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NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S NEW?

IMPORTANT DATES!

- AUGUST 30
11am: Grade 9 & new student orientation
- AUGUST 31
New international student orientation
- SEPTEMBER 4
School opens. Photo day
- SEPTEMBER 5
First day of Semester 1 classes
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Anthony Ciolfitto's BLOG

The Pulse



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GRADE 9 & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation for incoming Grade 9s and other new students to Centennial will be held on Thursday, August 30, at 11:00 am (meet in the foyer). There will be a separate orientation for new international students on Friday, August 31, after EAL testing at 8:00 am.

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – EAL TESTING/ORIENTATION

EAL testing for new international students to Centennial will be held on Friday, August 31, at 8:00 am (meet in the foyer). An orientation will follow, at 9:00 am. Scheduled counsellor appointments will commence at 9:00 am. There will also be a meeting for all new international students in the Theatre at 8:25 am on September 12. Please email Ms. Baker, at cabaker@sd43.bc.ca, if you have any questions.

SCHOOL REOPENS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

On September 4, students will have a 45-minute Homeroom. Please come at the right time and go straight to your Homeroom location, as posted on our website. Grade 9s come at 9am; Grade 10s at 10am; Grade 11s at 11am; Grade 12s at noon. Our [bell schedule](#) for 2018/19 will be the same as for 2017/18.

PARENT eFORMS & STUDENT FEES

Please complete the online forms for your child. These forms must be completed annually. Please also pay your child's fees for 2018/19. CLICK on the blue buttons below (Student Fees/Parent eForms)

MY SCHOOL DAY APP

This year we are moving to a new app, which replaces the Student Agenda book. On your phone or tablet, go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "My School Day". Install it – it's free! Select BC, SD43 Coquitlam, Centennial Secondary from the list provided. Make sure to allow it to receive notifications if asked – we will send out important reminders, information and alerts through notifications. <https://downloads.schoolapps.online/docs/MySchoolDay1PageMigrate.pdf>

REPORT ABSENCE

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

Counselling/Vice Principals are divided this way:
Thomas/Farnell (A-HA) Norlin/King (HE-PA) Temlett/Zimmer (PE-Z)

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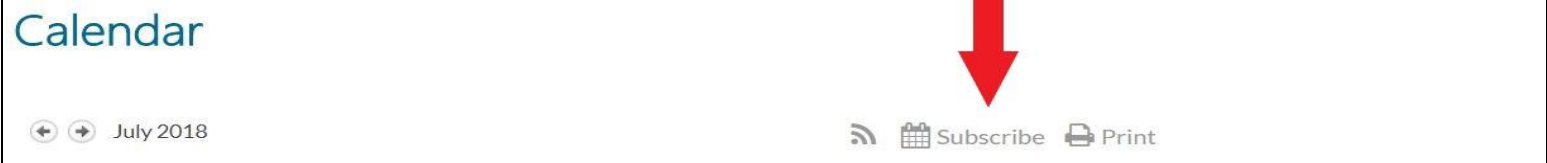


CALENDAR

You can access the school calendar any time by following this link.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/centennial/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

If you would like to subscribe to our calendar, simply click the “subscribe” button located above the calendar on the website.



FAQs

You may find answers to frequently asked questions in this document:

http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/centennial/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=441&ListID=d9edd316-5591-4acd-a284-7a1df8a898be&TemplateID=Announcement_Item

LOCKERS

This year we will be trying a new system to assign lockers to students interested in using one. After the first week of school, you will receive an email that will link to an online form where you will be asked to enter your name, email address, grade, and whether you will be willing to share a locker.

We do not currently have enough lockers for every student. This means we will assign lockers on a first come, first serve basis. We will then start a waitlist, as we have movement in and out of the school throughout the year. We will contact students on the waitlist when a locker becomes available.

We also ask that students share, to help free up more lockers. If you have someone you would like to share a locker with, please include that in your application.

SCHOOL PHOTOS BY ARTONA

Artona will be taking individual student photos on September 4, right after Homeroom. A photo is required for the student’s transit Go-Card. It is also used in the yearbook and to borrow library books.

