



CHEMAINUS SECONDARY REFLECTIONS

9947 Daniel Street, Chemainus, BC V0R 1K1
Phone: (250) 246-4711 Fax: (250) 246-2318
Lori Hryniuk, Principal Jennie Hittinger, Vice Principal

Upcoming Dates

Mon Oct 8 - Thanksgiving (no classes)

Mon Oct 15- PAC meeting - 4pm

Fri Oct 19 - Pro D - no classes

Weds Oct 24 - PLC 2 hr early dismissal - 1:10pm

Thurs Nov 1 - GT interviews

Weds Nov 7 - Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 9 - Photo Retakes

Keep in touch!

Parent support is a critical factor in student success and attendance is essential to achieving satisfactory progress. Parents/guardians are encouraged to make regular contact with their son or daughter's teachers. In turn, teachers will attempt to keep parents/guardians up to date with student academic progress. This two-way communication can occur in several ways. Please let us know if your contact information has changed.



See Ya' September! Ola October!

It's hard to imagine, but September is already over and we are now into October! September was full of many terrific events: 2018-19 Opening Day, Welcome Back BBQ, Terry Fox Fundraising & Run, Grad Pie Toss and Orange Shirt Day, to name a few! In addition, a number of teams have started as well; junior and senior girls volleyball, senior boys volleyball and boys soccer. Our students are not only actively engaged in their learning but also involved in the many activities offered in our school. A huge THANK YOU to all the staff and community volunteers for giving their time and energy to support our students.





Community volunteers

We welcome parents and the community to take an active role in our school. We believe that it truly takes a village to raise our youth, so if you have a special skill and would like to share it with our students, please contact us!

Whether it's coaching, volunteering to work with our band or share a skill such as artistry, woodworking, etc, please contact us and we will let you know how you can get involved with our youth.

Our students appreciate the willingness of a number of parents to transport team members, field trip participants, etc. Parent drivers are required to submit a copy of their driver's license and vehicle insurance (minimum \$2,000,000 liability) as well as their driver's abstract, at our main office. The abstract may be obtained from ICBC.com and request your driving record be emailed to chss@sd79.bc.ca This has to be done each school year.

Student Planners

All Grade 8 and 9 students are provided with a student planner that is to be used on a regular basis. Grade 8/9 students should be using their planners to record daily activities such as homework assignments, project due dates, text/exam dates, counselling appointments, holidays, team practices/games and other important dates. Part of the Career Education 8 and 9 mark will come from the planning and organization of their planner. Please review pages 6 to 17 with your child and sign on page 25. We are also asking parents to sign the planner on a weekly basis until the end of October. Parents can sign on the top right of the weekly pages, under "Parent/Teacher Comments". The planner also contains important school information regarding student services, school safety, the school's code of conduct and tracking/goal setting forms. Students in Grades 10-12 may request a planner as we have printed extra copies – cost \$5.00.

myBlueprint

Chemainus Secondary School is continuing to use a useful educational planning tool for all students that can be used at school or from home.

myBlueprint Education Planner (www.myBlueprint.ca) lets your child create an engaging and interactive education plan. Students can build customized high school course plans, instantly identify the post-secondary options that are available to them and explore valuable information about apprenticeships, college program, university programs and workplace opportunities across Canada!

With direct access from home, now you can also get more informed and involved with your child's education. Log in and learn about courses, graduation requirements and the endless options available to your child. From their Profile, your son/daughter will be able to set goals, save unlimited plans, short-list programs and occupations of interest, record extra-curricular activities and more.

To access the site, visit www.myBlueprint.ca and input the Activation Key. ACTIVATION KEY: chemainus



Leadership

This year our Leadership class helped kick off a great start to the year by running a BBQ lunch on the second Monday of the school year. It was a great time to be had by all. Hot dogs were provided to everyone. PAC was also there offering ice cream as well!

The class then got into full swing to raise funds for cancer and got our Terry Fox run organized. Our Goal was to raise \$1500 and we raised just a little over that! The run was held Thursday, September 27th. Thanks for helping us reach our goal! Now Ms. Hryniuk will be colouring her hair school colours (red and blue) and Ms. Hittinger will be heading into a dunk tank. Big thanks to the grade 12's for auctioning their faces off at the pie toss event to help raise funds.

