

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

It's hard to believe, but the beginning of the school year is just around the corner. We want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Centennial for what promises to be an exciting school year. We are expecting to return to a much more typical school year with full day courses and our full contingent of extracurricular activities. Although students and staff are expected to wear masks at all times inside the building, we are now able to move around the building without having to be in cohorts. We're hopeful that the year will transpire without any pandemic hiccups, but if something should arise where we need to adjust, we will be ready to do so.

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. Our new gym continues to be under construction, but things are moving along at a good pace now. We eagerly anticipate the future completion of the new gym, fitness centre, neighbourhood learning centre, and turf field. Fingers crossed, we will have access to the new facilities this year! 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 <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/centennial>; 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 in 1966 and moved into our new building in the fall of 2017. 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 past three years, our staff and students engaged 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. You may view a draft of our vision [here](#). We have four focus areas for this coming school year that connect with our vision as well as our district strategic plan:

- Equity and Inclusion
- Health and Well-Being
- Development of Core Competencies, including showcasing and recognizing student learning
- Programs of Excellence, including curricular integration and innovative learning experiences for students

Each of these focus areas will be led by a committee of staff and students with parent inclusion for input and feedback. We expect to work on these over the next 3-4 years as we begin the journey to better understand ourselves in these areas and develop actions for growth.

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. Student timetables will be available on the student and parent portals by September 7th. For new Centennial families, we will be creating accounts for you to access the portal. The user names and passwords will be sent to the email address we have on file for you. Existing Centennial families already have access to MyEd from last year. Your MyEd portal access will allow you to access student attendance, schedules, report cards, and transcripts.

We hope that you will consider being involved with our **Centennial Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**, which will hold its first meeting on **September 21st at 7 p.m.** and our **After-Grad Committee** (the first meeting will be held **September 28th 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** over the next few weeks. Our grade 9 orientation day will take place on September 7 after photos at 1:00 pm where we will connect our grade 9s with our leadership students to have a connection throughout the year. This is a great way for incoming students to get more connected with their school as well as have the support from some of our senior students.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you throughout the year. Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions.

Anthony Ciolfitto, Principal

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Student Schedules

Schedules will be accessed through the student and parent portals this year. To access information on logging in to the portal, click [here](#). Grade 9 students will be unable to access their portal until they have their passwords. The passwords will be provided in homeroom on September 7th. However, all parents will be provided with access to the parent portal which will provide you with the same information that students will be able to view on the student portal. When viewing schedules this year, please know that we have moved back to a semester system. This means that courses will look as follows:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Semester 1
AM BLOCK (7:09-8:25)
Block 1 (8:25-9:44)
Block 2 (9:47-11:09)
Block 3 (11:13-12:31)
Block 4 (12:35-1:54)
Block 5 (1:57-3:15)
PM Block (3:15-4:31)

WEDNESDAY- TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

AM BLOCK (7:09-8:25)
TUTORIAL (8:25-9:34)
Block 1 (9:35-10:38)
Block 2 (10:41-11:47)
Block 3 (11:51-12:53)
Block 4 (12:57-2:00)

Block 5 (2:03-3:05)
PM Block (3:05-4:21)

Masks

The PHO and Ministry of Education have indicated that students, staff, and visitors are required to wear masks in all areas of the school, except for:

- health reasons
- a person who is unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
- engaging in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. playing a wind instrument, engaging in high-intensity physical activity, etc.)
- eating or drinking
- if a person is behind a barrier
- while providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment) where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements is important
- outdoors

Entering and Exiting the Building

Since we are no longer operating with a staggered start and end time, we ask that students continue to utilize space in the building to spread out as much as possible. In particular, we recommend that students enter the building through the doors nearest their classroom and exit the building through the doors nearest their classroom. While in the building students should be mindful of space between one another, recognizing that every person in the building has a different level of comfort with their personal space and safety.

Lunch

Students are permitted to eat lunch throughout the building. We recommend that students spread out or move outdoors to eat lunch as they will have their facemasks removed. Our cafeteria will continue to serve lunch for students who wish to purchase their food at school.