Artona will also take grad photos, in a trailer at our school, from October 5 to 18. Please click here for more info

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

COURSE CHANGES

Student-initiated changes to student timetables are NOT possible at this time. Students should contact their counsellor, during their empty block, if they have an incorrect academic course or incomplete timetable. We will make every effort to help. No priority will be given to issues related to teacher selection and peer related matters.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

There are three one-way lanes off Poirier Street, between the Community Centre entrance and the Board Office. They are designed for safe pick-up and drop-off of students. Please do not enter the staff parking lot, off Winslow Ave, for pick-up or drop-off. Please also avoid waiting in the drop-off area near our front entrance. A school bus picks up some of our students between 2:50 and 3:20pm, and we must keep that area clear. We suggest that you have your child meet you at the Vanier Centre lot, accessed off Schoolhouse St. Alternatively, your child may be dropped off on Winslow Avenue or King Albert Avenue. Perhaps your child may meet you at the Dogwood Pavilion or Library parking lots, or you may wait there and then proceed to the school’s pick-up zone at an agreed-upon pickup time.

STUDENT PARKING

Students are not permitted to park in the staff parking lot, off Winslow Ave. You may obtain a parking pass from the office, in order to park in the designated student area at Vanier Centre, with access from Schoolhouse St. The passes are free of charge and will be revoked if students violate the parking code of conduct. Passes must be displayed on the dashboard, and must match the licence plate of the vehicle. Passes are non-transferable to another person’s vehicle.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!

It's hard to believe, but the beginning of the school year is just around the corner. As you are enjoying the last few weeks of the summer vacation, we want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Centennial for what promises to be another exciting school year.

On behalf of the staff at Centennial, I'd like to welcome all our new families to the Centennial community! We hope you will enjoy your time with us and I encourage you to visit the school to see our new facilities! We are excited about the new school and eagerly anticipate the future completion of the new gym, fitness centre, neighbourhood learning centre, and turf field. If we can be of assistance at any time, please feel free to call or email us and we'll be very pleased to help. Please also check out our school website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/centennial/Pages/default.aspx>; it's an excellent source of information about our school.

Some interesting information about Centennial:

Centennial prides itself on its long history of innovative programs, athletics, and academic excellence. We opened our doors for the 1966/67 school year and recently moved into our new building. This past year, our senior girls' soccer team won the provincial championships, our IT students participated in an inquiry project with Microsoft which culminated with them presenting at the BC Tech Summit, and our Culinary Arts and Automotive students completed their first year of Apprenticeship through the ACE-IT program here at Centennial. We are proud of the accomplishments of so many of our students and look forward to seeing more of the incredible talent that our youth possess. Over the coming year, our staff will engage in a re-visioning process as part of our transition to the new school. We are excited about what lies ahead and look forward to creating many more opportunities for our students to experience.

Included in this newsletter are a number of important notices providing details about school start-up and opening week procedures. In particular, students are often very anxious about their timetables; please remind your daughters/sons that their timetables will be distributed on the first day of classes (Tuesday, September 4th). *Grade 9 students will receive their timetables at the Grade 9 Orientation Day on Thursday, August 30th.*

We hope that you will consider being involved with our **Centennial Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**, which will hold its first meeting on **September 25th at 7 p.m.** and our **After-Grad Committee**, (the first meeting will be held **September 12th at 7:00 p.m.**). Parent involvement at the secondary level is as important as ever and we encourage all parents to participate in these opportunities.

I look forward to meeting our new **Grade 9's at the Orientation Day on Thursday, August 30th at 11:00 a.m.** I am hopeful that all Grade 9 students will be able to attend this event, where they will get a chance to receive their timetables and find their first semester classrooms. This is a great way for incoming students to get to know a bit about their school in a relaxed and informal setting before the first formal day of classes. Students who are unable to attend this day will receive their schedules on Tuesday, September 4th.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the many school events throughout the year. Please feel free to call, e-mail or drop by with any questions, ideas or concerns.

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