ATTENDANCE PAYS!

Cowichan
Cowichan Valley School District

ISLAND
CHEVROLET BUICK GMC

A graduating student in the District will win a \$5000.00 credit towards the purchase of any car at Island GM!

To qualify:
Maintain a constant 80% attendance average throughout the school year, including all subjects and all work blocks*.

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
ISLAND GM
6300 TRANS CANADA HWY, DUNCAN, BC
(250) 746-7131

*Absences for illness, school sponsored events, organized community events etc will NOT count against your record.
Absences for employment, holidays, etc WILL count against your record.
It is your responsibility to report absences to attendances@cwv.k12.bc.ca
Include dates, details, contact info for coach/teachers/parents etc.

Grads

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARIES (Ms. Hittinger)

The year starts early for our graduating students as they must now start thinking about University, College or other post-secondary choices for next year. Costs are a very important consideration when making these future plans. We will be working with the Grade 12 students this year to help them understand and to help them access all of the money that is available in the form of scholarships and bursaries.

Grade 12 students have received preliminary information on the scholarship and bursary process. We will meet with Grade 12's in January to start the application process for local awards.

Scholarships are already being sent to the school and these will be available at all times in the Scholarship/Bursary filing cabinet that is located in Counselling. We will be advertising these opportunities on the daily "Bulletin" announcements, as well as posting notices on the scholarship board outside of Counselling. Not to be confused with the Local Scholarship package that is distributed in January, currently advertised opportunities are for all students within B.C. and Canada.

Check out these websites for more scholarship information!

- Student Awards www.studentawards.com
- Scholarships Canada www.scholarshipscanada.com
- Fast Web! – A scholarship search <http://www.fastweb.com>
- Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation www.cmsf.ca
- Terry Fox Humanitarian Award www.terryfoxawards.ca
- BC Government and Service Employees' Union www.bcgeu.ca

Grad Transitions (Ms Hryniuk)

Graduation Transitions is a 4-Credit requirement that must be completed in order for a student to graduate. No mark is assigned. Students will receive an RM (Requirements Met) upon completion.

For more information contact Ms. Hryniuk, the Counselling department or checkout the Ministry of Education website.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation>

GRAD TRANSITION CONVERSATION DATES

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A block, semester 1 | - Thursday, Nov 1 |
| Early grads & by sign up | - Tuesday, January 15, 2019 |
| All remaining grads | - Tuesday, March 5, 2019 |

Student Absences

If your son or daughter is going to be absent from school due to illness or a medical/dental appointment, please phone the school at 250-246-4711 to contact our automated attendance line press 1. Please leave a message on the answering machine at any time. You may also request that homework be provided, to contact our automated line press 2.

Grade 11 Students

Be a part of history and apply for a scholarship to participate in the D-Day 75th Anniversary Tour.

11 days in Europe - London, Paris, Normandy Region and Vimy Region. Scholarship applications and brochures are available at the counselling office.

Applications must be submitted by noon, Friday October 5th.



Athletics (Mr Peruniak)

Grrrrrr! COUGARS! GRRRRRRR!

I can't believe I'm already writing October's newsletter. Sports fans hold on to your seats because pumpkin season is upon us! I am proud to announce that Chemainus will play host to competition for our boys soccer, junior girls volleyball, as well as senior girls and boys volleyball this month. I am also proud to announce the coaches for these teams who are working alongside your sons and daughters tirelessly and without whom these young athletes would not have such valuable learning experiences:

Boys Soccer – **Kathleen Ngenda**
 Junior Girls Volleyball – **Crystal Clarke & Lacey Redding**
 Senior Girls Volleyball – **Kelsey Bell & Jennie Hittinger**
 Senior Boys Volleyball – **Sean Lefebure**

Thank you for all the time, energy you give back to our youth. You are all heroes as far as I'm concerned.

