



# CHARLES BLOOM SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## COUNSELLORS AND ADMINISTRATORS AVAILABLE

Administrators are at the school beginning the week of August 29th.

Check your son's or daughter's timetable carefully to ensure there are no errors. Counsellors will help with timetable difficulties from, Tuesday, August 28 to Friday, August 31.

Please phone the office at 250-547-2191 to arrange an appointment.

The two counsellors will be happy to meet with you.

Ms. Fenn                      cfenn@sd22.bc.ca

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For your reference throughout the school year please contact the appropriate staff member as follows:

Student Fees	Mrs. Young
Career Education	Mr. Thorpe
Athletics	Mr. Lockhart
Student Absence from School	Mrs. Ross

We look forward to another successful year and invite you to become involved in our school and your son or daughter's education.

## FIRST WEEK SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 – 10:25	ASSEMBLY/BLOCK A
10:25 – 10:40	Break
10:40 – 11:00	BLOCK B
11:10 – 11:30	BLOCK C
11:40 – 12:00	BLOCK D
12:15	Busses Depart

**Middle Years Students will remain in the gym after the assembly and then go with their homeroom teacher for the remainder of the day.**

### SEPTEMBER DATES TO KNOW

Tues, Aug 21	Courses released on PC and SC
Tues, Sept 4	Professional Development Day
Wed, Sept 5	School Opens
Mon, Sept 17	Curriculum Implementation Day (No School)
Thurs, Sept 20	School Photos
Mon, Sept 24	Collaboration Block B
Thurs, Sept 27	Terry Fox Run
Fri, Sept 28	Interim Reports/Orange Shirt Day

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

BLOCKS A, B, C, D

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

BLOCKS A, B, C, D

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

BLOCKS A, B, C, D

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## *WELCOME BACK*

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Hello everyone and we all hope that you are still enjoying a lovely summer. We are looking forward to working with you on your return. This newsletter is designed to give you information on the school opening week and an overview of the changes in store for this year. If you would like a summary report card from last year, or to view your child's schedule for this year, please go to Parent Connect to view and/or print. If you are not planning to return to Charles Bloom this year please contact the school to let us know.

Last spring and over the summer staff have been working hard to be prepared for students arrival. Please take a moment to review your timetable to check for a complete schedule. Much work has been completed to check your schedules; however, course conflicts, offerings and academic programming may require a review prior to classes beginning. Please note that it is the school policy for all students to be enrolled in at least eight courses throughout the year.

## *NEW STAFF*

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Charles Bloom is pleased to have the following Bloomtastic individuals joining or returning to our Bloom learning community this year:

Ms. Christine Jantz- Home Ec  
Mrs. Jennifer Albright- English  
Mrs. Jennifer Gray- Textiles and English  
Mr. Rex Rainsforth- Metal/Auto

We are in the process of filling some vacant positions and will update you as those positions are filled.

## *PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATION TIME*

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There are numerous studies that support the benefits of teachers collaborating with each other. It gives them a chance to share ideas, to discuss struggles and to work together with teachers outside their discipline in order to incorporate other learning styles or how teachers can combine their two or more subjects together in order to give students a chance to see how each and every course has an effect on real life learning.

Last year, teachers met in topic/theme groups and used their collaboration time to improve in the areas of curriculum, instruction and assessment. This year we will continue with our collaboration time to allow our professional learning community to continue to grow and support student learning. In collaboration with the school district, Charles Bloom will be adding 2 minutes of instruction to each day in order to allow for collaboration time to happen during the year. During collaboration time, students will be supervised with a wide range of learning opportunities, from academic tutorials to physical activity. Collaboration time will happen during the last block of the day on the following dates:

- Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

## *CBSS PAC*

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Parental involvement in our children's education plays a positive role in their learning experience and success. Involvement comes in many forms besides helping with homework. Parent involvement in our high school is just as important to the well being of the students and the school as it is in elementary school.

The focus changes somewhat as students move to high school. Parents should maintain close contact with their child's teachers to support learning success in all subject areas. As well, parents should encourage their son or daughter to become involved in the extracurricular programs at the school. Being part of a club or a team can make the learning experience all that more enjoyable. Another way a parent can become more involved is by becoming a member of the Parent Advisory Council. Advisory Council members give regular feedback to the principal and often participate in important program decisions at the school.

The PAC also plays a role in student advocacy. We welcome new parents, either first time high school parents or those already with students attending. Our monthly meetings are relatively informal and non adversarial. We always make room for fun. Please phone Charles Bloom and find out how to get involved at 547-2191. *"A school system without parents at its foundation is just like a bucket with a hole in it."* Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

An email will be sent home to let you know when the first PAC meeting will be taking place.

