

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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DAILY NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: 'Cent Today'

Message from Admin Team:

It's been a busy opening as we moved into our new building. Thanks to the help of volunteer students, and the hard work of Centennial Staff, hired movers, and District Staff, we have completed the process of leaving the old Centennial. Now begins an interim period where we await the rest of the construction to complete, hopefully within two years depending on the speed of the work. We are thankful for the resiliency of the students as they are working with a new timetable, a slightly longer day, and other fixes on the brand new building. In addition, we are installing some new lockers soon to address the higher than expected need. As with any project, we depend on outside contractors to complete work, and it's never easy to predict the timeline.

Our events are posted on our website, and we occasionally change things when necessary. The upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday, November 7th, from 2:30-4:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm. We decided to move our date, following many suggestions from parents and staff. As it turns out, many families have travel plans for the Thursday evening originally scheduled! Happy travels, and we hope to see you on the Tuesday evening, a very valuable opportunity for you to visit all or some of your child's teachers. You can book your appointments online, at schooldata.cfhosting.ca/parents, starting October 23rd and until midnight on November 6th. You will need your child's birthdate and student number or PEN number (found at the top left corner of the report card). If you have difficulty booking an appointment online, please contact the office at 604-936-7205, from 9am to 3pm on Monday, November 6th.

We are beginning to plan the next wave of upgrades to occur inside the building with furniture, art, and Photos being installed. Despite the pace, students continue to express positive opinions about life in the new building. The future is bright!

--Jon Bruneau, Veronika Farnell, Ben King, and Kelly Zimmer
Centennial Admin Team

Counselling and Vice Principal Information



As we are nearing the end of our first term, it is a great time to reflect on how things are unfolding this year. A wonderful way to do this is to get to know your counsellor.

Our counsellors are the same as last year and their counselling responsibilities are divided this way:

Mrs. Thomas	A – HA	and YOUR Vice Principal is Ms. Farnell
Mrs. Norlin	HE – PA	and YOUR Vice Principal is Mr. King
Mrs. Temlett	PE – Z	and YOUR Vice Principal is Ms. Zimmer

Obtaining information about school events

Communication is the key. Our school produces a daily newsletter with all kinds of details about what's happening in our building. After 9am, you can see updates on Clubs, Meetings, Sports, General Information and of course our daily Cafeteria Menu. We ask that students check out the newsletter, which can be viewed through the app, or from the printed version on the office counter and in every classroom. It's also available on our public website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/centennial/Pages/default.aspx>

Tutorial – every Wednesday at 8:25am

Teachers are available on Wednesday mornings to assist students who wish to have more time with a teacher regarding coursework. All teachers are available for this time and we encourage students to take advantage of an excellent learning opportunity.

Fireworks & Student Safety

As we enter the fall season, there is often an increase in the use of fireworks/fire crackers. We would like to take the time to remind all students of our school policy around these items. This policy states **“Students are not to bring fireworks, or firecrackers to school, or to be in possession of fireworks or firecrackers on school property, under any circumstances.”**



Let's have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

Halloween Costumes

October 31st is a day that we all know as a fun date for costumes. However, we would like to remind students that all costumes worn to school need to be appropriate for a school environment. Anyone wearing a costume that promotes or represents anything sexual in nature, or promotes or glorifies drugs or alcohol, will be asked to cover or remove their costume. If a Halloween costume portrays a stereotype or shows a lack of respect for the culture of others, it is not promoting a respectful school environment.

Take Our Kids to Work Day – for Grade 9s

All Grade 9s are to accompany their parent or guardian to work on November 1st. If a parent or guardian cannot take their Grade 9 student to work, the student can go to work with a relative or family friend. The Take Our Kids to Work Day program is entering its 23rd year and is part of the Learning Partnership's program. The intent is to expose Grade 9 students to the world of work and to start conversations around their own goals after secondary school. We know that career paths are varied and current research states that adolescents are looking at having a variety of jobs in their lifetime, and that will require the acquisition of new technologies and skills. November 1st is a day that motivates, inspires and encourages our Grade 9 students to think about their career possibilities after secondary school. More information will be provided in a handout attached to your child's report card.

Scholarship Applications



We are very fortunate to have Ms. Healey-Wright as our Career Resources Facilitator. Her role is to meet with Grade 12 students to explain the scholarship application process. Students need to ensure that they have done the research for their individual interests, getting reference letters and working on their applications, but can see Ms. Healey-Wright for advice. The recent workshop for Gr. 12s on Oct 5th from 3:20 to 4:30 in our Library discussed how students find out about scholarships.

