



Columneetza Campus

Lake City Secondary

September 2023 Newsletter

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Important Dates

- Sept 5 District Planning Day
No students, staff only
- Sept. 6 School Opens ½ Day
- Sept 14 School Pictures in the afternoon
- Sept 18 PAC Meeting 6:00pm
Columneetza Campus
- Sept 22 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Sept 29 National Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
- Oct 9 Thanksgiving
(no school)
- Oct 5 Photo Retakes
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- Oct 20 Pro-D Day (no school)

1st Day of School

Wednesday, September 6th (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 is a ½ day and we would like to remind everyone to remain calm and patient while we get everyone organized. Undoubtedly, there will be some unforeseen challenges, but we will get them resolved as quickly as possible.

First Day (Sept 6th) 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 classes 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.

District Planning Day (Tuesday, September 5th)

The 2023-24 school year starts with a District Planning Day on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. 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 Jo Chrona, author of *Wayi Wah! Indigenous Pedagogies An Act for Reconciliation and Anti-Racist Education* 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.

School Schedule (Sept. 7th – June 27th) New Bell Schedule

8:45am	School Starts – A Block
10:05am	Break (10 mins)
10:15am	B Block
11:35am	Lunch (50 mins)
12:25pm	C Block
1:45pm	Break (10 mins)
1:55pm	D Block
3:16pm	School Ends

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.

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 will be given out on the first day or are available online via MyEd, (if you remember your log in ID and password). If you cannot remember your MyEd login ID or password or if you need to create an account, please contact the school.



Counsellors will be in the school starting August 29st 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. 6th for students with scheduling 'glitches' and counsellors will schedule appointments with students beginning in the 2nd 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 – 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

This year we will be selling a variety of sandwiches on Wednesdays and Fridays. Pizza will be sold on Thursdays. Sandwich quarters will be \$1.00 each and pizza will be \$2.50 per slice. This will begin on September 13th. 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 lunch 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.

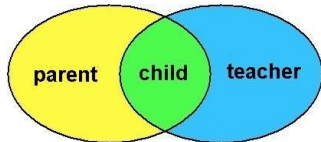
Calling in Absences

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 Supervisors

Noon Hour Supervisors are needed at Columneetza in the Library, the Gymnasium, the Cultural Room and around the campus at lunch. Noon hour supervision occurs from 11:30am to 12:30pm. If you are interested applications are available in the office or 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. 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, September 18th @ Columneetza Campus Library - 6:00pm



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 14th 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 5th.



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, Badminton and Track and Field. School clubs include Fit Club, D&D, Anime, LGBTQ+, League of Legends, Yearbook, Student Voice and 'Greenologists'. 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 Thursday, September 21st at 10:10am during B Block. I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their participation and support for the run!

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Cafeteria Building Update

At this time the Cafeteria building which contains the Cooking and Baking classroom, the Textiles classroom and the general cafeteria space is not yet operational. For students who are enrolled in these elective classes, we will be in the Staff Room for Cooking and Baking and in the Library for Textiles for Semester 1. It is our hope that we will be able to resume these elective classes for Semester 2 in the Cafeteria building. Thank you for your patience and understanding and we look forward to the new and updated classrooms.

Parking

We can go back to using the drop-off and pick-up loop that is located in between the dorm 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

September 25th-27th. 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 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 Ms. Nowotny if this is prohibitive. Activities on this trip can also be incorporated into a capstone project or Independent Studies credits.

Administration Team Hattie Darney, Principal Matt Cullum, Vice-Principal	Clerical Team Marilyn Hale, Office Front Desk Tassie Giroday, Office Records & Registration Ildiko Doeber, Office Finance
Columnnetza Indigenous Support Workers George Fraser Jordy Moise Youth Engagement Worker Courtney Mailhot	Counselling Team Jon Harding Tara Burtenshaw

Bus Students



All students who need to ride a bus will need to be registered with bus garage. Call 250-398-8632 for assistance.

Bus Schedule 2023 – 2024

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).

