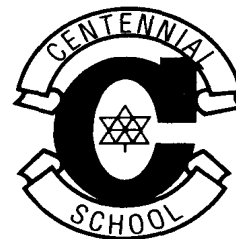


CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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October 2011

Principal's Message

Centennial is "All In"

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope you have a great year at Centennial. I am so pleased to be your Principal in the journey of self discovery and secondary education, and after three and a half years here, I really feel this place is becoming something special.

You are Centaurs, and as such you will experience some of the finest educational and extra-curricular opportunities available in public education. But, you will not do this alone. Kids, parents, counsellors, teachers, support staff, administrators, and community members will work with you to achieve your dreams and be successful.

Centennial is "All In". What does "All In" mean?

Well, we will do everything we can to help you learn the lessons of success. To succeed you must:

Discover Your Passion - Work Hard - Focus - Push Yourself

Have Ideas - Willingly Improve - Serve Others - Persist Through Difficulty

It is our job as a learning community to help you be "All in"

We do this together, because in doing so, it makes us stronger, resilient and purposeful, both as a group and as individuals.

We are Centennial. And we, are "All In"

Are you?

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed., Oct. 26	Fall Music Concert—7:00 p.m. Centennial Theatre
Wed., Oct. 26	Collaborative Day - students dismissed at 1:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 27	ESL Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
Fri., Oct. 28	Haunted Music Room (fundraiser) 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 1	Post-Secondary Day
Fri., Nov. 4	School Based Pro-D Day
Mon., Nov. 7	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Mon., Nov. 14	District Based Holiday
Wed., Nov. 16	Universities Application Workshop
Thurs., Nov. 17	After Grad Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 21—Tues., Nov. 29	Grad Photos



REPORT CARDS

At this time, report cards for October 27th will not be distributed in the traditional form due to the current BCTF Phase 1 job action. We are currently working with the School District to determine how attendance data and other information will be distributed.

In the short term, while you will not receive a standard Centennial report card, your child's teachers are keeping up to date with assessment and evaluation practices and the information is available. Teachers may report your child's progress to you in a variety of ways. Should you wish to review your child's progress, teachers are available to meet with you in person at a mutually agreed upon time, will respond to written correspondence or discuss your child's progress over the phone.

Teacher email addresses can be found on the school website under the Staff Tab > Staff Directory.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial/StaffInfo/StaffDirectory/Pages/default.aspx>

Please note: The November 9th Parent Teacher interview day is currently postponed. The class schedule will be a regular day.

The Learning Partnership's 17th Annual Take Our Kids to Work Program

All grade 9 students will be given the opportunity to attend the Take Our Kids To Work Day on Wednesday, Nov 2. For those students who fill in the permission form and return it to school before Nov 1 they will spend the day with their parent/relative/friend/community host.

What will students get out of the program?

- ▶ Develop an appreciation for the importance of staying in school and getting a high school diploma and pursuing post-secondary studies.
- ▶ Gain exposure to the skills required in today's workplaces.
- ▶ Develop an appreciation for their parents' roles in making a living and supporting their families.
- ▶ Begin career discussions with adults about the work they do.
- ▶ Gain a better understanding of the complexity of career choices and the benefits of early exploration.
- ▶ Explore career options in practical ways.

On October 27, Students will receive details of the day and also a paper copy of the permission form to take home to be filled in and signed by their parent/guardian. This must be returned to the office no later than Nov 1 in order for them to participate.



SCHOOL DROP OFF / PICK UP AREA

Please note the upper level staff parking lot is not a through fare for student drop off / pick up. The congestion in the lot as well as the issue around temporarily occupied, but staff designated parking spots, can best be avoided by dropping off your son or daughter at a different location. We thank you in advance for respecting this request.

AFTER GRAD

AFTER GRAD COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first AfterGrad Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Centennial Library. This meeting is for parents from ANY grade level who are interested in helping out with the AfterGrad Event that happens after the Grad Dinner/Dance. I realize that October 5th has come and gone, but if you are interested, the next meeting is Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Centennial library. Even if you don't want to join the committee, there are many ways to help out; email Janine Close at jclose@sd43.bc.ca and let us know if you're interested!

SPC CARDS

SPC Cards are still on sale for \$9 (\$3 from every card sold will go towards the AfterGrad Event). The cards provide fabulous discounts at hundreds of clothing and food locale's that your teens are buying from. Check out the website or the Centennial Today to find out how to purchase a card and help to support the Centennial AfterGrad Event.

Centennial Class of 2012

GRADUATION PORTRAITS



Graduation portraits will be taken from November 21 thru November 29 in room 57. You must be photographed to have your photo in the yearbook and on the official Graduation Wall Composite.

