

# Welcome back Terry Fox Nation!

We are looking forward to a great school year. The information below is meant to answer questions and provide you with the things you need to know for a smooth startup.

## **First Week of School**

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023:**

- 9:00-11:30: **Grade 9 students only** attend for an orientation, receive their class schedule, and have a BBQ lunch. **Grade 9 students are to go to the theatre upon arrival.** There you will meet many of the people in the school who are here to support you. You will get to play a few games and then you will go on a scavenger hunt around the building. Bonus: You get some merch!
- 10:00-11:00 **New grade 10-12 students** will attend an orientation and receive their class schedule. We will meet you in the Commons when you arrive.

**Please remember that returning Terry Fox students do not attend on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (only Grade 9 students and students new to TFSS).**

## **International Student Testing and Orientation**

Welcome to Canada and welcome to Terry Fox! You should have received emails from the school regarding testing and orientation. If you have not, please email Ms. Chung at [lchung@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:lchung@sd43.bc.ca)

**Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>,**

Classes begin. We will be operating on our regular bell schedule. Flex will begin as assigned flex.

## Bell Schedule for 2023-24

Monday - Friday	Meeting Mondays **
<i>Block A</i> 8:00 – 9:11	<i>Block A</i> 8:00 – 9:08
<i>Block B</i> 9:15 – 10:26	<i>Block B</i> 9:12 – 10:20
<b>FLEX</b> 10:26 – 11:01	<i>Block C</i> 10:24 – 11:32
<i>Block C</i> 11:03 – 12:16	<b>Lunch</b> 11:33 – 12:12
<b>Lunch</b> 12:16 – 12:56	<i>Block D</i> 12:16 – 1:24
<i>Block D</i> 12:58 – 2:09	<i>Block E</i> 1:28 – 2:36
<i>Block E</i> 2:13 – 3:24	<b>Staff Meeting @ 2:45</b>

\*\* Shortened schedule on the following days to allow for Staff Meetings:

- **Tuesday, Oct 3rd**
- Monday, Nov 6th
- Monday, Dec 4th
- Monday, Jan 15th
- Monday, Feb 5th
- Monday, Mar 4th
- Monday, Apr 8th
- Monday, May 6th
- Monday, June 3rd

## September Open House: September 20<sup>th</sup>

We will be hosting an open house for all Fox families the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be specific info sessions for Grade 9 and Grade 12 families, as well as the opportunity for all parents to meet their child(ren)'s teachers and see the many extracurricular options that Fox has to offer.

## Student Schedules

Schedules for returning students are available on the [MyEd BC parent and student portal](#). Grade 9 and other students new to Terry Fox will be receiving their login info when they come for their orientation next Tuesday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are a returning student (or the parent of a returning student) and are unable to login to MyEd BC, please start with [this link](#).

## **Schedule corrections and adjustments**

We have built our timetable based on student choices made back in the spring. We have very limited room to adjust schedules. Schedule changes will be prioritized in the following manner:

### **1. Students with an incomplete timetable**

All Grade 10 and 11 students are expected to take 8 classes. Grade 9s and Grade 12 students take 9. Grade 9 students take Digital Literacy 10 and Grade 12 students take Career Life Connections 12. These two classes will appear on your timetable, but they do not have a room assigned to them. The work for these classes is done online, in seminars and independently. More information about DL 10 and CLC will be shared in the coming weeks.

### **2. Students who took summer school and either no longer need the course or need to repeat it**

### **3. Students who are missing a course for a desired post-secondary area of study**

**Please be aware that we cannot change schedules for the following reasons:**

1. Wanting a class in a different block
2. Wanting a different elective
3. Wanting a different teacher
4. Wanting a class with a friend

If you meet the criteria for a timetable adjustment, please email your counselor directly. They will set up an appointment with you. Do not drop by the counseling offices. Until you hear from your counselor you are to follow your timetable as assigned.

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## **Forms and Fees**

Parent/guardians will be required to complete some on-line forms and to submit an information verification form during the first week. Most forms and fees will be completed through [School Cash Online](#). Information will be given to students and families regarding 2023-2024 school fees as well as any outstanding fees from the previous year.

### **A word about the Student Activity Fee**

This is a fee we collect that helps pay for some important items and activities throughout the school year that otherwise could not happen.

They include:

1. The My School Day app (electronic agenda book)
2. Student council activities: theme days, student prizes, contests, etc.
3. Intramurals

Not every student does everything. However, every student in the school does benefit from the money collected through the student activity fee.