## *MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM*

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Our Middle Years Design Team, consisting of teachers, parents and administration, and the team has worked to create a Middle Years program that is unique for our students in Grade 7 and Grade 8. The program has the following components:

- Core Subjects
- Theme / Project Based Learning
- Advisory
- Explorations
- French
- Year 1 / Year 2 Curriculum

## *GRAD 2019*

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If you are the parent of a Grade 12 student, prepare for a very busy year. Grad fundraising, planning and preparation begins in September. A grad retreat at Mable Lake is scheduled for all grads on September 12<sup>th</sup>, permission slips will be going home the first week of school. We need lots of help to make Grad 2019 a huge success. Please contact Ms. Yurkowski if you would be willing to take on some Grad responsibilities. Your extra effort helps ensure that your son or daughter experiences a Graduation Day he/she will remember for a lifetime. **The Grad early bird fee of \$135.00 is due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Fees paid after this date will be \$155.00.**

Grade 12 is a very busy year for our grads, and we ask parents/guardians to assist students in maintaining their focus on their studies throughout the year. Ms. Yurkowski is the grad sponsor and will be contacting you via email throughout the year regarding various events and information regarding fundraising. In order to disseminate information efficiently we are requesting that you forward your email address to Ms. Yurkowski at myurkowski@sd22.bc.ca.

Grade 12 students are encouraged to monitor the CBSS website and bulletin board for career information and scholarship/bursary opportunities. Although counsellors will assist students as needed in the application process, it is the responsibility of the students and parents to know the Post Secondary entrance requirements for their specific program. Please be aware that prerequisites for Colleges and Universities are determined by the post secondary institutions and may differ for each school.

## *STUDENT SCHOOL FEES and YEARBOOK*

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Since November, 2006, mandatory course fees are no longer charged to students. However, the student fee of \$25 is still required for all students. As well, if students choose or want enhanced materials for courses (beyond what is provided by the school to meet the course outcomes) they may purchase these materials from the school. Finally, fees are still in effect for all extracurricular activities. Students will pay their student fees in Block A during the first week of school. If you are experiencing a financial challenge please contact the school to make alternate payment arrangements.

If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook the cost is \$50.00 before September 30th and \$55.00 after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## *STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE*

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As part of the Vernon School District's commitment to addressing students' needs and parents' concerns, School District 22 (Vernon) has arranged for comprehensive blanket Accident Insurance for district students. Information on this coverage can be found on the school district's website: [www.sd22.bc.ca](http://www.sd22.bc.ca).

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## *REPORT CARD SCHEDULE*

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Each semester two interim report cards and two formal report cards will be given. The second interim each semester will only be given to students who are failing, who have the potential of failing, or who have made drastic change in their achievement.

<b>Report Card Type</b>	<b>Semester 1 Date</b>	<b>Semester 2 Date</b>
Interim Report	Sept 28	Mar 8
Term End Report Card	Nov 16	Apr 26
At-Risk Interim Report	Dec 7	May 16
End of Semester Report Card	Feb 5	June 28

Charles Bloom utilizes online report cards for Term End and End of Semester Report Cards. To access your child's report card please log in to Parent Connect.

## *BUSSING REGISTRATION REMINDER*

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If your bussing needs have changed, a new bus registration form **must** be filled out and returned to either transportation or the school office. For example, all students leaving elementary school and going to high school, who wish to utilize bussing, will be required to fill out a bus registration form. Another example would be if you have moved or if you require bussing and have not registered in the past. You can find the form at: <http://www.sd22.bc.ca/Programs/transportation/Pages/default.aspx> and follow the links, or at the school office. Bussing and route information can be found on the school district website under the transportation link.

## *THREAT ASSESSMENT FAIR NOTICE*

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Charles Bloom and School District No. 22 are committed to fostering a safe, caring, inclusive learning environment where students, staff, parents and visitors feel safe. Consequently, threats of harm to self or others may result in a threat assessment that could involve student questioning, student and locker searches, cell phone confiscation, and RCMP involvement. If you have any questions please contact the school.

## *STAY CONNECTED*

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Please use Parent Connect as a tool to keep up to date on course marks, assignments and attendance. We ask that parents check their child's demographics in Parent Connect and advise of any changes to address, telephone number, email address, etc.

You can access Parent Connect at: <https://cimsweb.sd22.bc.ca/SchoolConnect/ParentSignone.aspx>

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2018-2019 Timetable

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:30 – 9:50 80 minutes	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>
9:50-10:05 15 minutes	<b>Break</b>				
10:05-11:25 80 minutes	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>
11:25-12:05 40 minutes	<b>Lunch</b>				
12:05-1:25 80 minutes	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>
1:25-1:38 13 minutes	<b>Break</b>				
1:38 – 3:00 82 minutes	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>

Week 2: DCBA

Week 3: BADC

Week 4: CDA

