

**Skeena
Middle School**

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Principal – Mr. Phillip Barron
Vice-Principal – Mrs. Sonja
Donnan
Vice-Principal – Mr. Joe
Dominguez

Bell Schedule

8:40	Warning Bell
8:45-9:50	Period 1
9:55	Period 2
10:10-10:20	Grade 8 Break
10:20-10:30	Grade 7 Break
10:30-10:40	Grade 9 Break
11:05-12:10	Period 3
12:10-12:58	Lunch
1:03-2:08	Period 4
2:13-3:18	Period 5

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 for an extended period of time i.e. more than one day, we can put a homework request out to teachers if your child is ill.

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.



April 2021 Newsletter

Dear SMS Families,

We would like to welcome everyone back from Spring Break and Easter weekend. We hope you all had the opportunity to relax and recharge. We are all hoping that warm weather will be coming our way soon. I am sure we are all ready for some sunshine and warm days.

As we navigate through the last 3 months of the school year, please take the time to communicate and have conversations with your son/daughter regarding their mental well-being. As challenging as it has been this year, we continue to be grateful for our students' cooperation and understanding of our safety protocols. Through these times we continually see students exemplify care and kindness towards each other which makes our school a safe place to be. We are thoroughly impressed as they continue to demonstrate resilience through these difficult times.

April is a busy time for us in the office as we are now starting to plan for the coming year. Please reach out to us anytime if you have any inquiries or concerns.

Principal
Mr. Barron

Vice-Principal
Mrs. Donnan

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Mr. Dominguez

IMPORTANT DATES

April 16 th -	LAST DAY TO SHARE ON THOUGHT EXCHANGE
April 21 st -	PAC MEETING @ 7 PM
	EARTH DAY
April 23 rd -	NID (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
April 30 th -	Last day of Term 4 Exploratories

Visitors and Guests to the School

All parents/guardians, visitors and guests are required to call first. Please follow the COVID-19 protocol posted at the entrance after you enter the school. Wearing a mask is mandatory before entering. Thank you.

FOUNDRY

Events and activities at Foundry.

TYES @ FOUNDRY GROUPS

*GROUPS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONTH: APRIL

DATES	MONDAY 5:30-5:30PM	WEDNESDAY 5:30-5:30PM	FRIDAY 5:30-5:30PM
APRIL 2			GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED
APRIL 5,7,9	EASTER MONDAY CLOSED	TOPIC: SELF CARE	MOVIE: INSIDE OUT
APRIL 12,14,16	ACTIVITY: JOURNALING	TOPIC: TIME MANAGEMENT	VIRTUAL BINGO
APRIL 19,21,23	ACTIVITY: COLORING PAGES	TOPIC: STRESS + COPING	MOVIE: REMEMBER THE TITANS
APRIL 26,28,30	ACTIVITY: PAINT NIGHT	TOPIC: POST SECONDARY	GAME: SKRIBBLIO

Group activities are subject to change*

Email: foundryterraceinfo@tdcss.ca for more information, to sign up, and for invite links!



We would like to welcome Ms. Jory Wong who is doing her practicum with Ms. Leite. We would also like to send our best wishes to Ms. Jill Green who finished her final practicum with Ms. Horne.



Congratulations to the following final winners of the Blind Date with a book Contest:

1. Selina Johnson
2. Norah-Jane Mason
3. Natalia Joyce
4. Susanna Meyer
5. Phillip Dobbin

CMUSD82 STRATEGIC PLANNING ENGAGEMENT – FEBRUARY 17 TO APRIL 15, 2021



Strategic Planning – Student Forum - Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82 (CMUSD82) is in the process of writing a new Strategic Plan for the district. Mr. Dominguez is organizing a student forum at SMS in early April, to encourage students to share their ideas about learning for this district wide plan. The last virtual session for community input will be from 12pm – 1pm on Thursday, April 15th. Here is a link to the Thought Exchange platform, where you can share your ideas any time before April 16th.

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#957348863/hub>

YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR \$25. If you have any questions about the yearbook or would like to order it as gift (with a great card included!), please contact Mrs. Cleveland or Ms. Georgeson

Woodwork

Woodwork students, please remember to bring your safety glasses to each class. If you have lost the pair you bought from the shop, another pair can be purchased for \$2. Students without safety glasses are not permitted to work on projects. ** Sanitized pairs that were previously borrowed have been going missing and are no longer available. **

SCHOOL BAND BACK IN SESSION



Practice will begin after school on April 12th.

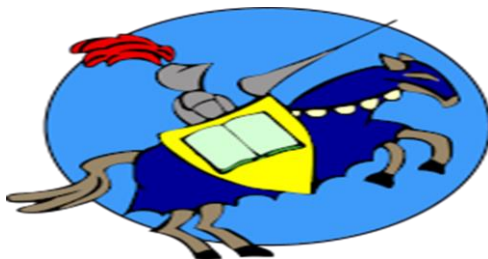
Grade 8s – Tuesdays 3:30-4:45pm
Grade 7s – Wednesdays 3:30-4:45pm

If you have any inquiries about schedule, concerts, or about the SMS Band Program, please contact Ms. Georgeson via e-mail katia.georgeson@cmsd.bc.ca

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Mrs. Hansen, SMS Librarian, is starting the annual “Battle of the Books”. This reading incentive has students forming teams and working together to read all of the titles on Mrs. Hansen’s list. Battles will be virtual again this year, using a combination of MS Teams and Kahoot. All students and staff are encouraged to participate.



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THE GREEN TEAM

This year SMS Go Green Team has begun EcoSchools Actions with “The Great Gulp”. Students and staff will take a synchronized gulp of tap water to raise awareness about water and the importance of reusing or refusing single use plastic waste. Classes who participate will be able to put a ticket into the Great Gulp Shower Draw and have a chance to pour water over Mr. Renwick. On Earth Day April, 22 students will have the opportunity to take an action pledge toward sustainability. Thanks Oliver and Gabriel Ungehojer for the great posters.

New Covid-19 Protocol for Middle Schools (Updated March 30)

1. All staff and students are required to wear a mask or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors in schools and on school buses – both within and outside of their learning group at all times. However, there are exceptions, and they include:
 - When students are eating or drinking;
 - If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
 - If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. playing a wind instrument high-intensity activity, etc);
 - If a person is behind a barrier;
 - If a person cannot wear it for health reasons. If this is the case, individual must be 6 feet away from others at all times;
2. Gym classes that involve high-intensity activity should take place outdoors if possible, and if indoors, ensure that there is appropriate physical distancing between students. If physical distancing cannot be maintained, students must wear masks.
3. Music classes now have a mask requirement when students are singing, while playing instruments, students must be physically distanced.

Masks must also be worn when students are on a school bus. This includes students going on field trips.

COVID – 19 Reminder

Thank you to all of you who continually monitor your child's health before sending him/her to school. It is expected that you will do your part and continue with this practice to ensure the safety of your child and everyone else. According to BCCDC document (Appendix C p. 23), it is also expected to conduct a daily health check before sending your child to school. Please use the table below to determine if you should send your child to school that day.

Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Covid-19	Circle	One
Fever	Yes	No
Chills	Yes	No
Cough or worsening of chronic cough	Yes	No
Shortness of breath	Yes	No
Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
Diarrhea	Yes	No
Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No

If a student is experiencing any of the key symptoms of Covid-19, they should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, the child may return to school if they feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