## **Lockers**

On-line locker assignment system will be live at the end of August. Specific dates and log-in details to follow. Please only select a locker if you plan on using it!

## **School Supplies**

There is no school supply list. Students should just bring basic supplies on the first day (binder, paper, pen, pencil, ...). Individual teachers will specify if other items are required.

## **Student Laptops**

Terry Fox Secondary is a one-to-one school, meaning that all students are expected to bring a laptop to school to support and enhance their learning. The district has provided a limited number of basic laptops we can loan to students who need to use one temporarily, but we ask students to bring their own if they have them.

If your student would like to use one of our “loaner” devices for the year, please ask them to drop by the office and get a Laptop Loaner Form from Mr. Wyper, one of our vice-principals. Any questions about this can be emailed to him at [dwyper@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dwyper@sd43.bc.ca).

## **Grade 12 Specific information**

Specific information for our Grade 12 families will be sent out by the middle of September. This info will include details on Commencement (June 22), Dinner Dance (June 1), the Senior Sail (Sept 28), and info for parents interested in planning a Dry-Grad.

## **Expectations and Responsibilities for a Successful Year**

You will find detailed expectations laid out in our school Code of Conduct on the school website, accessible [here](#).

As members of this school community, however, we have responsibilities to ourselves and to each other that go far beyond words. It is my expectation that you keep the following things first and foremost in your minds:

- Be kind and respectful of each member of this community. Be respectful of the building and be respectful of our neighbors and businesses.
- Do your best in your classes and put in the effort. Success is not automatic, and it will take work. Do not look for the easy way out. Grit and resilience are essential to success both at school and the world beyond

- Student athletes are students first. If you want to represent the school and participate in athletics, you need to ensure you are taking care of your academics
- Participation in the fun stuff and the memorable events and ceremonies, including graduation events is not a right, it is a privilege earned. Students who demonstrate poor attendance and do not adhere to the Code of Conduct may find themselves not attending these milestone events
- Be exceptionally mindful of the things you do and say on social media. Think about things before you hit send. Ask yourself what would your grandmother think if she saw this photo or post?

## **Getting Connected to TFSS**

- [Our website](#) is the best place to start for calendars, announcements, programming info, important documents, and lots more.
- Download the [MySchoolDay App](#) on your iPhone or Android device, which serves as a calendar, agenda, student planner, daily bell schedule calendar, and a way to receive important push notifications and announcements.
- [Sign up for the newsletter](#) for weekly updates on all things TFSS.
- Finally, to connect with us social media, please follow our Twitter accounts ([@TerryFox43](#) & [@TFSAthletics](#)) and our [Instagram account](#).

## **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC):**

A message from PAC Chair Andrea Howorth:

*I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I would like to give a warm welcome to the Grade 9 parents and welcome back the Grade 10, 11 & 12 parents. As a former graduate of Terry Fox, I am honoured to be PAC Chair for the 3rd year as I have 2 children attending Terry Fox.*

*In June we held our elections and congratulations to the 2023 -2024 Terry Fox PAC Executive:*

*Andrea Howorth - Chair*

*Kelly Cooper - Vice Chair*

*Andrea Jabour - Secretary*

*Jamie Manchester - Treasurer*

*Lisa Currier - Fundraising Coordinator*

*Member at Large - Dee Asmundson*

*Member at Large - Jimmy Fung*

### ***Positions Open for Election:***

*Grad Liaison - OPEN*

*DPAC Representative - OPEN*

*Social Media Coordinator - OPEN*

***Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 pm in the library. We encourage all parents to join us for the meeting. They are usually***

*about an hour and are very informative. We will also be holding elections for the 2 open positions.*

*We are also pleased to be holding the Terry Fox Christmas Craft Fair again.*

***Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023***

***Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm***

- *There is still some space available depending on what you wish to sell. We do try to allow all parents of Terry Fox Students. If you are interested in being a vendor please click here to apply: [Craft Fair Application](#)*
- *We are also looking for volunteers. If you are interested please email: [terryfoxcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:terryfoxcraftfair@gmail.com)*
- *If you are interested in being on our PAC email list to receive agendas, meeting minutes and notifications of meetings, please email: [terryfoxpac@gmail.com](mailto:terryfoxpac@gmail.com) and we'll add you to the distribution list.*
- *Please like and follow our Facebook Page and invite friends. You can find us at Terry Fox Secondary School PAC.*
- *Thank you! Feel free to contact me with any questions! Wishing your child a great school year ahead!*

*Cheers,  
Andrea Howorth  
PAC Chair  
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