



PITT RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

August 21, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Start Up for the 2018-2019 School Year at Pitt River!

I hope that you have had an enjoyable and memorable summer vacation so far and are ready for another school year! We are looking forward to an outstanding school year and are excited to be able to welcome all of our students (especially our incoming grade 6's and new students) to our school community. The following information is to inform you of the routines of our first week back:

BBQ: For all our incoming 6's and other students who may be new to Pitt River, you are invited to the school on **Friday August the 31st** from 12:00pm-1:00pm for a BBQ. This is another opportunity to come into the building and familiarize yourselves with the school.

First Day (Tuesday, September 4th)

Grade 7s and 8s are in attendance from **9:00-9:30 AM**.

Grades 6s are in attendance from **10-11:30 AM**.

- Grade 6s report to the **main gym** for attendance.
- Grade 7s report to the **main gym** for attendance.
- Grade 8s report to the **main gym** for attendance.

** 'Rendezvous' (RV is our advisory/homeroom class) Lists will be posted around the school. Students should check these lists, so they know which classroom to report to the following morning. We will also be attempting a new method to identify students RV classes by sending out an email that identifies the RV classroom and teacher for each student.*

**Students do not need to bring their school supplies until Monday, September 10th, as lockers aren't assigned until later in the week. School supply lists are posted at:*

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/pittriver/Parents/SchoolSupplies/Pages/default.aspx>

Wednesday September 5th and Thursday September 6th

Students spend the day with their *Rendezvous* classes. During this time, they get to know each other and participate in a variety of activities related to our school values, culture, and expectations. The theme and focus of the activities of the first week back will be on our core values of Connection and Community and how the attributes of Kindness, Inclusion, Happiness, Resilience, and Passion fit into our way of being and our approach to learning.

Friday September 7th

Pancake Breakfast: Students are invited to come to school between 8:00-8:45 AM to enjoy a pancake breakfast before heading off to regular classes.

If we can we will assign core classes in RV and students will report to their core teachers at 9:05 AM. This is dependent on whether we will have to reorganize classes based on enrollment.

**During the first week, students will bring home a package, which includes various forms (fee statements, student verification forms, etc.).

E-Forms:

After school starts up please go on-line and complete the eForms (School Policies, Emergency Release, Medical Alert, Volunteer & Driver Forms, and Privately Owned Devices).

*The **Emergency Release** and the **Medical Alert** forms will remain online fillable forms BUT parents will need to print and drop off forms at their child's school

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Online Payments

As you are likely aware the District has moved to a new online payment system that allows you to view and pay for your child's school activities such as fieldtrips, fees, etc. safely and conveniently.

We encourage you to register your account online now if you have not already done so.

Here is how to get started:

- 1) Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>
- 2) Click on "Get Started Today"
- 3) Create your account
 - a. Enter first and last name; click continue
 - b. Enter fields: address, phone number, email address; click continue
 - c. Choose a password and security question
 - d. Make sure to OPT IN to receiving email notifications for updated school information

Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email that you have registered your account. You will then have to go back into the link in that email to attach your child/ren to your account. You can attach ALL your children, no matter what school they are in in the district, choosing the appropriate school from the dropdown for each child. You will be required to enter their legal first and last name and date of birth.

Thank you for registering your account online as soon as possible. Once you are registered, you will receive email notifications of upcoming events such as fieldtrips and receive follow-up reminders for unpaid events. You will also be able to grant permission online for your child to attend events and notify teachers if you are able to volunteer. You will be able to view your history of payments of each of your children.

See you in September!

Steve Roos
Principal

Lindsay Goodridge
Vice-Principal