As I think about the upcoming games, I get goosebumps remembering how important those games were to me in my youth. You can taste the energy it breathes into our school, helping to create friendships and instil important skill sets and attitudes such as discipline, determination, communication, work ethic and grit. I hope to see and, more importantly, hear you in the stands over the next few weeks as our athletes get set to battle.

Grrrrrr! Cougars! GRRRRR!

GAME SCHEDULE – please note league games begin at 3:45pm.

Boys Soccer

Oct 2 – CHEM host DCS
 Oct 10th – DCS hosts CHEM
 Oct 17th & 18th – Island Championship @ DCS (Duncan)

Junior Girls Volleyball

Oct 4 – BRENT BLACK hosts CHEM (and QMS, Brent Red)
 Oct 11 – CHEM hosts QofA, Brent Black and Brent Red
 Oct 18 – QMS hosts CHEM
 Oct 25 – DCS hosts CHEM (and Brent Red, Brent Black)
 Nov 15th – Jr. Girls B CVIAA Championship @ Brentwood

Senior Boys Volleyball

Oct 4 – CHEM hosts DCS
 Oct 23 – DCS hosts CHEM
 Nov 7th – Island Sr. Boys A Vball Championship @ NCS (Nanaimo)

Senior Girls Volleyball

Oct 2 – CHEM hosts SHAW
 Oct 9 – CHEM hosts QMS
 Oct 16 – DCS hosts CHEM
 Oct 23 – BRENT B hosts CHEM
 Oct 30 – LAKERS host CHEM
 Nov 16 & 17th – Sr. Girls Island Vball Championship @ NCS (Nanaimo)





Dual Credit

See Mr Culbertson in the Counselling Office for more information on Dual Credit programs and applications.

Counselling & Careers

(Mr Culbertson & Mrs Stoochnoff)

Students need a total of 80 credits to graduate, 52 of which are from "required courses". Counsellors and other school personnel make sure that students take the required courses, and advise students on what courses fulfill both the requirements for graduation and the "typical" requirements for the "typical" university. Colleges tend to have less rigorous requirements.

Students and parents, however, need to check the admission requirements of any post-secondary institution in which they might be interested. Requirements vary from institution to institution, and secondary school counsellors can only advise; they are not counsellors for that post-secondary institution. However, the general admission requirement for most of our local universities (for a degree program) is English 12 and an additional three "approved" Grade 12 courses (see the specific institution's list of "approved" courses).

Some programs will accept other "approved" courses (or not accept all those listed above), or set different standards. These can change from year to year, as well as from program to program. Students and parents can go to any post-secondary institution's website and follow the links for admission requirements. In the counselling office, we have academic calendars for dozens of post-secondary institutions from across the country if internet access is a problem.

What is Dual Credit

Dual Credit courses and programs allow motivated secondary school students the opportunity to begin career training in trades, technical programs and first year university courses prior to graduation. Students who participate in this early entry receive credit towards their Grade 12 graduation requirements as well as University or College credit.

The Ministry of Education funds tuition, as courses are eligible for graduation credit.



What Programs and Courses are Offered

Trades and Technical Training Programs

- Administrative Assistant
- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts (Chef Training)
- Electrical
- Hairdressing
- Health Care Assistant
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- Heavy Duty Mechanic
- Information Technology and Applied Systems
- Trades Orientation
- Plumbing and Piping
- Welding

Academic University Courses

- Anthropology
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- English
- History
- Math
- Media Studies
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Computing Science
- Theatre Arts



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Step into your future for a day!

Take Your Kid to Work Day

On Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 all Grade 9 students across Canada will have the opportunity to spend a day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host. Take Our Kids To Work involves more than 250,000 students in a day of career exploration and learning about the skills required in the work world.

For your child its an opportunity to understand the importance of staying in school by seeing first hand the skills required in today's workplace. They get to experience a day in the world of work and begin thinking about the kind of job they might aspire to. For

parents it's an opportunity to start talking with their child about career choices they are interest in.

