



## THE CENTENNIAL SOURCE

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Dear Centennial Parents and Students:

The start of the 2013-2014 school year is quickly approaching. We trust that all of our school community has had a relaxing summer and spent time with family and friends. This Parent-Student bulletin contains very important information about the upcoming year. Please read this information carefully. We have included a checklist at the end of the bulletin and suggest you use it to prepare for September registration.

If you are NOT returning to Centennial this September, please telephone the school prior to the end of August at 604-936-7205. The office is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We are looking forward to the new school year, and working with you.

Mr. Robert Zambrano, Principal

Mr. Bryn Williams, Vice Principal - student last name beginning with A – K

Ms. Janine Close, Vice Principal – student last name beginning with L - Z

Students will receive their **2013 – 2014 timetables** on the first day of school.

### **COURSE CHANGES**

Due to decreased enrolment and the Ministry's class size and composition requirements, there is very limited space in the timetable. As a result, students are not likely to be able to change courses this year and there will be no course changes made during school hours.

For Grade 12's course changes will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 4:00 – 7:00pm

For Grade 10's and 11's changes will be on Thursday, September 5, 2013, 3:30 to 7:00 pm

Please contact your counsellor if you have extenuating circumstances requiring a course change or if you are missing courses in your schedule - we will make every effort to help.

Priority for class changes will be conducted in this manner:

1. New students
2. Students requiring an 8<sup>th</sup> course
3. Students requiring courses for Graduation
4. Students who are in the wrong course
5. Students who do not have a lunch block (this may be difficult in some cases, especially with students taking music)

No priority will be given to issues related to teacher selection, peer related matters and students wanting to switch lunch blocks to be with peers.

## **SUMMER COUNSELLING**

Due to decreased enrollment, the counselling department will now consist of three full-time counsellors. It is hoped that the following allocations will mean the least possible disruption to students:

	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>
Maria Thomas	A - G	A - G	A - K	E - K
Grace Morissette	H - N	H - N	L - Q	A - D; L - Q
Terry Temlett	O - Z	O - Z	R - Z	R - Z

Ms. Morissette, Ms. Temlett and Ms. Thomas will be in the school from August 26 to 29. On these dates, counsellors will only register new students and generally prepare for the new year. Counsellors will not be available during this time to take calls or book appointments.

## **STUDENT INFORMATION**

We are asking that all families register and check policies **online**. We are seeking 100% compliance and will offer in-school assistance, if computer access is an issue for you. Here's how:

- 1) Go to our public website [www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial)
- 2) Click on the Parent EForm button
- 3) Complete the two required forms by clicking on the buttons
  - a) School Policies
  - b) Emergency Release
- 4) If you are a parent of a graduating student (Grade 12), please complete
  - Grad Gown Order Form (mandatory)
  - Cap and Gown Committee Volunteer Form (optional)
  - After-Grad Volunteer and/or Donation Form (optional)
- 5) If necessary, please review and complete forms for the subsequent areas by clicking on each
  - PAC Donation Form
  - Medical Alert
  - Volunteer Application
  - Driver Application
  - Privately-Owned Devices
  - After-Grad Volunteer and/or Donation Form

If you require assistance or computer access:

- 1) Ask your child for assistance
- 2) Go to the Public Library for computer access
- 3) Come to Centennial, in the Courtyard, between 10am – 2pm on August 26 - 29 to receive assistance from students

That's it!

We hope this makes it as easy for you as it does for us. Thank you!

Please carefully review the **pink Student Information Verification form** that will be handed out in Homeroom on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. It is very important we have accurate information about your child so that we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency. Students must return this form, **whether or not there are changes**, to their homeroom teacher by Friday September 6, 2013.

If your child has a medical condition that requires precautionary treatment or medication at school and you have not filled out a **Medical Alert Form** and/or a **Request for Administration of Medication at School Form**, please return the completed forms to the school as soon as possible. This procedure complies with School Board policies. If you have any questions, please contact your child's vice principal.

### **GRADE 9 ORIENTATION DAY**

**WELCOME TO CENTENNIAL**  
**Thursday, August 29, 2013**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Blue Gym**

It is important that Grade 9 students attend this session to:

- receive information to assist them on the first day of school
- pick up photo information
- enjoy a complimentary hot dog and pop
- meet some staff and administrators
- tour the school and meet with the "Make Cents" Centennial Leadership Group
- see old friends and make new ones
- acquire their lockers

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Grade 9 students will have their photos taken on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, after Homeroom. All other students will have the opportunity to have their photo taken on September 5, 2013 in the Courtyard. All students must have a picture taken even if a photo package is not purchased. A picture is required for the student's transit Go-Card, and is also used for borrowing library books. *Please remember to complete your MJM Studios order and pay online, if you are ordering pictures. Bring your emailed bar code to verify payment.*

### **REGISTRATION DAY**

Registration Day will be Tuesday September 3, 2013. Students **MUST** report to their homerooms at the following times:

**Grade 9 - 10:00 am**  
**Grade 10 - 11:00 am**  
**Grade 11 - 12:00 pm**  
**Grade 12 - 1:00 pm**

Students can find out which homeroom they are in by consulting the website or by looking on their fee statement.

