



## W.L. SEATON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome Back to School Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2021/2022 school year! Over the summer our custodial staff has been working hard to ensure the school is cleaned and ready for the September start-up. Teachers have been preparing for new and innovative learning experiences, and our office staff and counsellors have been working hard to ensure course timetables are ready for students to return!

### Principal's Welcome!

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My name is Jeff Huggins and I am the Principal at WL Seaton Secondary. I am and fortunate to work, learn and live on the traditional, unceded territory of the Syilx Nation. We have a fantastic staff that cares about helping our students succeed. I am also grateful for our wonderful students and their families that make working at Seaton an incredible experience.

We extend you a warm hello from W.L. Seaton Secondary. We are so excited to welcome you into the Seaton family! We also recognize that this has been a difficult time for our community.

Many of us have been experiencing increased stress and anxiety in the wave of a global pandemic and a summer of unprecedented heat and forest fires. We would like our Seaton community to be the safe place of comfort and support that students need most right now.

This is an exciting time of year where we welcome the incoming Grade 8 students to our school. We also want to acknowledge those Grade 12 students who will have the opportunity to lead our school as the 2022 graduates. We look forward to seeing these Grads be wonderful role models that are hardworking, kind and engaged in the learning process.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff joining us at Seaton. We welcome Wendy Harvey to the office staff. We have 2 new Educational Assistants, Erin Mitchell and Brenda Jones. Gerard Bouvier and Pam Taylor are our new School Based Resource Teachers. Brandi Lenglet will be teaching Social Studies, Miranda Mitchell will be teaching English, Marisol Letourneau will be teaching French, FRAL and ELL. Kelsey Zabolotniuk is our new ELL/International Teacher, Melaina Ovington will be teaching PE and Soumia Bentefrit will be teaching Science in the French Immersion department. Dmitri Zebroff will be teaching Science. Ms. Elizabeth Brown is our new Vice-Principal.

Here is what the start of the school year will look like. In order to meet the Ministry guidelines we must wear masks inside the building and on the busses. We will return to the semester system with 4 classes per day.

Our district's Health and Safety Committee have implemented the following measures to ensure the health and safety of our students. We will be following these protocols at Seaton and it is mandatory that all students/families meet these guidelines:

- Parents/caregivers are asked to do a health check each morning and NOT send their child to school if they have any symptoms.
- Students who become ill during the day will be isolated and picked up by their parents/care givers as soon as possible.
- **Masks are required** on busses and inside the school.
- Students will sanitize/wash their hands on arrival to Seaton and frequently throughout the day.
- Lockers **will** be available. If you are a grade 12 student and not going to use the locker please let the office

know.

- Our breakfast and lunch programs will continue.
- Sanitizers will be available for students to sanitize their work areas once they are finished with that area

These guidelines are in place to ensure the health and safety of all who are in our building. Here is the link to district guidelines. [Back-to-School safety information](#). As stated previously, if you have concerns regarding your child and his/her safety or ability to follow these protocols, please contact myself, Mr. Busenius or Mrs. Brown.

Student timetables are available in MYED. Priority for schedule changes will be given to senior students with grad requirements. Students with incomplete schedules will also need to request a course. An online form will be sent out when the schedules are released on Tuesday. You can also set up an appointment to connect with a counsellor by calling the school. Please be aware that changes will be very difficult to make and may not be possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience with regards to student schedules.

If you have received this email your son or daughter will not be attending Seaton this year, please contact the office.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's return to in-class instruction in September, please contact me directly.

Jeff Huggins

Principal

## School Start Up Schedule

Please remind your child to review their timetable on MYED prior to school beginning. It is helpful to print off a copy of their timetable or for students to take a picture of it on their phone.