You will have the option of having a complete sitting that includes 16 unique formal and casual poses or just having your yearbook/composite portrait taken. The full sitting requires a \$50.00 deposit that will be completely credited towards the purchase of portraits. This deposit is also refundable if for some reason you are not completely satisfied. There is no charge for yearbook/composite formal portraits.

Every Centennial Grade 12 student will be scheduled and appointment times will be posted on the office window the week of November 7. Grad Photos.. don't miss 'em.



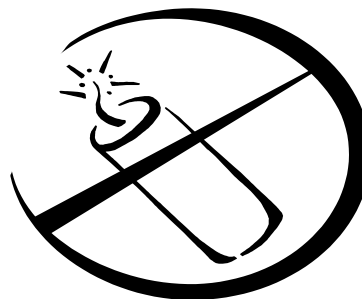
FIRECRACKERS AND FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN COQUITLAM

Firecrackers – It is illegal to sell, buy and/or set-off firecrackers in the City of Coquitlam. **The fine for selling or using firecrackers is \$200.**

Fireworks – It is illegal to buy or sell fireworks in Coquitlam. Setting off fireworks is also prohibited unless the user has a permit from the Coquitlam Fire/Rescue Department. **The fine for selling or using fireworks without a permit is \$200.**

The City of Coquitlam By-Law reads as follows:

- (2) (a) No person shall offer for sale, store, or sell:
- (i) Low Hazard Fireworks,
 - (ii) High Hazard Fireworks, or
 - (iii) Roman Candles
- (b) No person shall use, set off, or discharge:
- (i) Low Hazard Fireworks,
 - (ii) High Hazard Fireworks, or
 - (iii) Roman Candles
- within the City of Coquitlam



(7) (a) No person shall store, offer for sale, sell, use, detonate or explode or have in his or her possession Firecrackers
Use/Sale/Distribution of fireworks before/during or after school will most likely result in suspension.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN OF THE STREET SOCIETY:

Appropriate Halloween Costumes:

Halloween is fast approaching and once again Children of the Street Society is raising awareness about inappropriate Halloween costumes, which glamorize the sexual exploitation of children and youth, the gang lifestyle and costumes which sexualize children and youth.

Dressing up as a “pimp” or “ho” glamorizes the sexual exploitation of children and youth, which is a form of abuse and modern day slavery. In reality, the sexual exploitation of children and youth leads to multiple, long-term disadvantages to the victim including homelessness, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted infections, HIV and AIDS, drug affected babies, post traumatic stress syndrome from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, social stigma, and barriers to future employment.

Recruiters often attempt to lure children and youth by making false promises and offering gifts or intangible things such as popularity, love, and belonging. Children and youth can be recruited *anywhere*, including school grounds, shopping malls, and online through social networking sites and chat rooms.

Once again this year, the Society would like to take this message one step further. ***Not only are we asking the community to be socially responsible by wearing Halloween costumes which do not glamorize the sexual exploitation of our children and youth, we’re also asking children, youth and adults to take the notion of social responsibility one step further by not wearing costumes which glamorize the gang lifestyle.***

With troubling similarities between recruitment into a life of sexual exploitation, youth who are recruited into the gang lifestyle are also made false promises of money, power, respect, a sense of family, and protection – promises which lead to violence, criminal activity, and the risk of death. The issues of sexual exploitation and gangs not only have similarities, they can also be connected. Girls can play a variety of roles in a gang, including participating in criminal activity, and being sexually exploited by male gang members.

This year, the message is simple: it’s not socially acceptable to dress up as a ‘pimp,’ gangster, or sex trade worker this Halloween. Earning a profit off of the buying and selling of children and youth, glamorizing the sex trade or a gangster lifestyle, is only further contributing to our false perceptions about these harsh realities.

Please encourage your school community to choose socially responsible Halloween costumes that do not glamorize the sexual exploitation of children and youth, sexualize young people, or glamorize gang involvement. Instead, please encourage children and youth to choose appropriate costumes that represent their own individuality and creativity.

Children of the Street Society is a provincial Society and federal Charity dedicated to the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth since 1995. The Society’s mission is to take a proactive approach through public awareness, education and early intervention strategies to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth while offering support to families. The Society’s vision is a world where children and youth are safe and free from all forms of sexual exploitation. For more information visit childrenofthestreet.com.

We wish your students a safe and fun Halloween. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-777-7510 or at info@childrenofthestreet.com.

On behalf of Children of the Street Society,

Diane Sowden, Executive Director