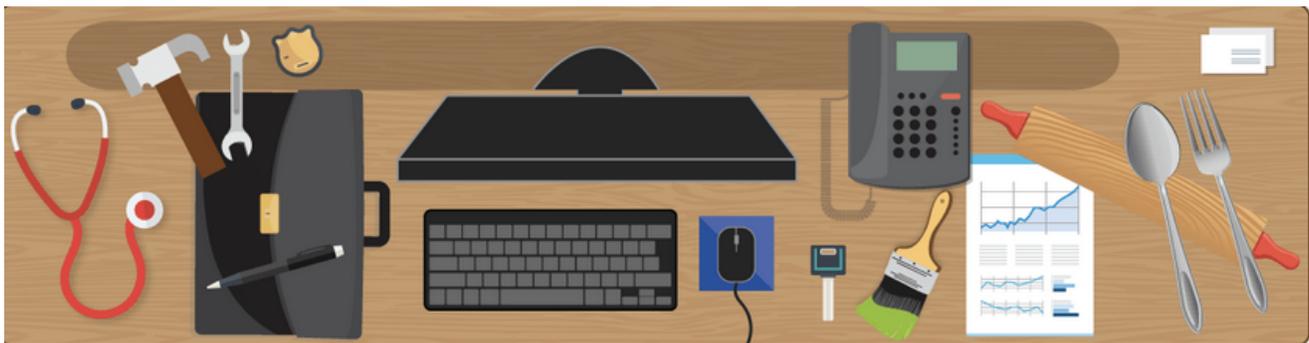
Parents can invite their own children to join them at work for the day but if this is not possible there are others ways for your child to participate.

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to take your child to work especially if your child's career interests don't coincide with your place of employment.

- Ask a parent who is taking his or her child to work if your son or daughter can join them for the day.

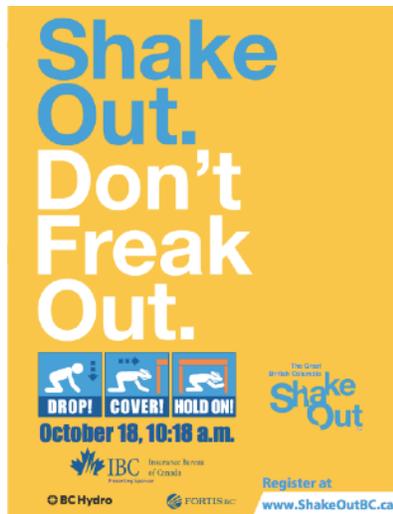
Most businesses are aware of the Take Our Kids To Work day but they will need some lead time to make sure they are prepared for their visit on Wednesday, November 14th. Forms will be sent home with our grade 9 students later this month.

Contact Mr Culbertson or Ms Hittinger for more information or if you have any questions.



Could You Be More Prepared in Just 1 Minute?

Join us in the World's Largest Earthquake Drill, Shake Out BC, October 18, 2018 @ 10:18am. [Click here](#) for easy one-minute preparedness tips to get you ready for earthquakes and other



PAC News (Alana Starkie, PAC Chair)

October 15th at 4:00pm will be our PAC Annual General Meeting and we would like to invite you to attend. We will be accepting nominations from anyone interested in joining our executive. If you would like to participate on the board, we will hold a vote among those named, otherwise, the current members will be acclaimed to continue in their roles.

We encourage all parents/guardians to attend our meetings and help us decide how best to use our funds raised, to support the students.

PAC provided ice cream treats at the recent school bbq and we would like to express our thanks to all the leadership students who helped out.

We have also started our "Monday Pizza Lunch" again, and will be selling pizza each Monday at the start of lunchtime outside the front office. Come pick up some pizza for \$3 a slice or 2 for \$5!

We have started a new fundraiser using FlipGive.com and when you shop online, our PAC will earn a percentage of your total into our account at no extra cost to you. All you have to do is use the FlipGive App or log in online through the "Chemainus Secondary School PAC" team page and then shop through the hundreds of supported online stores, including Amazon, Walmart, Indigo, etc. This is a super easy way for us to earn funds to support our kids!

If anyone would like to contact PAC to inquire about joining our executive or if you have any questions, please find us on our Facebook group page: Chemainus Secondary PAC