Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Thank you very much to all of you for this first week of our hybrid learning environment. Students who returned to school were happy to see their teachers and support staff and to reconnect face to face. Much appreciation to our wonderful caretaking team: Mr. Agbanlog, Mr. Guillermo, Mr. Hintay and Mr. Patel for their care and diligence to keep our learning environment safe. We are grateful for the time, effort, thought and planning for remote learning and in-class support as well as attention to health and safety protocols which are helping to build confidence and resilience in our new normal.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Agbanlog, Madame Blackburn and Mrs. Papazian!

Mrs. Agbanlog has been an Education Assistant for 20 years with 16 years dedicated to Citadel. She collaborates with families, teachers and support staff to effectively implement individual education plans and to create an inclusive learning environment for all students. She believes that all students can succeed. Mrs. Agbanlog’s compassion and ability to connect with students has also been important in our school-wide goal of building community. Thank you very much for your positivity and compassion!

Madame Blackburn has been teaching Late French Immersion for 33 years: 7 years in Calgary, 17 years at Pitt River Middle and 9 years at Citadel. She is a committed educator whose planning, building of resources, high expectations and perseverance with her students’ learning experiences have supported and cultivated their acquisition of French as well as their ability to gain an understanding and appreciation of francophone cultures. She believes we can all learn to speak French. Her leadership in our Late French Immersion program has helped it to flourish and to grow in our district. Madame Blackburn has also been a strong and effective leader in our school-wide goal of building community. Merci beaucoup et félicitations!

Mrs. Papazian has been an Education Assistant for 25 years with 20 years dedicated to Citadel. She believes in helping students develop life skills and independence and is proud of their accomplishments. She also loves to celebrate the moments of success and joy of her students and often shares those memories to inspire us. Mrs. Papazian strongly believes in our school-wide goal of building community and finds many thoughtful ways to contribute. Thank you so much for your kindness and contributions!

Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy retirement to Mrs. Agbanlog, Madame Blackburn and Mrs. Papazian!

Take good care, Abby Soh, Principal asoh@sd43.bc.ca
Health and Safety

Please self-assess your child’s health before coming to school. If you have symptoms of illness, please stay home until you seek medical advice in regard to your symptoms.

BC COVID19 Information and Self Assessment Tool (Information and Link): You can use 8-1-1 to get information on COVID-19. 8-1-1 has translation services in 130 languages. Also, this self-assessment tool, found at this link https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en, developed with the BC Ministry of Health, will help determine whether you may need further assessment for COVID-19 testing by a healthcare provider or at a local collection centre. You can complete this assessment for yourself, or on behalf of someone else.

Report Cards: Assessment & Reporting Partnership

We want to celebrate the contributions of families in supporting learning in this home delivery context. Families are truly our educational partners. We want to invite you and your child to share and celebrate learning during this challenging time. Teachers will be asking for your contributions to help inform the third term report card.

Some questions we encourage your child to reflect on and share:

· How have you grown and changed in this last term?
· What is something you are proud of?
· What learning was the most important to you?
· What is an area of strength you have demonstrated?
· What is one small area you want to grow in?

Some questions we encourage caregivers to reflect on and share:

· How have you seen your child grow?
· What would you like to celebrate about your child?
· What are you noticing as your child’s strengths?
· What are your hopes for your child’s learning moving forward?

In-class instruction up to Spring Break made up 70% of this year’s learning. This online environment has provided additional opportunities for your child to learn and grow during this final term. Our hope is that some of this learning will be celebrated and reflected in the Term 3 Final Report. A Final Report is a summation of all learning in the year.
June 22-26, Last Week of School

For more information, please see attachment to this newsletter.

**KEY POINTS:**  
• We continue with the safety measures we have in place (including specific entry doors for students)  
• We continue with the schedule for cohorts/teams that we currently have in place; only change is the Friday cohorts come on Wednesday  
• Our students attend for 2 hours in the morning only (staggered start and end times)  
• Students that are on-site will receive their report cards before they go home; they should also take home any personal belongings they have at school  
• Any school technology, textbooks, library books etc. should be returned to the school this week MONDAY & TUESDAY AFTERNOON:  
• All grade 6-7 students not returning to school must book a time through School Appointments Online to collect their personal belongings and report cards - they should also bring back any school technology, textbooks and library books they may have at home  
• Students coming in the afternoon must be driven to school by their parents; they are not to enter the building; staff will place student belongings into parent vehicles WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY ALL DAY:  
• ALL Grade 8 students can book a time through School Appointments Online to:  
  have their picture taken at the front of the school with the Citadel Class of 2020 banner (families welcome to join and they must take their own pictures); pick up their report cards (unless they picked it up on Monday or Tuesday), pick-up their personal belongings (will be placed in parent vehicles by our staff) School Appointments Online: [https://citadelmiddle.schoolappointments.com](https://citadelmiddle.schoolappointments.com)

**Grade 8 Leaving**

Due to COVID-19 safety precautions and guidelines, we so regretfully cancelled the Grade 8 Leaving Assembly, celebration and Playland.