Construction

Construction of the new gym, fitness centre, classrooms, and field continue. Most of the retaining walls have been completed on the field and they are currently installing all the fence poles. We hope to see turf going down sometime in September/early October. Most of the gym has been drywalled and some areas of the building are getting their first coats of paint. We expect to see the gym floor getting installed soon. The exterior of the building is pretty much complete with cladding and windows. They are currently painting the exterior of the original gym. They have made very good progress over the summer. We are still aiming for completion of the field by November and the gym by the end of January. Fingers crossed, we will be able to have access to the new facility by Semester 2.

PE Changerooms

The district has installed temporary changerooms for PE in room A209 of the main building (in the tech ed wing). Washrooms are still available throughout the building and in the portables just outside the gym. Once the new gym is completed, changerooms and washrooms will be available in the new building.

Lockers

Students will be receiving an email at the end of the first week from Mr. King. To reduce the need for students to congregate in close proximity around the lockers we are reducing the number of lockers available. We ask that only those students who require a locker due to specific course materials (i.e. Band, football, etc.), or health requirements sign up for one. If you are a student that requires a locker due to an extenuating circumstance, please email Mr. King directly. (bking@sd43.bc.ca)

School Photos

School Photos will take place on our first day back, September 7th, 2021. Students will arrive at their assigned time for grade level home rooms, after which they will have their photos taken. Retakes will be available for students who are not present for this first day set of photos, at a time to be determined in the new school year. If you miss the first photo day, please stay tuned for an announcement in September 2021 about Retakes.

The home room schedule for September 7th is as follows:

Grade 10	9am – 10am
Grade 11	10am – 11am
Grade 12	11am – 12pm
Grade 9	12pm <i>Grade 9s will have an orientation at 1pm in the theatre following home room.</i>

Technology

We are encouraging students to bring a laptop or device to school to use in their classes. Based on the past two years, we estimate that approximately 92% of our families have a laptop or device for use at school. If you do not have access to a computer, please notify us via this [survey](#).

Digital Literacy is an important skill for youth today, particularly with respect to collaboration, communication, research, problem solving, creativity, social networking, and safety. All grade 9 students are part of our Applications of Digital Learning course, which will run in conjunction with English 9 and Math 9. Students will learn these literacy skills by having them integrated into their English and Math assignments. They will also earn 4 credits towards grade 10! The Applications of Digital Learning course is taught by Ms. Olchoway and Ms. Lam. Here is a link to our Centennial Tech information Package [here](#).

Grade 9 Orientation Day (September 7, 1:00 pm)

On September 7th, grade 9 students will arrive to school at 12:00 and go to their homeroom class. They will be given access to their Office 365 Account as well as get their school photos taken. At 1:00, the grade 9 students will meet with our Leadership Students to get an orientation of the school which will include some information, a tour of the building, and the opportunity to find their classrooms!

Course Changes

There will be very few course changes that can be made to student schedules. Our staffing and course offerings are based on the students' Spring selections, plus we are limited by class size and composition regulations. Please email your appropriate counsellor if you feel you meet the following course change criteria.

Course changes in September will only be made for extenuating circumstances:

- incomplete schedule or unbalanced schedule
- change in course request due to summer school
- failed a course
- received courses that were neither primary requests or alternates
- received a course they have already taken

However, NO course changes will be made for the following reasons:

- Wanting a class in a different block
- Wanting a different elective
- Wanting a different teacher
- Wanting a class with a friend
- Wanting to repeat a course for an upgrade

The deadline for course change requests must be completed by September 10. If students require a course change, they should email their counsellor.

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Summer School

Students who completed summer school outside of Coquitlam School District should bring their course mark(s) to their Counsellor to ensure that the mark ends up on their school transcript for graduation.

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. With ongoing construction, we only have 48 parking spots for 125 staff. 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 license plate of the vehicle. Passes are non-transferable to another person's vehicle.

My School Day App

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. This will provide you with up-to-date notifications about the school.

Parent eFORMS & Student Fees

Please complete the online forms. These forms must be completed annually. Please also pay your child's fees for 2021/22 which will be available online on September 20. Payment of fees and completion of parent eForms can be found [here](#).

