—more information from your teachers will come).

### Columneetza Campus

[Williams Lake Bus Dispatch Phone# 250-398-8632 Email wl.busing@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:wl.busing@sd27.bc.ca)

#### Morning Buses

BUS #	AREA	ARRIVAL	DRIVER
14	Fox Mountain (Transfer Bus to LCS-WL)	8:10	Logan
2	150, Pigeon Rd, Huston, Frontier Estates	8:11	Gayle
5	Springhouse - AM Only	8:12	Randy
1	McDonalds, Sugarcane, Knife Cr, Maze Lk, 140 Mile, Blue Fins	8:12	Sis
21	Borland Valley	8:13	Rick F
9	Mountview School, Bush Rd, Chimney Lake Rd.	8:15	Shawn
20	McDonalds, Rowat, Old Chemo, Sulton, Sugarcane, Mission Rd.	8:17	Ron
23	Dog Cr Rd, Alkali Lk	8:18	Les
7	McGregor Rd, Rose Lk, Horsefly.	8:18	Nola
16	Likely Hwy, Big Lake.	8:20	Maria
91	Special Needs (By resource room)	8:20	Kari
19	Wildwood, Deep Creek	8:21	Ilonka
4	Wildwood, Robertson, McLeese Lk, Soda Cr Mailboxes	8:21	Kelly
17	Hwy 20, Toosey, Ilnicki's	8:21	Ken
37	Soda Creek - Xats'Ull Town Site	8:21	Bobbie Jean
13	Spokin Lk., Super Save Gas Signal Pt	8:22	Lise
6	Meldrum Creek - AM Only	8:22	Laura
10	Douglas Rd, Pinevalley, Commodore Cres.	8:23	Mandy
15	Spokin LK, Horsefly Rd - AM Only	8:24	Karen
33	Mountview, Ottoman Dr, Chimney Valley, Flett Sub	8:25	Corwin
8	Canadian Tire, Wal Mart, South Lakeside	8:29	Kim K
25	Golf, Westridge, Lower Hodgson	8:30	Dave G
29	Barnard, Shaw, Roberts, Winger, Hodgson, Gun a Noot	8:31	Ralph
26	Panorama Tr Crt, Hodgson, Esler, Kallyn, Chilcotin Estates, Woodland	8:31	Matt
11	Comer Hill, West Fraser, Old Soda Cr Rd	8:35	Randy T
90	Special Needs (By resource room)	8:45	Jim B

#### Afternoon Buses

BUS #	AREA	DEPARTS	DRIVER	LANE
<b>First Round</b>				
2	150, Pigeon Rd, Huston, Frontier Estates (Transfer Bus to LCS-WL)	3:26	Gayle	inside
7	McGregor Rd, Rose Lk, Horsefly.	3:26	Nola	inside
25	Golf, Westridge, Lower Hodgson	3:26	Dave G	inside
29	Barnard, Shaw, Roberts, Winger, Hodgson, Gun a Noot	3:26	Ralph	inside
10	Douglas Rd, Pinevalley, Commodore Cres.	3:26	Mandy	inside
8	Canadian Tire, Wal Mart, Academy, South Lakeside	3:28	Kim K	inside
4	Wildwood, Robertson, McLeese Lk, Soda Cr Mailboxes	3:26	Kelly	outside
37	Soda Creek - Xats'Ull Town Site	3:26	Bobbie Jean	outside

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11	Comer Hill, West Fraser, Old Soda Cr Rd	3:26	Randy T	outside
17	Hwy 20, Meldrum Cr meet #A6, Toosey, Ilnicki's	3:26	Ken	outside
13	Signal Pt, Junction Rd, Spokin Lk	3:26	Lise	outside
23	Springhouse, Dog Cr Rd, Alkali Lk	3:26	Les	outside
<b>Second Round</b>				
1	McDonalds, Sugarcane, Knife Cr, Maze Lk, 140 Mile	3:31	Sis	inside
26	Panorama Tr Crt, Hodgson, Esler, Kallyn, Chilcotin Estates	3:32	Matt	inside
19	Wildwood, Deep Creek	3:33	Ilonka	inside
9	Mountview School, Bush Rd, Chimney Lake Rd.	3:35	Shawn	inside
14	Fox Mountain	3:32	Logan	inside
16	Ferguson Rd, Likely Hwy, Big Lake.	3:33	Maria	outside
21	Borland Valley	3:33	Rick F	outside
33	Mountview, Ottoman Dr, Chimney Valley, Flett Sub	3:32	Corwin	outside
20	McDonalds, Rowat, Old Chemo, Sutton, Sugarcane, Mission Rd.	3:33	Ron	outside
91	Special Needs (By the resource room)	3:05	Kari	
90	Special Needs (By the resource room)	3:15	Jim B	
<b>Friday Dorm Run</b>				
99	Alexis Cr-Tatla Lk-Anahim Lk	3:40		
	Drivers; Lise, Shawn, Randy			