Homeroom assignment and location will be posted throughout the school. Attendance in your homeroom on Tuesday, September 3; Wednesday, September 4; Thursday, September 5; and Friday, September 6 is **MANDATORY**.

You must attend on September 3 to ensure your placement in each of your semester one courses.

## **LOCKER INFORMATION**

This year you will have some choice about your locker selection. Sometime during your lunch block, you and a partner will see Ms. Close in the Courtyard to sign up for a locker. You will need to know which bank you would like a locker in.

**Grade 12's:** Sign up on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in Periods 3 and 4.

**Grade 11's:** Sign up on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in Periods 3 and 4.

**Grade 10's:** Sign up on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in Periods 3 and 4.

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

The staff at Centennial is committed to student achievement in all areas and will model the self-discipline, self-motivation, and commitment to high quality work that we hope to develop in our students. Research confirms that student success and satisfaction with school increases significantly when there is a commitment to achievement and regular attendance.

At Centennial we assume that all students will make regular attendance and completion of graduation requirements their most important priorities. It will not be possible to make timetable changes to accommodate part-time employment or other extra-curricular activities. Please do not schedule outside activities during the regular school day.

We make every effort to track student attendance accurately. We ask that parents phone the school to report student absences or lates. Please phone 604-936-7205 before 8:30 on the morning your son or daughter is absent or late. Any student who does not have a parent-approved absence will receive an automated phone call home in the early evening informing the parent that their child was not in attendance that day.

## **GRADE 12 STUDENTS & GRADUATION TRANSITIONS PROGRAM 12**

All Grade 12 students who expect to graduate by the end of June 2014, will need to complete all components of the Graduation Transitions (GTP). This includes an exit interview. The complete checklist and supporting documents can be downloaded from the Graduation Transitions site <http://public.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/Centennial/GTP/default.aspx> or through the student portal.

Most Grade 12 students have already completed many of the GTP12 requirements in their Planning 10 course. Students will be reintroduced to their Planning 10 / GTP12 evidence in a GTP12 overview class which will take place within the first 2 – 3 months of the school year. In this class, the entire GTP program will be reviewed, including what the exit interview is all about and how and when this year's exit interviews will take place.

All students in Grade 12 need to be checking the announcements so that they do not miss the opportunity to attend one of the GTP12 classes when they are offered. These classes will also be posted on the Centennial website.

## First Week Class Schedule

<p><b>September 4 &amp; 5 Class Schedule</b></p> <p>Period 1 – 8:25 – 9:35          Period 2 – 9:40 – 10:50          Homeroom – 10:55 – 11:25          Period 3 – 11:30 – 12:40          Period 4 – 12:45 – 1:55          Period 5 – 2:00 – 3:10</p>	<p><b>September 6 Class Schedule</b></p> <p>Period 1 – 8:25 – 9:15          Homeroom – 9:20 – 9:40          Period 2 – 9:45 – 10:30          Assembly – Blue Gym – 10:35 – 11:55          Period 3 - 12:00 – 1:00          Period 4 – 1:05 – 2:05          Period 5 – 2:10 – 3:10</p>
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**CLASS SCHEDULE** (Begins the second week of school):

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Regular Day Schedule				Wednesday Tutorial Schedule		
PERIOD	START	END		PERIOD	START	END
				Tutorial	8:25 am	9:35 am
1	8:25 am	9:40 am		1	9:40 am	10:40 am
2	9:45 am	11:05 am		2	10:45 am	11:50 am
3	11:10 am	12:25 pm		3	11:55 am	12:55 pm
4	12:30 pm	1:45 pm		4	1:00 pm	2:00 pm
5	1:50 pm	3:10 pm		5	2:05 pm	3:10 pm

**Alternate Day Schedule  
(55-Minute Periods)**

PERIOD	START	END
1	8:25 a.m.	9:20 a.m.
2	9:25 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
3	10:30 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
4	11:30 a.m.	12:25 a.m.
5	12:30 p.m.	1:25 p.m.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS**

I encourage you to visit the 'News and Announcements' section of our website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial> . There you will find the school's Calendar of Events, as well as information about Parent Orientation Evening, report card pick-up, early dismissal dates, etc.

**REGISTRATION CHECKLIST**

*Please ensure that the following items are completed before Homeroom on September 3, 2013:*

- Online Forms:** Please complete forms online <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial>
- PAC Donation (optional).** Take to Homeroom on September 3, 2013