



# Coyote Connections

## WEEK OF: SEPTEMBER 11 - 15

Monday – Sept 11 D/C	❖ <i>Metal Monday</i> – wear your favourite band shirt
Tuesday – Sept 12 B/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Grade Assemblies – Grade 9 – 11 (theatre)</li> <li>❖ Grade 9 Parent Info Night – 6 – 7 pm (theatre)</li> <li>❖ Grade 12 Parent Info Night – 7:15 – 8 pm (theatre)</li> </ul>
Wednesday – Sept 13 D/C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>SCHOOL PICTURE DAY</b> (Retake Day - Oct. 24 (am))</li> <li>❖ Mandatory Grade 12 – Parent Zoom – 7 pm (Grad Retreat Info) Meeting Link: <a href="https://sd23.zoom.us/j/66338858857">https://sd23.zoom.us/j/66338858857</a></li> </ul>
Thursday – Sept 14 B/A	
Friday – Sept 15 D/C	❖ Pizza Friday - \$2/slice

- Sept. 18:** PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm in the Library. All Parents are Welcome!
- Sept. 20:** Post-Secondary Institute Fair – 9-10:30am (community gym)
- Sept. 21:** Grad Presidential Speeches & Retreat Day – Group #1, Oyama Adventure
- Sept. 22:** Grad Breaky, President announced & Retreat - Group #2, Oyama Adventure
- Sept. 28:** Terry Fox Walk
- Sept. 29:** **Orange Shirt Day**
- Sept. 29 - 30:** Best of the West Jr. Volleyball Tournament

**MyEd Password Resets Email:**  
[ges@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ges@sd23.bc.ca)



*You Made It!*  
*We hope you had a great first week of school!*



**Please note:** If you are looking for a Community event that has been in a previous Coyote Connection weekly newsletter – you can find them on our GESS main page under the Coyote Connections heading





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Apply by September 27<sup>th</sup>

EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS:  
[dsc@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:dsc@sd23.bc.ca)

# DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

HELP BUILD A BETTER STUDENT LIFE!

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE AN IMPACT BEYOND YOUR SCHOOL.

TO APPLY FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM



We are in need of 1 Grade 10 and 1 Grade 12 Rep from GES

## FUN FALL SPORTS FUNDAMENTALS

by GENESIS ATHLETICS

For those who are new to sports, want to improve their skills, or don't have a team to play on! Featuring a mix of gameplay, skill development, and a whole lot of fun, these sessions run weekly throughout the fall! Volleyball & Roundnet, for Boys & Girls Grades 4-8!




## PLAY ELITE

PREMIER TRAINING

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

focuses on skill-development through weekly sessions in preparation for club tryouts.

BOYS & GIRLS, GRADES 8-12






### Student MEDICAL Information

Parents/Guardians: To support our students diagnosed with medical conditions, please fill out the important applicable forms that have been provided on our website under the Medical tab. Please email them to our school email at [ges@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ges@sd23.bc.ca) or bring them into the main office.

Link to these documents: [MEDICAL](#)

- \*Medical Alert Planning
- \*Medication at School
- \*Anaphylactic Student Plan
- \*Diabetes Support Plan
- \*Seizure Action Plan





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### BUS STUDENTS:



Students must be registered in order to ride the school bus. Please visit the school Transportation website for more information: [SD23 Transportation](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/policies/Pages/default.aspx#/). Should you have further questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 250-870-5151. Traveling on a school bus is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked for a student not observing school District regulation 475R, the GESS Code of Conduct, and other procedures established by the Board of Education. (Please visit [http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/policies/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/policies/Pages/default.aspx#/) to read the regulations)

### GRADE 12 INFO:

\*Sept. 12 – **Grad Council** meetings are every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am in Room 129 (Annex). First Meeting is 7:30 am on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>  
**ALL GRADE 12s WELCOME!**

\*Sept. 13 – **MANDATORY** Grade 12 Parent Mtg via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Grads, if you want to go on the Zipline Retreat, your parent/guardian MUST attend this meeting.

Mtg link: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/66338858857>



## GESS - ABCD Block Rotation

Student timetables continue to show numbers to identify block periods. Below is an example of how to translate your timetable into the ABCD block rotation.