### Schedule for the first Week

<p><b>Tuesday, September 7th, 2021</b></p> <p>8:30 – 9:15 A1</p> <p>9:20 – 10:10 B1</p> <p><b>10:10 – 10:25 Break</b></p> <p>10:25 – 11:15 C1</p> <p>11:20 – 12:00 D1</p> <p>12:00 Buses Run Early</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>8:30 – 9:55 A2</p> <p><b>9:55 - 10:05 Break</b></p> <p>10:05 – 11:25 B2</p> <p><b>11:25 – 12:03 Lunch</b></p> <p>12:03 – 1:25 C2</p> <p><b>1:25 – 1:35 Break</b></p> <p>1:35 – 3:00 D2</p>
<p><b>Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>8:30 – 9:55 A1</p> <p><b>9:55 - 10:05 Break</b></p> <p>10:05 – 11:25 B1</p> <p><b>11:25 – 12:03 Lunch</b></p> <p>12:03 – 1:25 C1</p> <p><b>1:25 – 1:35 Break</b></p> <p>1:35 – 3:00 D1</p>	<p><b>Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>8:30 – 9:55 A2</p> <p><b>9:55 - 10:05 Break</b></p> <p>10:05 – 11:25 B2</p> <p><b>11:25 – 12:03 Lunch</b></p> <p>12:03 – 1:25 C2</p> <p><b>1:25 – 1:35 Break</b></p> <p>1:35 – 3:00 D2</p>

Timetables will be available on MYED. Please take some time to look over them. Priorities for schedule changes are for senior students with grad requirements. All Grade 8-11 students are required to have a full schedule of at least 8 courses. Grade 12 students may apply for a spare for in the second half of the year. A full timetable ensures a successful graduation, maximizes post-secondary options, prepares students for full time work, provides a varied experience, and ensures that the school will be able to offer a wide variety of programs to meet student needs and interests. Here is the link to request changes. <https://forms.office.com/r/TuM2AH2am5>. You can also contact the school on Monday to schedule a time with the counselor. Mr. Colclough is responsible for A-L and Ms. Cyr M-Z.

### MYED Parent and Student Portal



**Stay in the Know!**

Connect with Seaton online through MYED and on Twitter @WLSeaton

MYED will keep you up to date on your child's assessment and attendance. We ask that parents check their child's demographics in MYED and advise the school of any changes to your address, telephone numbers, email address, etc.

MYED is our online communication tool between the school, parents, and students.

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

Here is the link to MYED resources.

<https://sd22.bc.ca/parents-students/myed-bc-information/>

If you need assistance with your account, please send an email to [wlseaton@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:wlseaton@sd22.bc.ca).

## School Online Agenda APP

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We have moved to digital agendas with My School Day, <https://myschoolday.app/>. You can download the APP for free. Select BC – Vernon SD22 – W.L. Seaton. You will be able to see the block order for the day, add homework and other school updates will be sent out using the APP. Students will be able to put their schedules into the APP so they know where they are supposed to go.

## Fees

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Student fees are as following:

- \$30.00 - Student Fee
- \$25.00 - Grade 8 PE Fee
- \$30.00 - Grade 9 PE Fee
- \$35.00 - Grade 10 PE Fee
- \$45.00 - Grade 11/12 PE Fee
- \$55.00 - Annual/Yearbook, this is optional
- \$5 – For those students that need a lock
- \$120.00 - Grad Fee (does not include a Yearbook)

Applied Skills courses (Technology Education and Home Economics) cover the basic materials required for the course. If students wish to upgrade from the basic materials, they will be charged an additional amount. Some science classes have workbook fees as well (Science \$10, and Physics \$25). **If you are sending a cheque, please write your child's name and the reason for the payment on the memo line of the cheque.** All unpaid fees or lost book fees from previous years are due now. **If your student took a textbook home at the end of the school year last year, please return it to the office so that we can ensure you are not charged for it.**

## Personal Insurance for Students

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As part of the District's commitment to addressing students' needs and parents' concerns, School District No. 22 (Vernon) has arranged for comprehensive blanket Accident Insurance for district students. You may have some questions about the School Day Coverage Plan. Please see the school district webpage <https://sd22.bc.ca/parents-students/accident-insurance-protection/>.

## School Photos

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School photos will be taken on **September 14th**. Purchasing photo packages is optional but we ask all students to have a photo taken for the yearbook and for student ID cards. Student ID cards may be required for students who wish to gain admittance to school functions. To receive their student card, all outstanding debts and the student fees must be paid. Students are expected to look as they ordinarily do on photo day and are asked not to wear costumes for photos.

Graduation photos are scheduled for December. We ask that all grads have their picture taken so that their photo will be included in the yearbook and on the grad composite which is displayed in our hallway. We are working with Mountain West Photography again this year. Photo previews will be emailed to parents. We will send home more information closer to Photo Day.

## Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

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If your child has a life-threatening medical condition, and you have not connected with the school, please contact our office so we can have an appropriate plan in place for the safety of your child.

## Lockers/Locks

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Lockers will be available at this time. Locks are available for \$5. If you will not use your locker this year, please let the office know as we have more students than lockers.

## Parent Advisory Council

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If you are interested in serving on the PAC or have questions, please contact our PAC President Heather Soloway at [wlseatonpac@gmail.com](mailto:wlseatonpac@gmail.com). The PAC provides an opportunity for all parents to be supported in their role as parents of teenage students. It is an opportunity to become informed on issues important to the intellectual and social growth and development of your children. You will have the opportunity to ask and have answered all of your questions about the school. You will not be asked to fundraise or volunteer for committees. You are encouraged to take an active role in the education of your child and to become a participant at our PAC meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for **September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM**. Generally, these meetings will take place on the third Monday of each month. <https://sd22.bc.ca/seaton/pac/>

## Athletics

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Athletics will look different this year as BC School Sport has cancelled all interschool competitions. We thank Mr. Britton for all of his work last year as Athletic Director and are pleased to welcome back Mr. Lee as our Athletic Director. We will provide additional information about potential intramural activities within cohorts in the near future. Watch the screens in the commons and listen to announcements for opportunities. Our Athletic Booster Club plays an important role in supporting our Athletic Programs through communicating with parents and coaches and fundraising to support our players and programs. Through their support we have seen our student athletes look and play better on the field and in the gym by sending numerous teams to Provincial Championships. The first meeting is scheduled for **September 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM in the library**.

## Student Code of Conduct

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W.L. Seaton Secondary School's Code of Conduct outlines school expectations and acceptable student behaviour as directed by the *School Act 85(2)(c)(i)*. Student Voice, Parent Advisory Committee, as well as teaching and support staff were included in the development of our Code of Conduct. Our Code of Conduct is annually reviewed to ensure it reflects Seaton's community needs and align with the district and provincial school safety initiatives. Our Code of Conduct is communicated to all students, parents, staff, temporary staff, visitors and district staff. Acceptable conduct expectations are illustrated in our five CHARGE matrix and are in effect for all school functions, regardless of location or time of day. CHARGE stands for **C**ommunity, **H**ave Pride, **A**ccountability, **R**espect, **G**et Involved and **E**xcellence. Please review our complete student code of conduct on our website.

## Dress Code

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Personal dress and grooming is largely a matter of individual choice and self-expression but it shall not interfere or disrupt the educational process of the individual student or other students and staff. Dress is expected to be appropriate for a formal work setting, promoting a positive and safe learning environment for students and staff. Students must wear clean, tasteful clothing and refrain from wearing inappropriate attire including drug and alcohol logos, sexually-suggestive designs or profanity, and beach attire. Clothing must cover underwear, cleavage, bottoms and midriffs. Special dress may be required for certain classes in order to facilitate good hygiene, proper participation and/or personal safety. Students wearing inappropriate dress will be asked to cover-up, change, or go home to change. Repeat offenders may be considered defiant and be subject to further discipline.

## **Fruit and Veggie Program**

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We are pleased to announce our school will be continuing the B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program Sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC. Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh B.C. Fruits and Vegetable to the students during classroom time. The students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce twice every other week at **no charge!**

**To ensure every student's health and safety during this program, contact the office if you do not want your child to participate. Forms are available in the office.**

## **School Supplies**

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Students should come prepared on the first day with a binder, paper, pens and pencils. Teachers will notify students if specific supplies are required. All PE classes will require PE strip and indoor running shoes.

## **Curriculum**

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Here are some important links related to curriculum and assessment.

<https://sd22.bc.ca/programs-services/student-learning-curriculum-1/>

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

Grade 10 students will write the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

## **Bussing**

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## **Registration**

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If your bussing needs have changed, a new bus registration form must be filled out. All students leaving elementary and entering high school who wish to utilize bussing will be required to fill out a new bus registration form. You can find the form at <https://sd22.bc.ca/programs-services/bus-transportation/> or at the school office. Bus route information can be found here as well.

## **Threat Assessments**

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W. L. Seaton 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 the school initiating threat assessment protocols that could involve student questioning, student and locker searches, cell phone confiscation, and RCMP involvement. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!