



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: Sept 1 – 5



Monday – Sept 1	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday – Sept 2 Mini Block Rotations A/B/C/D	Welcome Back – 9 am Homeroom – (lists posted in foyer) Mini Block Rotations – Early dismissal & bus pick-up at 11:50 am 9:00–Blk A / 10:10 Blk B / 10:45 Blk C / 11:20 Blk D
Wednesday – Sept 3 A/B	Homeroom (A Block) – 15 minutes (attendance & form collections)
Thursday – Sept 4 C/D	Homeroom (A Block) – 15 minutes (attendance & form collections)
Friday – Sept 5 A/B	- Homeroom (A Block) – 15 minutes (attendance & form collections) - Grade 12 Assembly – 9:20 am (theatre) - Grad Presidential Candidate's Meeting – Lunch in Room 301

Student Schedule Info for Tuesday, Sept. 2

To access MyEd, visit the GESS website!

- School starts at 9am – *see mini block rotation above.*
- Students begin class in Homeroom (which is your A block class)
- Homeroom lists (and school maps) will be posted in the foyer at 8:30 am
- In Homeroom you will be given your **timetable** for the year, locker request forms and other important information including forms for parents to sign.

Student Course Change requests can be submitted online until Sept. 12.

Counsellors will reach out to all requests via email. Students are to stay in their classes until a switch has been confirmed.

Link for Course Changes
Deadline: Sept. 12



GESS Welcomes the following new staff:

To all the returning staff, and especially our new staff, welcome to École George Elliot for the 2025-2026 school year. We could not be luckier for the caring, dedicated people that serve our school community and Lake Country. Our school vision statement is “Love, Learn, Thrive,” and each staff member – CEA, custodian, teacher, support worker, and administrator – know the importance of generosity, creativity and kindness to see every member of our school become their very best. Have a great school year!



Teaching:

- Evan Allardyce
- Jane Baehr
- Brianna Harrison
- Andi Silver
- Christina Silzer
- Keith Stewart

CEAs:

- Delrene Stade

Teacher Interns:

- Jordy Decker
- Yanick Houde
- Keisha Johnson
- Jamie Lantz
- Cassidy Miller
- Mattias Shipley
- Nicole Smith



Yearbooks
are \$50
Purchase
deadline is
Feb. 6

2025 Grads:
Your diplomas
are now ready to
be picked up
from the front
office!

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IMPORTANT START-UP INFORMATION

STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEETS: Each student will be receiving their individual student data verification sheet in homeroom. It is important that these be reviewed and signed by their parents/guardians and returned to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Current information on file is crucial in keeping families updates. **Please sign this form even if there are no changes required.** We really appreciate your quick attention to this document.

GENERAL FIELD TRIP PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION: Every student is required to have a general field trip permission form on file for each school year. This permission form enables classroom teachers to take their students off site for walks in our community throughout the year (i.e.: Terry Fox Run, Rail Trail walks, etc.). These forms will be given out in homeroom and we've also included the form [HERE](#), for those who are able to complete this from home. Please have your child bring these back to their homeroom class by Friday, Sept. 5. Thank you!

GESS PAC (Parent Advisory Council) MEETINGS: PAC meetings will be held on Mondays, once a month throughout the school year. All parents/guardians are welcome and invited to attend these meetings. The first meeting will be held in the GESS library at 6:30 pm – Sept. 22nd.

2025/2026 GESS PAC Executives:

President: **Craig Catton**

Vice President: **Cynthia Livingstone**

Secretary: **Ian Long**

Treasurer: **Roslyn Hazen**

COPAC Rep: **Roslyn Hazen**

Members at Large: **Tanya Leshuk,
Bretta Lawton, Mark Hansen**

PAC Email: gesspac001@gmail.com

Upcoming PAC Meetings:

- September 22
- October 20
- November 17
- December 8
- January 19
- February 23
- **NO March Meeting**
- April 13
- May 11
- June 15 - AGM



Brown Bag
Lunch Program
begins Monday,
September 15th

Student MEDICAL Information:

Parents/Guardians: To support our students diagnosed with **life threatening** 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 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



Breakfast club starts September 3rd. Find it every morning in the Coyote Den!





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PLEASE VIEW OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT AND IMPORTANT UPDATES!

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 and click on the School Cash Online button to register. The student activity/cultural fee is \$30, Yearbook Fee (optional) is \$50, and the Grad Fee is \$125. Fees will be posted early September.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT: The purpose of the École George Elliot Code of Conduct is to provide and maintain safe, caring, and orderly environment for all students and their learning. Please see our website for this document.

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.

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Financial Hardship Clause

Within Board Policy Regulation [425R – Student Fees](#), the Board of Education has indicated “that a student will not be excluded from any education 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: To learn how to report your child's absence using the School Messenger App, please visit [THIS LINK](#).

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, click [HERE](#).

Sept. 9 – Grade Assemblies – Gr. 9 –11

Gr. 9 Parent Info Night – 6-7pm (theatre)

Gr. 12 Parent Info Night – 7:15-8pm (theatre)

Sept. 10 – School Picture Day (Retake Day – Oct. 14 – am)

Mandatory Gr. 12 Parent Zoom – 7 pm (Grad Retreat information)

Meeting Link TBA

NEXT WEEK AT GESS:

Updates
throughout the
year will be posted
to the **GESS
Calendar!**

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