



Sardis Secondary School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With Term 1 completed, student schedules, bus routes, course changes, and all opening routines are set for the year. Our new students have made the adjustment to "life" at Sardis Secondary. They have been able to find their way to their classes throughout the building, they have adapted to our schedule and our grade 10 students have made the transition from attending middle school to a large secondary school. We are now focused on our two major roles – providing a challenging academic and engaging experience for our students and ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all members of our school community.

During our opening grade assemblies we welcomed our students to Sardis Secondary, clarified procedures and expectations and encouraged our students to get involved in the life of our school. I would like every student to find a team, a club, or a co-curricular group to join and contribute to all that we have to offer. We currently have many activities operating and often words of encouragement from home can make a difference with a student determining how to get involved. Our staff is committed to your son/daughter's growth as a student and as a member of the Sardis school community. Please feel free to contact a counselor or teacher sponsor if you believe some specific encouragement from the school will help your son or daughter get involved when they are shy or unsure about where to start. One final item that we stressed to our students was the importance of communication between school and home. Our school is providing information to our school community through our website, emails to home, Remind texts and the Sardis Twitter account. **I would like to encourage all of our parents and students to follow us for daily tweets of information on Twitter and/or join our Remind group for texts directly to your phone.** Also, if you have a change in your contact information (new phone number, email address etc), please contact the school to share this information.

I would like to thank the many parents who joined us for the Parent/Teacher Interviews on October 27th. It was a fantastic evening and we greatly appreciate the support shown for this event. It was an excellent opportunity for our staff to meet with our parents, make important connections and share the progress of our students.

Please remember, my door is always open and I welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

Dan Heisler
Principal

SSS FLEX BLOCK

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EXTEND

Students have now started participating in Flex.

What is Flex? Flex occurs once per week on Wednesdays. In Flex, students select from and participate in a variety of learning experience sessions offered or facilitated by teachers. The process allows students flexibility to access additional assistance from classroom teachers, to explore special interest topics, and to investigate other important topics such as healthy living.



Where can I find more information on Flex? Check our website at the following link <http://sss.sd33.bc.ca/flex-0>

Timeline for students to follow:

Wednesday—10:30am to Sunday—11:55pm is the student selection period. Students select a session for the next weeks Flex.

Tuesday after 4pm—students need to check to see what session they will be attending on the following Flex day.

Calendar Items

November

- 4 Term 1 ends
- 7 Term 2 begins
- 11 Remembrance Day—school closed
- 14 Report Cards Issued
- 25 Non-Instructional Day—school closed
- 29-3 Musical—A Christmas Carol at 7pm

December

- 9 Grad Christmas Cruise (see info on Page 3)
- 16 Last day of classes before Christmas holidays
- 17-2 Christmas Holidays

January

- 3 School re-opens after Christmas holidays
- 11-12 Grad photo retakes

Beautiful Costa Rica - Spring Break 2017!

Join other Sardis students in a 13 day trip with jungle adventures, beautiful beaches, cooking & dance classes and more! Registration is open until December 4th. Time to get your passport ready....



Ms. Blaak and Ms. Ego



CONTAINERS ARE NEEDED

If you have any clean, empty 500mL or 750mL plastic containers with lids (the type you get with yogurt, sour cream, etc) that you are planning to recycle...I would love to have them instead!! Students use these to transport their 'projects' and I'm always in need of more. Bring them to E101 or leave them at the office.

60TH BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY MOMENTS



"60 Years of Spirit" - Jack Covey
Jack was awarded the Spirit of the Falcon Award for his dedication as a staff member and community partner for the last 60 years!



"Through the Decades" - A staff "flash mob" was performed by Sardis staff to commemorate the 60th birthday of the school.

WE DAY VANCOUVER

WE is a movement that brings people together and gives them the tools to change the world. Today, we are millions of passionate youth, women and men working together to shift the world from "me" to "we."

Interested in attending WE Day on November 3rd? See Ms. White for more information.

ACORN FEES ONLINE QUICK USER GUIDE

[Acorn Fees Online](#)

How do online payments work?

Acorn Online Payments is the parent access and online payment component to Acorn School Fee Management, please sign up at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/>

How do parents log in?

Sign Up Step 1/2

Parent Information

1 First Name Last Name
Email

Create Login Confirm Login
E-Mail Confirm E-Mail
Password Confirm Password

3 ☒ I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this site.

4 Cancel Next

Sign Up Step 2/2

Add Students
For each student you would like to add to your account, complete the information below and click Add Student.

Student ID	Last Name	Name	Grade	Remove
2347551	Conrad			
2749056	Ian Jones		09	
2749736	Kristen Wong		11	
2749474	Matthew McKinney		12	
2357958	Sarah Connors		09	

Back Done

What do parents see online?

Parents can see all of their middle and secondary school children's fees in a single parent account. Student fee assessment is *personalized* and only those school fees specific to each student will be listed for payment online.

How do parents pay?

Parents can add student fees and optional items to their shopping cart and make a single online payment covering multiple children at different schools. They can use credit cards or online debit. Partial payment plans and financial assistance options are also available, please contact sss_finance@sd33.bc.ca to see if that option is available to you.



GRAD CHRISTMAS CAROL SHIP CRUISE

VANCOUVER HARBOUR CRUISE

ABOARD THE QUEEN OF DIAMONDS CAROL SHIP

PARADE OF LIGHTS

DINNER & DANCING INCLUDED

Date: Friday, December 9th

Tickets: \$65.00

Bus Leaves Sardis @ 4:15pm

Returns at Approx. 11:30pm

Permission Forms & Guest Applications available at the office

Dinner includes 3 types of pizza, bunwiches, wings, chicken mandarin kebabs & a chocolate fountain with dipping items and much more.



SARDIS SECONDARY FIELD LACROSSE



**ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PLAYING FIELD
LACROSSE ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMATION
MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOV 2ND IN ROOM C121 AT
THE BEGINNING OF LUNCH.**

NEW AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS WELCOME!