Your timetable printout says:	1-2(1) 1(1) 2(1) = A	3-4(1) 3(1) 4(1) = B	1-2(2) 1(2) 2(2) = C	3-4(2) 3(2) 4(2) = D
Rotation:	A/B	C/D	B/A	D/C
9:00 – 10:20	<b>Period 1</b> Drawing & Painting	<b>Period 1</b> Career Life	<b>Period 3</b> Social Studies	<b>Period 3</b> Foundations of Math
*8 minute break from 10:20 – 10:28	<b>Period 2</b> Drawing & Painting	<b>Period 2</b> Career Life	<b>Period 4</b> Band	<b>Period 4</b> Foundations of Math
10:28 – 11:45				
11:45 - 12:30	LUNCH			
12:30 – 1:50	<b>Period 3</b> Social Studies	<b>Period 3</b> Foundations of Math	<b>Period 1</b> Drawing & Painting	<b>Period 1</b> Career Life
*8 minute break from 1:50 – 1:58	<b>Period 4</b> Band	<b>Period 4</b> Foundations of Math	<b>Period 2</b> Drawing & Painting	<b>Period 2</b> Career Life
1:58 – 3:15				

### Example Schedule:

Description	Room	Teacher	Term	Schedule
SOCIAL STUDIES 10	207	Cornock, Jillian	FY	3(1)
CONCERT BAND 10	107 BAND	Ryga, Sergei	FY	4(1)
YEARBOOK 10	125	Ford, Bennett	FY	5(1)
THEATRE PRODUCTION 10	105 DRAMA	Schwartz, Lee	FY	6(2)
DRAWING & PAINTING 10	132	Hansen, Angela	S1	1-2(1)
CAREER LIFE EDUCATION	211	Warawa, Ashley	S1	1-2(2)
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	130	Ohashi, Tyler	S1	3-4(2)

\*\*Term descriptions: FY is Full Year, S1 is Semester 1, S2 is Semester 2\*\*  
 \*\*Anything with a block 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 is outside the timetable\*\*

### BC Demographic Survey – Closes Sept 29

The Government of B.C. is taking action to address systemic racism in provincial programs and services. This is an important part of their work to make the province more equitable, inclusive and welcoming for everyone. The survey contains demographic questions that will be used to identify and understand systemic racism in government programs and services. You can preview and complete the questionnaire in [multiple languages](#).

This survey was developed and is being delivered in line with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples to define themselves and ownership of their data.

Everyone in B.C. is encouraged to take the [BC Demographic Survey](#) to help address systemic racism and improve public services. As a public service provider, we are [sharing the survey](#) to help make B.C. more equitable and inclusive for everyone. For more information about the survey and other work happening under the Anti-Racism Data Act, please visit: <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/>.

The information in this survey is collected under Section 2 of the [Anti-Racism Data Act](#) and Section 26 (a), (c), and (e) of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) (FOIPPA). It is collected and kept confidential in accordance with the [Statistics Act](#) and only used for statistical and research purposes. When survey results are published, your responses will be combined with the responses of others so that you cannot be identified. Questions? [Visit Common Questions about the BC Demographic Survey](#)





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PLEASE VIEW OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT AND IMPORTANT UPDATES! [www.ges.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.ges.sd23.bc.ca)

\*Keep a sharp eye on the calendar as changes are made quite frequently.

**STUDENT FEES:** Please pay all student fees online by visiting our website at [www.ges.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.ges.sd23.bc.ca) and click on the **School Cash Online** button to register. The student activity/cultural fee is \$30, Yearbook Fee (optional) is \$40 and the Grad Fee is \$125. *Fees will be posted early September.*

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:** The purpose of the George Elliot Code of Conduct is to provide and maintain a safe, caring and orderly environment for all students and their learning. [Code of Conduct](#)

### **The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Appeal Process**

Policy 460 – Appeals states that “A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health, or safety of the student”. For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals that can be accessed from the Policies link under the Board of Education heading on the Central Okanagan Public Schools homepage at [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca).

### **The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Financial Hardship Clause**

Within Board Policy Regulation 425R – Student Fees ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)), the Board of Education has indicated “that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship”. This clause in the Regulations provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families which may be unable to pay. Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE:** The process for report student absences is done through the School Messenger app. <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Pz>

To learn how to report your child’s absence at GESS and get the app, please visit:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/z>

### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE:**

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>.