Post-Secondary Applications – Check the dates!



It is not too early to start thinking about post-secondary school applications – deadlines for some schools is very soon. Douglas College is October 15th - online. Most universities in BC have an online deadline no later than February 28th, however UBC's deadline is January 15th. If you are a student that hopes to be considered for Major Entrance Scholarships at UBC – the deadline for application is December 1st. If you are going to Canadian universities back east – their deadlines are earlier – (before the Winter Break).

You can see that it is important to start looking at deadline dates and preparing your application package now. If you wish to apply online to any BC Post-Secondary institution, you need to apply at: <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca>

2017-2018 Language Challenge Exams

These are via an online application – a fee is involved for this and a higher fee for International students. The application is due October 27th. The exam is held in January in Delta.

UBC will no longer accept a challenge exam 12 mark for admission-average purposes. If you would like more information, feel free to ask your counsellor or Mr. King.

Grad Update

It seems we have a great group of Grade 12s! They had a great time on their recent Senior Sail Boat Cruise, and are looking forward to the upcoming Winter Formal, open to all grades. We have been encouraging our Grade 12s to get their Grad Transitions tasks underway, as it is very possible to complete before February, and have one less thing to do in the springtime. Also, check out the Counselling section of our website for careers and scholarship notes. Don't forget to pay all your fees, as you are ineligible for school events unless you are up-to-date. Thank you!



Graduation Photos

Artona Studios is on site at Centennial from **November 1st to November 9th** to take Grad Photos. To book your personal appointment for a Grad photo sitting, you will need to email Artona at:

<https://artona.com/schools/CENT/programs/graduation/>

All information is available on the Artona website.

Group Grad photos will be taken this year, at a later date, if there is enough interest.

Commencement Information

You can order your cap and gown at the office with Ms. Leung. You will need to know your height (girls will need to think about whether or not they are wearing heels). Please register as soon as possible. You can pay for this event (\$65) in a lump sum or you can see your Vice Principal about a payment plan. The commencement fee covers the cap, gown, 2018 grad tassel, commencement programs, and the venue. This year's commencement is at the Orpheum.



Student
Fees

Please remember to pay your school fees asap, if you have not already done so. There is an online option accessible through our website, but you can also simply send a cheque with your child to the main office.

Locker Update



As we continue to grow our locker capacity in the new building, Grade 9s have been asked to share and are in the process of moving into a partner's locker. As lockers are freed up, we will be contacting Grade 10 to 12 students who requested lockers earlier in the year. Additional lockers are being installed in the current building, with more lockers being planned for the second building when it opens.

Club Participation

Clubs Day was last Thursday, and we also advertise club info in the daily newsletter. Please encourage your child to join one of the clubs, or maybe consider one of our athletic teams! It's a great way to maintain a balance in educational life: a skill that is considered #1 by many of the post-secondary institutions.



Experiential Studies 10 not offered this year

Many community members will recall that Centennial has run a program called "E.S." for a few years. This year, it was not included in the Grade 10 programming options. Here is the reasoning for its disappearance, and what the future holds. As it turns out, both of the teachers left the district simultaneously. This left a huge hole, as both Mr. Rose and Ms. O'Shaughnessy were not only teaching the program, they designed, managed, and lived it for many years. In order to bring the program back to life, we will need to grow that kind of leadership from within our ranks. Our plan is to work with the district to consider the possibilities one year at a time. In the meantime, I encourage interested students to consider helping with the Mossom Creek Hatchery project, and joining one of the outreach clubs we offer currently. In addition, PE11 and PE12 include some amazing activities that the teachers are very passionate about and which exemplify curricular enrichment.

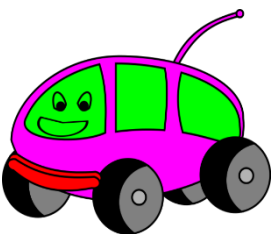
Vaporizing Devices



These devices are not allowed on school district property, as per SD43 policy. If you allow your child to own one of these devices, please remind them not to bring it in their bag or car to the school area. We are seeing a rise in usage outside of school hours, and we are concerned about the safety of the liquids used in the devices. The bottom line is that we can't be sure that liquids are safe for students, and so we can't allow the devices anywhere near our building or on school district property.

Parent Emails

If you have added a new email address, or changed your main one, please let us know by sending a quick message to centennial@sd43.bc.ca. We believe it is one of the most important ways to keep you aware of the goings on at the school. Thank you for your assistance as we update our databases.



