

Skeena Middle School

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School Starts at 8:45

Bell Schedule

8:40	Warning Bell
8:45	Classes Start
	1 st Block
9:53	2 nd Block
10:56	Break
11:11	3 rd Block
12:15	Lunch
12:56	End of Lunch
1:00	4 th Block
2:07	5 th Block
3:11	Dismiss

Student Absenteeism

Please remember to contact the school whenever your son or daughter is going to be away from school. If you send a note with your child, please have the note delivered to the main office first. If the absence is going to be more than one day, we can put a homework request out to teachers.

Visitors and Guests to the School

All parents/guardians, visitors and guests are required to check in at the main office upon arrival. Thank you.

Students Leaving the School

In the interest of student safety, any students who need to leave the school for any reason, i.e. an appointment, home for lunch – are required to sign out at the main office and to sign back in upon return. Thank you.



Newsletter – October 18, 2018

Dear SMS Families,

We are well into the start of the school year and it has been a busy first several weeks. Students have settled in nicely and are familiar with school routines and expectations. Our school's Code of Conduct has been reviewed with all students and we certainly encourage all parents/guardians to review this document as well.

We have been pleased with the respectful behavior we have observed from many students, including using respectful language i.e. 'hello, good morning, thank you, please'; and moving appropriately through the hallways i.e. 'walking quietly in the hallways during class time'. As an entire school, we will continue to work with our students to ensure respectful behavior is modeled.

Our volleyball teams continue to have another very successful season and will see their season wrap up over the next few weeks. We will then begin to gear up for basketball season, and lunch time intramurals. All students in the school will be able to participate in intramurals. Our Leadership group, Gay/Straight Alliance, Guitar Club and Yearbook group are in full swing. We would like to thank all the teachers and parents who volunteer their time to create clubs and sport teams for our students.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Open House in September. It was a huge success. We were pleased to have had that opportunity to meet with the parents and guardians of our students.

Mr. P. Barron, Principal Mr. C. Killoran, Vice-Principal Mr. Newbery, Vice-Principal

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - WELCOMES YOU!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executives for this **2018-2019** School Year are as follows:

Chair: Amy O'Reilly	Treasurer: Chris Sims
Vice Chair: Manda Hugon	Secretary: Terri Edmonds
DPAC: Krystal Conway	

What is PAC and what does it do?

The third Wednesday of every month the PAC meet with the principals in the library at SMS. There, you can find out what is happening around the school, how funds are spent, and join in on the discussions regarding items that are brought to the table that month. This could be fundraising, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and so forth. The principals give a monthly report which is very informative to parents. Being on PAC keeps you in the "loop" on what is happening at your child's school. We are always looking for new PAC Members to come out. ☺

Available thru Facebook: **Skeena Middle School Parent Connection** (page) become a Member today!

Next PAC Meeting for 2018-2019: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 @ 7pm in the School Library. Mark your calendars! PAC welcomes you to come join us. ☺



NOURISHMENT
+ EDUCATION
BRIGHTER FUTURE



Our school's nutrition program is proudly funded by Breakfast for Learning. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the school day.

Breakfast for Learning

Breakfast for Learning is a national charity that is committed to helping children across Canada realize their full potential in life by ensuring that all children attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

As Canada's first charity focused on child nutrition, Breakfast for Learning has been helping support school based nutrition programs in every province and territory for almost 24 years.

In the 2015/16 school year, Breakfast for Learning funded 1,900 breakfast, lunch and snack programs, served 241,485 children and youth, and provided more than 41 million nourishing meals and snacks.

Intramurals

We are very excited to run once again, a school-wide intramural program. All students in our building will have the opportunity to participate and get involved.

Intramurals occur during the lunch break - some of the activities students have to choose from include various forms of dodgeball, volleyball, floor hockey, basketball, and many other cooperative, team games.

Classes receive points for participation, sportsmanship, enthusiasm, etc. and at the end of each month the class at each grade level with the most points is awarded a prize.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with our intramural program, we could certainly use the help. Thank you.

yearbooks

Yearbook pre-sales, will be starting soon. Listen for the announcements and watch for posters



special thanks

Thank you to
Quantum
Helicopters of
Terrace for
donating coffee
urns to the Special
Education
Department for use
on the coffee carts



Volunteering time at SMS: We welcome volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer in the school, you must complete your Criminal Record Check (CRC). You can do so by requesting the forms at the school office. There is no charge.



REPORT CARDS AND TERMS THIS YEAR

This year we will have three terms and three reporting periods, much the same as in the elementary schools in our school district. The term dates are as follows:

Term # 1 – September to November

Term # 2 – December to February

Term # 3 – March to June

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

With the final push underway to wrap up the first term, here is what you need to know about first term report cards and parent/teacher interviews:

The Early Dismissal days are November 28 and 29 – students will be dismissed one hour early both days.

Report cards will be sent home with all students on Tuesday, November 27th.

Parent/Teacher interviews will also take place on Wednesday, November 28th, from 5:30 – 7:30.

All of our Teaching Staff will be in their classrooms – we will post maps and lists of Teachers' names with room assignments to assist



Contacting Home When Students are absent

We continue to contact parents/guardians using our automated call out system.

What this means is that when a student is absent from school, and if we are unaware as to the reason why the student is away from school, parents/guardians will be notified with a phone call from our automated callout system.

Many schools throughout British Columbia use this callout system or one similar to it including Caledonia Senior Secondary.



Foundation Skills Assessment

Our grade seven students have been hard at work writing their Foundation Skills Assessment. The assessment is one more tool we can use to assess where our students are at in their numeracy and literacy skills, and to help us continue to support our students' literacy and numeracy skill development.

School Dance

We have a school dance on Thursday, October 25! The dance runs from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Tickets are being sold at lunch time. 5.00 dollars a ticket. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



Socktober

October 9-29th we are collecting gently used or new winter clothing to donate to those in need in our community. We hope students can bring gently used jackets, mitts, toques, warm socks etc. to their homerooms if they are in grades 7 or 8 and to their advisory teacher if they are in grade 9.



Response to Interventions

We will be starting our R.T.I blocks shortly. Twice a week, for ½ an hour at a time, our students will receive extra time to work on courses that they or their teacher feels they need more support in.

HALLOWEEN

Wednesday, October 31st is Halloween.

We remind students that costumes need to be appropriate for school including the safety of all students – for example, nothing too violent or gory, no weapons of any kind. Masks are not to be worn.



Our new line of Skeena Middle School clothing makes a great Christmas gift! Included this year is our new logo with the 'Wildcat' coming out of the 'SMS' lettering. We have t-shirts, hoodies, new water bottles and have reduced the pricing on all of our clothing in stock.

Flyers with a detailed overview of our clothing options are available at the main office – orders can also be placed through our amazing clerical staff in the main office at the school.



Return one or both draw slips to win SMS clothing or free hot lunch! Remember, a parent/guardian needs to read the newsletter in order to enter the draw.

Entry # 1

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Comment: _____

Entry # 2

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Comment: _____