Students will receive a leaving certificate, a photo composite of their classmates, a farewell card from administration and staff are creating a video with messages for our Grade 8 students shared through Teams. There will be a backdrop with a banner at the front of the school for self-taken photo opportunities. As we are adhering to safe physical distancing, you will have to book a time through School Appointments Online: [https://citadelmiddle.schoolappointments.com](https://citadelmiddle.schoolappointments.com) to take these family photos.

**School Supplies**

Supply lists are available on our website. Students are encouraged to save and reuse last year’s supplies. If you are experiencing financial hardship or require any further information or clarification regarding the purchase and provision of supplies for the upcoming school year at your child’s school, please contact me by phone or email.

**Safety and Calm on School Grounds**

Students who are not attending school in June are kindly asked to remain off the grounds of all schools as students will be in classes from 8:45am to 3pm. Thank you for respecting the learning environment.
**Yearbook Gratitude!**

Our sincere appreciation to the Yearbook Club, Mr. Mann, Ms. Schuk and Ms. Thomas for their phenomenal efforts and teamwork to create this wonderful collection of splendid memories and milestones. There will be smiles, affectionate laughter and tremendous pride as we connect with each page and be reminded of all our accomplishments, volunteerism and acts of goodness to make our learning community inclusive. Bravos to all Citadelians for making our school a special place!

**Yearbook Delay**

It is with regrets and apologies that we inform you that yearbooks have been delayed this year due to the impact COVID-19 has had on Jostens ability to print and ship books. Yearbooks will be available to students in September. Below is the schedule for when books will be distributed.

Current grade 6 and 7s: September 9-11, 2020

September 2020 Grade 9s: Pick-up will take place on Thursday, September 3 at the front entrance of Citadel. Last names A-L can pick-up from 10-11am and M-Z 11am-12pm.

**Yearbook Signing: Physically Distanced Edition**

We are excited to announce that the Citadel yearbook signing tradition is alive and it's fully digital to suit our physically distanced students.

Jostens has just launched a new platform, Yearbook Digital Signing Pages, that gives every student in our school the chance to create virtual signing pages, invite their friends to leave messages, and print out the final pages to keep with the yearbook as a permanent keepsake. This is free for every student whether they purchased a yearbook or not.

Register an account at [yearbooksigning.jostens.com](http://yearbooksigning.jostens.com)

Important to note:

*Choose any end date for your signing page. This is the date that no more students will be able to sign your digital page so that you can print it out or save it.

*Choose any end date for your signing page. This is the date that no more students will be able to sign your digital page so that you can download it.

*For State, choose “Other” as the option. This is the last item in the list.

*Once registered, share your shareable link with people you trust. Anyone with the link can sign your digital pages. If your shareable link is blank, please log in using a mobile device. You should then be able to access your shareable link.

*Be sure not to sign on top of other messages.
### Schedule for the Last Week of School June 22 – 26:

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- Have their picture taken at the front of the school with the Citadel Class of 2020 banner (family welcome to join)
- Pick up their report cards (if they aren't attending school this month)
- Pick up their personal belongings (will be placed in parent vehicles by our staff)

**School Appointments Online:** [https://citadelmiddle.schoolappointments.com](https://citadelmiddle.schoolappointments.com)
June 12th, 2020

Dear Citadel Middle Parents and Guardians,

School District #43, Coquitlam recognizes that, during these uncertain times, many of our families are facing unexpected stressors and demands. Most of our traditional timelines and procedures have required adjusting and review as we approach the end of the school year and look toward our next.

Regarding the purchase and provision of school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year, we offer the following information:

- Supply lists will be available on all elementary and middle school websites on or before June 12th
- Students are encouraged to save and reuse last year’s supplies
- Schools will provide information about the basic supplies required and indicate what is optional or can be acquired by a later date
- Kindergarten supply information will be communicated through Welcome to Kindergarten correspondence

At Our School:

- Supply lists are on our website
- Students are encouraged to save and reuse last year’s supplies
- If you would like to donate supplies/ funds to our school for the purchase of kits or items for families experiencing hardship, here is the link https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/55244/108/False/True

Please consult your school’s website for information specific to your child’s school. If you are experiencing financial hardship or require any further information or clarification regarding the purchase and provision of supplies for the upcoming school year at your child’s school, please contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Abby Soh
Principal
asoh@sd43.bc.ca