Drop-off/Pick-up

There are three one-way lanes just south of the Blue Gym, and accessible from Poirier Street, which are designed for safe pick-up and drop-off of students. In addition, parents may park at the Vanier lot, which is accessible off Haversley Avenue.

Construction Update



The construction company is currently working on three major projects: fixing deficiencies inside the new building, safely demolishing the old building, and landscaping. During the recent spell of torrential rain, the back lot was saturated with water, and the overflow pond displayed its purpose. As we go forward, they will be planting grass and shrubs, and finishing walkways.

Sponsor a Theatre Seat! [fundraiser]

For those of you who wish to help support the new theatre, you can sponsor one seat for just \$200. What a great way to have a piece of legacy that is Centennial School. We have already sold some seats, so don't wait too long before the seats are all sold out. Your name will be permanently etched onto a commemorative plaque. If interested, please contact Ms. Leung, our Accountant at the Main Office of Centennial. (kleung@sd43.bc.ca)



Coming soon **on the calendar** (please check website for periodic updates)

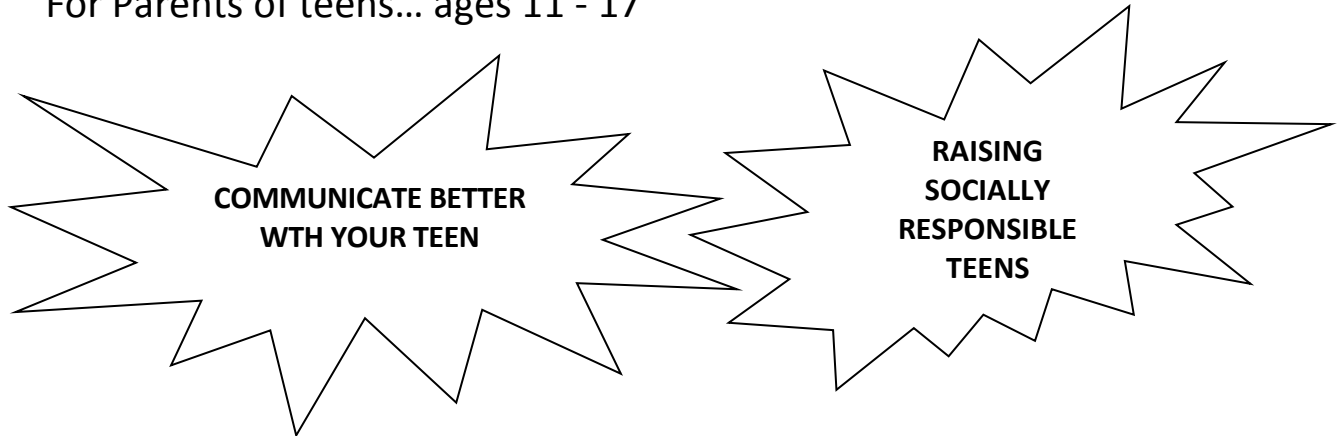


Friday, October 20	ProD Day: Students do not attend
Monday, October 30 to Friday, November 3	Book your parent/teacher conferences online
Tuesday, October 31	Halloween. Please review costume rules!
Wednesday, November 1	No tutorial today. Period 1 starts at 9:40am
Wednesday, November 1 – Thursday, November 9	Grad Photo Sessions (Artona here with their trailer)
Wednesday, November 1	Take Your Grade 9 to Work Day
Sunday, November 5	Standard Time resumes (set clocks back one hour)
Tuesday, November 7	Early Dismissal – 1:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences – 2:30 to 4:30pm & 5:30 to 7:30pm
Thursday, November 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony, 10:30 to 11:30am
Friday, November 10	Schools not in session
Saturday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Holiday (in lieu of Saturday stat): No school
Tuesday, November 21	Winter Formal school dance Grade 9-12 (capped at 200 tickets)
Friday, November 24	Non-Instructional Day: Students do not attend
Friday, December 1	Last day of Term 2 classes
Monday, December 4	First day of Term 3 classes
Friday, December 22	Locker clean-out all day, during your off block Last day in session before Winter Vacation
Monday December 25, 2017 to Friday, January 5, 2018	Winter Vacation: No school
Monday, January 8	School reopens

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Time: 7p.m. – 9p.m.

Dates: Thurs. Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

[This is an eight week program]

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram, Certified Parent Facilitator

To register: E-mail: mabram@sd43.bc.ca [preferred]

Phone: 604-469-1133

Register as soon as possible as the class fills quickly!

Class is limited to 20 participants.

The only cost is \$25.00 for the parent workbook!