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Morning Buses			
BUS #	AREA	ARRIVAL	DRIVER
2	150, Pigeon Rd, Huston, Frontier Estates	8:07	Gayle
1	McDonalds, Sugarcane, Knife Cr, Maze Lk, 140 Mile, Blue Fins	8:10	Sis
14	Fox Mountain	8:10	Logan
21	Borland Valley	8:11	Rick F
16	Ferguson Rd, Likely Hwy, Big Lake.	8:12	Maria B
5	Springhouse - AM Only	8:12	Randy
23	Dog Cr Rd, Alkali Lk	8:17	Les
8	Canadian Tire, Wal Mart, Academy, South Lakeside	8:17	Dave G
20	McDonalds, Rowat, Old Chemo, Sutton, Sugarcane, Mission Rd.	8:17	Ron D
7	McGregor Rd, Rose Lk, Horsefly.	8:18	Nola
4	Wildwood, Robertson, McLeese Lk, Soda Cr Mailboxes	8:18	Kelly
9	Mountview School, Bush Rd, Chimney Lake Rd.	8:20	Shawn
10	Douglas Rd, Pinevalley, Commodore Cres.	8:20	Mandy
19	Wildwood, Deep Creek	8:20	Ilonka
6	Meldrum Creek - AM Only	8:20	Laura
15	Spokin LK, Horsefly Rd, Lexington - AM Only	8:20	Karen
17	Hwy 20, Toosey, Ilnicki's	8:21	Ken
37	Soda Creek - Xats'Ull Town Site	8:21	Bobbie Jean
33	Mountview, Ottoman Dr, Chimney Valley, Flett Sub	8:25	Corwin
11	Comer Hill, West Fraser, Old Soda Cr Rd	8:25	Jim
13	Signal Pt, Junction Rd, Spokin Lk.	8:26	Lise
25	Golf, Westridge, Lower Hodgson	8:30	Randy T
29	Barnard, Shaw, Roberts, Winger, Hodgson, Gun a Noot	8:31	Ralph
26	Panorama Tr Cr, Hodgson, Esler, Kallyn, Chilcotin Estates	8:31	Krysteele
91	Special Needs (By resource room)	8:40	Kari

Afternoon Buses				
BUS #	AREA	DEPARTS	DRIVER	LANE
First Round				
2	150, Pigeon Rd, Huston, Frontier Estates	3:21	Gayle	inside
7	McGregor Rd, Rose Lk, Horsefly.	3:21	Nola	inside
25	Golf, Westridge, Lower Hodgson	3:21	Randy T	inside
29	Barnard, Shaw, Roberts, Winger, Hodgson, Gun a Noot	3:21	Ralph	inside
10	Douglas Rd, Pinevalley, Commodore Cres.	3:21	Mandy	inside
4	Wildwood, Robertson, McLeese Lk, Soda Cr Mailboxes	3:21	Kelly	outside
37	Soda Creek - Xats'Ull Town Site	3:21	Bobbie Jean	outside
11	Comer Hill, West Fraser, Old Soda Cr Rd	3:21	Jim B	outside
17	Hwy 20, Meldrum Cr meet #A6, Toosey, Ilnicki's	3:21	Ken	outside
13	Signal Pt, Junction Rd, Spokin Lk	3:21	Lise	outside
23	Springhouse, Dog Cr Rd, Alkali Lk	3:21	Les	outside
Second Round				
14	Fox Mountain - Outdoor Class Scout Island	3:25	Logan	inside
26	Panorama Tr Cr, Hodgson, Esler, Kallyn, Chilcotin Estates	3:25	Krysteele	inside
8	Canadian Tire, Wal Mart, Academy, South Lakeside	3:26	Dave G	inside
19	Wildwood, Deep Creek	3:29	Ilonka	inside
9	Mountview School, Bush Rd, Chimney Lake Rd.	3:30	Shawn	inside
16	Ferguson Rd, Likely Hwy, Big Lake.	3:25	Maria B	outside
1	McDonalds, Sugarcane, Knife Cr, Maze Lk, 140 Mile	3:26	Sis	outside
21	Borland Valley	3:25	Rick F	outside
33	Mountview, Ottoman Dr, Chimney Valley, Flett Sub	3:26	Yvonne	outside
20	McDonalds, Rowat, Old Chemo, Sutton, Sugarcane, Mission Rd.	3:27	Ron D	outside
91	Special Needs (By the resource room)	3:30	Kari	
Friday Dorm Run				
99	Alexis Cr-Tatla Lk-Anahim Lk	3:40		
	Drivers: Lise, Shawn, Randy S			

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Lake City Secondary Bell Schedule 2023-24

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

LCS Bell Schedule 2023-24 (for early dismissal days Nov. 15/16 & Apr. 24/25)

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 2023-2024



DATE	DESCRIPTION
September 4, 2023	Labour Day Holiday (School Closed)
September 5, 2023	Planning / Administration Day (<i>Students do not attend</i>)
September 6, 2023	First Day of School (Shortened By 2.5 Hours)
September 22, 2023	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
September 29, 2023	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 20, 2023	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
November 10, 2023	Remembrance Day Holiday (School Closed)
November 15 & 16, 2023	Parent Teacher Interviews (School day shortened by 1 hour)
November 20, 2023	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
December 25 – January 5, 2024	Winter Break (School Closed)
January 8, 2024	First Day Back After Winter Break
February 16, 2024	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
February 19, 2024	Family Day (School Closed)
March 18 – 29, 2024	Spring Break (School Closed)
April 2, 2024	First Day Back After Spring Break
April 24 & 25, 2024	Parent Teacher Interviews (School day shortened by 1 hour)
April 26, 2024	Pro-D / Non-Instructional Day (Students Do Not Attend)
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day Holiday (School Closed)
June 27, 2024	Last Day Students Attend School
June 28, 2024	Planning / Administration Day (School Closed)

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