

BLOOM NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back!

Welcome to all new and returning Bloom families and students! This newsletter will provide you with updates on everything you need to know for school startup procedures. Thank you to our fabulous custodial team, Damon, Brandin, and John. Our school is incredibly clean and looking top notch! Your efforts and hard work are very much appreciated.

Student Timetables

Gr. 9-12 students completed their course selections last spring. We have used selections to create the courses offered. Your Bloom student may have selected a course that did not get offered or conflicts with other requested courses. These students will be programmed into other courses to meet their graduation requirements. **Middle Years classes (Gr. 7-8) already have their schedules created for them and no major changes will be made.**

Counsellors and Course Changes

Mrs. Christina Fenn and Mrs. Pam Ellis will be our counsellors for this upcoming year. **Student timetables for Gr. 9-12 were electronically sent to all students on Friday, August 28th.** Counsellors will be available for course change requests from Monday, August 31st - Friday, September 4th. **Gr. 9-12 students will have until Friday, September 11th to make changes to their schedules.**

New Student Registration

Any new students in our catchment can come into the school to register during the week of August 31st - September 4th. Students in our catchment also have the option to come in on September 8th (First Day of School) to register. They can then book a meeting with one of the counsellors to create a course schedule.

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 8th is a shortened day. We will start off by having our Welcome Back Assembly at 8:30 am in our gymnasium. Below you will find our official first day schedule:

8:30 am - 9:30 am: Welcome Back Assembly
9:35 am - 10:15 am: A Block Classes
10:15 am - 10:45 am: B Block Classes
10:45 am - 11:00 am: BREAK
11:00 am - 11:30 am: C Block Classes
11:30 am - 12:00 pm: D Block Classes
Early Dismissal at 12:00 pm (Buses run 3 hours early)

Wednesday, September 9th - Friday, September 11th, we will follow our regular school hours, but the block order will be ABCD.

Regular Block Schedule

Block 1: 8:30 am - 9:52 am
BREAK: 9:52 am - 10:02 am
Block 2: 10:02 am - 11:24 am
LUNCH: 11:24 am - 12:07 pm
Block 3: 12:07 pm - 1:29 pm
BREAK: 1:29 pm - 1:39 pm
Block 4: 1:39 pm - 3:00 pm

School Supplies

Students should come to class on opening day prepared to work, with a pen/pencil, binder, and paper. Teachers will advise students of any special supplies that they will need for their courses. These supplies may include items such as glue sticks, calculators, scissors, felt pens, highlighters, etc.

Lockers

All Bloom students are provided a locker at the beginning of the school year. **Grade 7 students are provided a lock in addition to their locker.** All other students will need to supply their own lock. We have locks available for purchase in our office at a cost of \$10.00. If one of our locks fails, we will replace it. If a student loses their lock, they will have to pay for a replacement.

Transportation/Bus Information

If your child uses the school district buses, they will need to be registered with the district transportation department. You can find the registration form and bus route information on the following website:

Bus Transportation - School District No. 22

Please advise your children to look for the Route Number and not for the Bus Number to identify their bus. Look for the **Green Bus** at the top right corner of the website for **live bus status**.

Report Cards

Report Cards were released on MyEd BC on June 25th.

Trying to login or find a report card? Use this information to help you. **Click the link→How to use My Ed**

GRAD 2027

Grade 12s...are you ready!? We look forward to a fantastic year ahead for all of you! The Bloom Graduation Ceremony will be Friday, June 18th @ 6:00 pm in our school gymnasium. The Bloom Graduation Banquet/Dry Grad Event will take place on Saturday, June 19th.

The first Grad 2027 meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm in our Bloom Library. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Lates and Absences

If your child is late or absent, please contact our school office at (250) 547-2191 to excuse them from school. **A student is considered excused only when a parent/guardian provides this information to our office staff.**

Cell Phones

- Cell Phones are not to be used during class.
- Classroom teachers will communicate with students as to how cell phones will be kept during class time.
- Cell phones are permitted before school, during breaks, and after school.

Code of Conduct

Our school and **SD22 Code of Conduct** is reviewed with all students. It is expected that all students are familiar with and uphold the standards of our Code of Conduct. Our school firmly believes that each and every student deserve to learn and thrive in a safe, caring, and healthy learning environment.

In addition to our SD22 Code of Conduct, we have created a **CBSS Accountability and Expectations Letter** for our students and parents/guardians. We ask that all students and their families review this letter, affirming their commitment to the expectations and standards that help make our school a positive and respectful place for everyone.

New Staff at Bloom

With the start of another school year, it also brings with us some new faces around Bloom. Please join us in welcoming these new/newer staff members to the Bloom team!

- Educational Assistant: Arlene Fleming
- Teacher: Andrew Calado
- Teacher: Alexis Allshorn
- Teacher: Karen Honey
- Teacher: Leanne Kirsch
- Teacher/SBRT: Jade Rose
- Teacher: Paulina Lwowska
- Teacher: Parker Sampson
- Teacher: Jane Squair (Crebo)
- Teacher: Summer Weaver

We also want to acknowledge and welcome back the following staff who are returning after being away last year:

- Teacher: Casey Hesketh
- Teacher/SBRT: Allison King
- Teacher: Katy Mulholland

Athletics

Interested in joining one of our fall sports teams? Volleyball and Cross Country Running are both being offered starting in September! If you have any questions regarding athletics or if you may be interested in helping coach a team, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Chad Romain, at cromain@sd22.bc.ca

September Events

September 8th - First Day of School - Buses Run 3 Hours Early!
 September 11th - Course Change Deadline
 September 15th - FIRE DRILL #1
 September 15th - PAC Meeting @ 5:30 pm (Conference Room)
 September 15th - Grad 2027 Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Library)
 September 18th - Terry Fox Run
 September 21st - Picture Day
 September 25th - SD22 Non-Instructional Day - No School
 September 29th - Orange Shirt Day
 September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School

