



Pitt Meadows Secondary School

Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

A message from your Principal, Mr. Colin Sharpe

August 27, 2021

Dear Parents & Students,

As the start of the new school year approaches, I would like to welcome all of our new and returning students. Plans are well underway to ensure that students are given every opportunity to find their talents and reach their full potential. The 2021/2022 school year begins with new guidelines in relation to COVID-19 to help protect the health and safety of the entire school community. Information will be made available on our District and Ministry websites. There will be additional communication regarding communicable disease prevention from our superintendent shortly focusing specifically on what you can expect as we return to full-time in-person learning at Pitt Meadows Secondary.

I encourage parents to be involved in your child's education. Parent involvement is important and valued. Parents can support students' learning by encouraging positive work habits and routines which include regular review and communication with teachers. Emphasizing regular and punctual attendance is crucial to success at school. The majority of students who struggle in courses do so because of missed classes. We look to parents as partners in your child's education and appreciate families reinforcing this message.

Parents and students are encouraged to use our school website as a source of information, as well as download the school app, "My School Day", which is available for free. Moreover, connection to the Parent Portal & MyClass, which provide online access to critical information related to each student's fees, attendance, permission forms, etc. Please be sure to review family contact information to ensure that details are correct and up to date. If you ever have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact teachers, counselors, or administration.

Please note that student schedules will be made available via MyClass at 3 pm on Friday, September 3rd. Our admin/counseling team will continue to balance classes through September. The course change request process will be communicated to students during the first week of school.

If you need to contact an administrator regarding a student issue, please see below for the appropriate person:

Mr. Sharpe, Principal – Grade 12
Mr. Drapeau, Vice-Principal – Grade 9/11
Mr. Lozinski, Vice-Principal – Grade 8/10

Counseling:

Ms. McLaughlin 8/10
Mr. Edwards 9/11/12
Ms. Griffin (Grade 12 Academic Advising)

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STUDENT FEES & LOCKERS:

We encourage you to pay student fees (\$28.00) on the parent portal as soon as possible. Moreover, locker distribution will occur on the first day of school and are done by Homeroom, each student's Block A class. Students should bring their own combination lock on the first day.

GRADE 8 DAY – TUESDAY, AUGUST 31ST AT 9:30 AM

The PMSS Link Crew will be hosting a welcome event for our new Grade 8 students. Link leaders will be inviting students to attend, I highly encourage participation as it is a great way to re-connect and see the school.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH – Students to enter through the existing Grade Entrances

- Grade 8 Students @ 1:30 pm – Entrance is at the back of the school near the music room and science hallway.
- Grade 9 Students @ 1:30 pm – Entrance will be on the back of the school, near the career centre and they will use that stairwell close to career centre.
- Grade 10 Students @ 1:30 pm – Entrance is the side of school (north east side) near gym. They will use the stairwell near the gym.
- Grade 11 Students @ 12:30 pm – Entrance is the exterior door near computer room. Students will use the stairwell to the right when they enter.
- Grade 12 Students @ 12:30 pm – Entrance is the exterior door by the elevator, and they will use the stairwell in that hallway

All students will meet with their Block A teacher and receive opening week information. Students are expected to have a mask to wear indoor and distance themselves appropriately.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH – We will move into our regular schedule, starting with **Block B**

SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 7:00PM – Our first PAC meeting. PAC meetings provide an important opportunity for parents to learn more about your school, talk with school administration and other parents, and have any questions or concerns addressed. New and returning members are always appreciated. More information will be sent via the portal during the first week.

I look forward to the return of our clubs, teams, field trips and other activities that add so much to the high school experience. You can expect additional communication from the district and from our school regarding new provincial guidelines regulating our capacity to host these typical school experiences.

My absolute best wishes for a safe, rewarding and successful year. I am very excited and look forward to a positive year and to working with you and your families.

Sincerely,

Mr. Colin Sharpe
Principal