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## Lake City Secondary Bell Schedule 2024-25

**Warning Bell 8:40**

8:45 – 10:05 First Period – ‘A’ Block

10:05 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 11:35 Second Period – ‘B’ Block

11:35 – 12:25 **Lunch**

**Warning Bell 12:20**

12:25 – 1:45 Third Period – ‘C’ Block

1:45 – 1:55 **Break**

1:55 – 3:16 Fourth Period – ‘D’ Block

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### LCS Bell Schedule 2023-24 (for early dismissal days Nov. 13/14 & Apr. 23/24)

**Warning Bell 8:40**

8:45 – 9:50 First Period – ‘A’ Block

9:50 – 10:00 **Break**

10:00 – 11:05 Second Period – ‘B’ Block

11:05 – 11:55 **Lunch**

**Warning Bell 11:50**

11:55 – 1:00 Third Period – ‘C’ Block

1:00 – 1:10 **Break**

1:10 – 2:16 Fourth Period – ‘D’ Block (buses will pick up earlier on this day)

# SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025



DATE	DESCRIPTION
<b>September 2, 2024</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday (School Closed)</b>
September 3, 2024	Planning / Administration Day ( <b>Students do not attend</b> )
September 4, 2024	First Day of School (Shortened By 2.5 Hours)
September 23, 2024	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
<b>September 30, 2024</b>	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b>
October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 25, 2024	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day Holiday (School Closed)
November 13 & 14, 2024	Parent Teacher Interviews (School day shortened by 1 hour)
November 25, 2024	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
<b>December 23 – January 3, 2025</b>	<b>Winter Break (School Closed)</b>
January 6, 2025	First Day Back After Winter Break
February 14, 2025	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
February 17, 2025	Family Day (School Closed)
<b>March 17 – 28, 2025</b>	<b>Spring Break (School Closed)</b>
March 31, 2025	First Day Back After Spring Break
April 11, 2025	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
April 18, 2025	Good Friday (School Closed)
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday (School Closed)
April 23 & 24, 2025	Parent Teacher Interviews (School day shortened by 1 hour)
<b>May 19, 2025</b>	<b>Victoria Day Holiday (School Closed)</b>
<b>June 26, 2025</b>	<b>Last Day Students Attend School</b>
June 27, 2025	Planning / Administration Day (School Closed)

“Learning, Growing, and Belonging Together”

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## Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)

Fair Notice for Students and Parents

Cariboo-Chilcotin School District No. 27

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence. This notice provides some information for students, parents and guardians about the approach to responding to potential threats.

### What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, or made by gesture.

### Duty to report:

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students, and community members must report all threat related behaviour to the school principal.

### How to Report:

Members of the school community may contact the school office and ask to speak to the principal directly to report or make an online report through the [erase](#) link featured on the district and school websites.

### What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others.

- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand the factors contributing to the person of concern's (threat-maker's) behaviour.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

### What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others ("clear, direct, and plausible")
- Threats made via social media to harm, kill, or cause serious property damage
- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm and kill
- Indicators of suicidal ideation as it relates to fluidity (homicidal/suicidal)
- Weapon possession (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (or possession/detonation of devices)

- Hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to: race, culture, religion, and/or sexual orientation
- Sexual intimidation, sextortion, extortion or assault
- Domestic, interpersonal, relational violence
- Gang-related intimidation and violence
- Fire setting (contextual)

### Collection Notice:

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online sources is only collected from open-source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a threat exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

*Please contact your principal or vice-principal with any questions.*

Revised July 2021, Source: Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol Guide for B.C.

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