

*Westview Secondary School*

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER #1

Oct. 1st, 2021

## September in Review!

Westview had a very smooth start to the school year. In many ways, it has been a typical start to the year with us able to meet as grade groups in our newly renovated Multi-Purpose Room, students having a common start to the day and lunch, the resumption of clubs and school teams and students having lockers. We are happy that students are able to have these experiences. We do continue to follow the health guidelines set out by the Provincial Health Officer which include student and staff mask mandates at school, daily health checks and regular hand sanitization.



## Grade 12 Parent Info ZOOM - October 18th at 7:00pm

This ZOOM meeting will provide updates on Grad 2022 and Post-Secondary information.

To attend, please email [Darren\\_Rowell@sd42.ca](mailto:Darren_Rowell@sd42.ca) to get the ZOOM Meeting Link.

## Student-Led Conferences (Virtual) - October 20th

Student-led conferences will be held during regular school hours on Wednesday, October 20th. The conferences are virtual (Teams, Zoom or phone) and NOT at school. Teachers will be meeting via Microsoft Teams, Zoom or with a phone call. Once the meeting is booked, teachers will send you the meeting link or call you at the time you have booked. All meetings must be booked using the Parent Portal. A Parent Portal message will be sent with conference booking info October 12th and be open until October 14th.

If you have any questions about booking conference appointments, please contact [Anne\\_Girbav@sd42.ca](mailto:Anne_Girbav@sd42.ca)

## Fall Sports Update

The first month of school has been a busy one! It has been awesome to see students connecting again, playing the sports they love and being active! There are many days after school where there are easily 80 plus students spread out in the gyms, weight room, and on the turf!

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Volleyball has seen continued growth throughout the past few years. We have 3 girls teams and 2 boys teams! Thanks to our coaches, Ms. Macdonald, Mrs. Swire, Ms. Orologio, Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Wood, & Mr. He.

Senior boys soccer has started playing on our new turf! They played this past week against PMSS and put together a dominant performance, winning 8-0. Coach Schmidt will continue working with this group and hopefully finding more success!

The weight room at Westview is open for staff and students each day after school from 3:00-4:00. Students are encouraged to participate and the cost for a year long membership is 30\$. The money is used to help maintain the equipment and potentially add new equipment. This is a great way to relieve some stress, connect with others, and build some strength!

A reminder to all parents, that due to Covid, no parents are allowed to watch games indoors. We are excited that teams are able to compete against each other again, however at this time, no spectators will be allowed in our facilities. Students and families are welcome at the soccer games, as they are played outside.

## Key Contacts

The following list of Counsellors and Administrators and their grades are listed below:

- Ms. O'Leary (Counsellor - Gr. 8, 10 & 12s A-L)
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- Ms. Sharpe (Counsellor - Gr. 9, 11 & 12s M-Z)
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- Mr. Kater (Vice Principal - Gr. 9 & 11s)
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- Ms. Girbav (Vice Principal - Gr. 8 & 10s)
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- Mr. Rowell (Principal - Grade 12s)
  - [Darren\\_Rowell@sd42.ca](mailto:Darren_Rowell@sd42.ca)

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## Important Dates

- Tuesday, Oct. 5th - World Teacher day
- Monday, Oct. 11th - Thanksgiving (no school)
- Wednesday, Oct. 13th - Grade 12 Pancake Breakfast (8:00) & Flex Grad Meeting
- Thursday, Oct. 14th - Collaboration Day (classes start at 9:55)
- Monday, Oct. 18th at 7:00pm - Grade 12 Parent Info Night (ZOOM)
  - For ZOOM Link, email [Darren\\_Rowell@sd42.ca](mailto:Darren_Rowell@sd42.ca)
- Tuesday, Oct. 19th - Photo Retakes in the Library Conference Room
- Wednesday, Oct. 20th - VIRTUAL Student Conferences (8:30-2:45 / school not in session)
- Thursday, Oct. 21st - Great BC Shakeout (provincial earthquake drill)
- Friday, Oct. 22nd - Provincial Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
- Monday, Oct. 25th at 7:00 - ZOOM PAC Meeting
  - For ZOOM Link, email [westviewpac1@gmail.com](mailto:westviewpac1@gmail.com)

Please do not hesitate to email Principal, Darren Rowell, ([Darren\\_Rowell@sd42.ca](mailto:Darren_Rowell@sd42.ca)) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Darren Rowell*

*Principal, Westview Secondary School*

*-Inspiring & encouraging students to strive for excellence!*