Communication

For matters involving the classroom, please communicate with your child's teacher. Should you converse with the classroom teacher and find that your matter is unresolved, please contact the school administration. At times, you may not agree with something said or done by our staff. We ask that you wait 24 hours to collect your thoughts before contacting the teacher or the administration. We realize that your children are your greatest pride and that at times this may result in feeling quite protective of them. We too care about them and want to see them succeed. We empathize with your need to take good care of them and we thank you for doing this. However, it takes a community to raise a child and it's important that we work collectively for your child to thrive. Creating an environment where staff and parents are not working together is not beneficial for a child. Let's work together.

Optional Student Accident Insurance

School District 43 does not provide accident insurance coverage for injuries a student may sustain on school property, or during regular school activities including extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parents or guardians may be responsible for any costs not covered by MSP or their personal health care plan. Such costs could include ambulance fees, crutches, and emergency dental care. If you are interested in purchasing student accident insurance, you may wish to consider Old Republic Insurance Co. of Canada. For more info or to purchase directly online, please visit www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437.

Calendar

We have needed to revise various dates and events in our calendar due to the new schedule and safety requirements. We strongly urge you to view our calendar on our [website](#) for the most up to date information.

Important Calendar Dates for 2021- 2022

Event	Date
Grade 9 Orientation	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 (1 pm)
First Full Day of Classes	Wednesday, September 8, 2021
First PAC Meeting	Tuesday, September 21, 2021 (7 pm on Zoom)
Pro-D Day	Friday, September 24, 2021
First Aftergrad Meeting	Tuesday, September 28, 2021 (7 pm on Zoom)
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Thursday, September 30, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
Informal Report Card for Quarter 1 Available Online	Tuesday, October 13, 2021
Parent Teacher Interviews	Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Pro-D Day	Friday, October 22, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Term 1 Ends	Friday, Nov. 12, 2021
Term 2 Starts	Monday, Nov. 15, 2021
Final Report Card for Term 1 Available Online	Friday Nov. 23, 2021
Schools Close for Winter Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, December 18, 2021
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2020- Friday, January 3, 2022
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2022
Last Day of Formal Classes for Sem. 1	Friday January 21, 2022
End of Sem 1	Friday, January 28, 2022
Pro D Day	Monday, January 31, 2022
Start of Sem 2	Tuesday, January 31, 2022
Final Report Card for Sem. 1 Available Online	Wednesday, February 2, 2022
BC Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
Pro-D Day	Friday, February 25, 2022
Informal Report Cards Sem. 1 Available Online	Friday, March 2, 2022
Parent Teacher Interviews	Thursday, March 10, 2022
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, March 18, 2022
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 14 – Thursday, March 25, 2022
Term 1 Ends	Thursday April. 14 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
Term 2 Starts	Monday, April 19, 2022
Pro-D Day	Friday, April 22, 2022
Term 1/Sem 2 Report Cards Available	Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Pro D Day	Friday, May 20, 2022
Sem 2 Ends (Last Day of Classes)	Friday, June 24, 2022

Last Day of School for all Students	Tuesday, June 29, 2022
Final Report Card for Quarter 4 Available Online	Tuesday, June 29, 2022
Administrative Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2022

REPORT CARDS

Oct. 13 - Informal Reports Available
 Nov. 23 - Term 1/Sem 1 Report Card Available
 Jan. 28 - End of Sem 1
 Feb 2 - Sem 1 report Card Available
 Mar 2 - Informal Reports Available
 April 26 - Term 1/Sem 2 Report Cards Available
 June 24 – End of Sem 2
 June 29 - Sem 2 Report Cards Available

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

Friday, September 24, 2021 (Pro-D)

Thursday, September 30, 2021 (Truth & Reconciliation Day)

Monday, October 11, 2021 (Thanksgiving)

Friday, October 22, 2021 (Pro-D)

Thursday, November 11, 2021 (Remembrance Day)

December 20, 2021 to December 31, 2021 (Winter Vacation)

Monday, January 31, 2022 (School NIS)

Monday, February 21, 2022 (Family Day)

Friday, February 25, 2022 (District Pro-D)

March 14 to March 25, 2022 (Spring Vacation)

Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18, 2022 (Good Friday & Easter)

Friday, April 22, 2022 (Pro-D)

Friday, May 20, 2022 (Pro-D)

Monday, May 23, 2022 (Victoria Day)