

Pitt Meadows Secondary School

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“As part of our community we work together to maximize student learning and personal growth in a safe, caring, and inclusive environment.”

Our learning takes place on the traditional and unceded territory of the Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

September 2, 2022

Dear PMSS families:

As we move into the long weekend, I wanted to follow-up with some additional information not covered in my initial welcome back letter distributed last week.

On Thursday, September 1st, we welcomed our new Grade 8 class for their Orientation Day. These students, the future class of 2027, met with our leadership students, re-oriented themselves to the physical building, found their classes and got their lockers. The day culminated in a BBQ lunch served up by the school administration team. The school was a buzz of excitement as the almost 200 new students navigated the hallways and played ice-breaker games. It was such a positive day and we as a staff were so happy to have students back, interacting in such a seemingly normal pre-pandemic way; hopefully an indicator of more positive times to come.


Looking ahead to next week, as a reminder, Tuesday will be a *staggered* day with students coming by grade, receiving their schedules in the MPR and attending their Block A Homeroom class.

Tuesday, September 6th Schedule:

- **Grade 9 attend at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Grade 10 attend at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Grade 11 attend at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Grade 12 attend at 12:00 noon**
- **Grade 8 attend at 1:00 p.m.**

Schedules will also be available online with the reactivation of student and parent **MyClass accounts** taking place on Sept 7th (for students) and Sept 19th (for parents). Students are reminded to bring a lock if they would like a locker. Homeroom teachers will review start-up information and then dismiss students approximately 45 minutes later. Our regular schedule will start on Wednesday, September 7th at 8:30 a.m. in Block B. Please review our bell schedule below – this schedule can also be viewed on the school app, available free to download (**My School Day**).

PITT MEADOWS SECONDARY SCHOOL TIMETABLE

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	ROTATING
8:25	WARNING BELL				
8:30 to 9:40	A	C	B	D	See Calendar
9:45 to 10:25	Flex (PREP 'E')	Flex (PREP 'G')	Flex (PREP 'F')	Flex (PREP 'H')	See Calendar <small>Late Start: 9:45-10:45 (60 Min) BLOCK [Day order]</small>
10:30 to 11:40	B	D	A	C	See Calendar <small>Late Start: 10:50-11:50 (60 Min) BLOCK [Day order]</small>
11:40 to 12:15	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH <small>Late Start: 11:50-12:30 (40 Min)</small>
12:20 to 1:30	C	A	D	B	See Calendar <small>Late Start: 12:35-1:35 (60 Min) BLOCK [Day order]</small>
1:35 to 2:45	D	B	C	A	See Calendar <small>Late Start: 1:40-2:40 (60 Min) BLOCK [Day order]</small>

Cafeteria service will start-up in week two at “The Pitt Stop” in the MPR. Cafeteria lunch cards can be purchased over the portal or students can pay by cash at the counter. Until service has started, students are reminded to pack their lunches with them. For those new to high school, students are allowed to go home at lunch if they wish, though classes start up at 12:20 p.m. and we would like to ensure our students have returned and are ready to go and in their desks at the bell.

During the week of Sept 12-16th, we will be holding Grade assemblies during *Flex Time*. Starting with our Grade 8’s on Monday and finishing with our Grade 12’s on Friday, students will be introduced to the “who’s who” for staff, as well as review the pertinent information needed to ensure a successful start to the academic year. The course change process will also be discussed.

If your student has questions about some of their classes or find themselves in a class they may not have registered for, they are asked to hold off on seeing counsellors until *after* their grade assembly. Until then, students should attend all of the classes they are currently scheduled into.

The fall athletic season will be kicking off quickly with volleyball, boys’ soccer, cross country, etc. Students should listen to announcements for start-up information related to tryout dates, times and locations. With the return of school sports, I look forward to welcoming spectators

back and encourage our students to cheer on their peers! Pitt has a strong athletic history –
GO MARAUDERS!

Some final housekeeping items - if your student is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, please remember to log the absence on the parent portal OR email pmss_reception@sd42.ca OR phone the school at 604-465-7141 (voicemail is available 24 hours a day for your convenience).

Furthermore, please be sure to log into the portal and review all the required consent forms as they become available. These consent forms will include walking field trips, access to Google, etc. Finally, student photo day will take place on **Monday, September 12th** with re-takes on **Friday, October 14th**.

With that, on behalf of the *entire* staff here at Pitt Meadows Secondary, I hope you have a great long weekend. We are really looking forward to connecting with students and families as we collectively work to ensure all of our learners find success and happiness in their time here at Pitt Meadows Secondary.

Be well and take care,

Colin Sharpe

Colin Sharpe, Principal