



September 2023 Helen Plummer, Principal | Jason Kemp, Vice Principal | Chris Falk, Vice Principal | <https://stitos.sd33.bc.ca>

## Message from the Admin Team...

What a difference a year makes. We celebrated our first W.A.V.E welcome with an enthusiastic group of incoming grade 6 students working with grade 7 and 8 leaders. We appreciated being fully built and having access to all of our outdoor space and ... NO smoke!

We are happy to be underway and have the first week behind us. We have grown by 200 students bringing our total number of students to 818 this year. We are full and are definitely feeling the additional energy with more students in the building and on the playgrounds. We have added a number of new staff and I am pleased to introduce the newest members of our Stitós learning community:

Administration: Chris Falk

Office: Erin McLeod

Teaching: Iqraa Hussain, Danny Froese, Donna'Lee Irwin, Scott Gregory, Karen Lincoln, Cara Wilhite, Bryan Psajd, Melissa McNeice, Quentin Baker, and Linda Zenzen

Support: Omeet Kaler, Ali Rehman, Melissa Gilbert, Kamaldeep Rupal, and Tiare Laporte

We are looking forward to a great year of learning and working with your students. As parents/guardians you are an integral part of our school community. I encourage you to get involved...join the PAC, help coach a team, volunteer with your classroom teacher.

## Messages / Lunches / Packages for Students

During class time we make it a practice to minimize classroom disruptions to teachers and students. Learning time is important. If you have a message or lunch for your child during instructional time, please leave it with Mrs. Mercer at the office. If you drop off lunch for your child, please make sure their name is on it.

## Medical Alerts

If you require the school to administer any kind of medication to your child, an authorization form must be completed first. Please see the office to get the forms, which must be signed by the family doctor and parent.

As we have students with severe allergies to nuts, our school is **Nut Aware**.

**Band Information Night**  
September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm

## Picture Day – September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Get ready to smile! Student individual photos will be taken on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Further details on ordering pictures will be coming home with students.

## Save the Date – Meet & Greet

September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm will be our opportunity to welcome you into the school and have tours of our building. We anticipate this to be a busy evening and we look forward to showcasing the facilities and staff to you.

## Reporting a Student Absence

To report your child absent we have a District Safe Arrival program. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. You can use one of the following options:

**Option 1:** Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

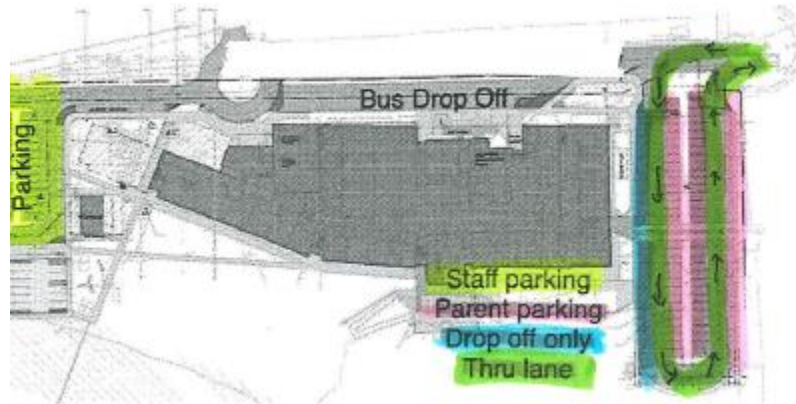
**Option 2:** Use the SafeArrival website at <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safearrival>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

**Option 3:** Call the toll-free number 1-833-698-6567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

## School Parking

The first parking lot is designated for parent parking. There is also a parent drop off lane for quick “stop and go” parking but if you require a long conversation or are needing to enter the school please park in the marked stalls. We want to keep the “stop and go” lane flowing and moving freely.

There will be no parking in the bus loop during school hours. If you park outside of the school grounds it is prohibited and monitored closely by UFV Impark and you will be ticketed. There is FREE public parking located within walking distance at the Vedder River Dog Park.



## Athletic Seasons of Play

### Middle Level:

#### Fall (September / October)

Cross Country; Boys Soccer; Girls Volleyball; Boys Volleyball

#### Winter (November – February)

Girls Basketball (Grade 6 Season – February – April)

Boys Basketball (Grade 6 Season – February – April)

#### Spring (April – June)

Touch Football; Rugby; Girls Soccer; Track & Field; Golf; Field Hockey

### Elementary Level:

#### Fall (September / November)

Cross Country; Soccer

#### Winter (January - February)

Volleyball

#### Spring (April – June)

Basketball; Cultus Lake Cross Country Run; Track & Field

## Athletic Fees

Last year all athletic fees were covered by the school district through the family affordability fund (one time funding). This year we will be charging athletic fees for all of our extracurricular sport teams to cover the cost of transportation, referees, facility rentals and uniforms.

## Cafeteria Service – Stitó:s Servery

Lunch Orders will need to be placed each morning by 9:00 am in the classroom for the lunch to be provided that same day. Please include the exact change with the order form in a zip lock bag and a classroom runner will bring them down to the office. Order forms are available on the school website under the Top Tab ‘Stitó:s Servery,’ however if you are unable to print off the order form the Servery will accept a piece of paper with your child’s first & last name, classroom teacher / division and the items ordered with the money in a zip lock bag.

If your child has any dietary needs, please contact Sandra at sandrabertrand67@icloud.com.

## Bike To School

Please remind your student to “walk their wheels” once they are at the school path. Also please remind your student to wear their helmets...protect that developing brain.

## Family Accident Reimbursement Plan

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. **Parent / Guardians are responsible for these expenses.** iA Financial Group offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family. For further information see website on our district webpage <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>.

# Cell Phones / Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

There are some students who, for purposes of family safety, have cell phones. Students may call home when they arrive at the school and when they are leaving. After that, cell phones are expected to be turned off and put away. Students are not to use the cell phone unless there is an educational purpose, and it may only be used with consent, and under the direction of the classroom teacher. There are district policies that apply to the use of both school and personal devices when used for educational purposes at school. These practices will be adhered to. It is expected that the use of social media at school adheres to these policies. Students will be expected to have completed the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement prior to any use of technology for educational purposes at the school. These forms were emailed to families on August 31<sup>st</sup> by the School District IT Office through Permission Click program – please check your junk box if you have not seen this email & completed the form. <https://permission.click/BQA7N/ca/9xKE>

## Stitó:s PAC Fundraiser – The Great Little Coupon Book

Order forms for The Great Little Coupon Book fundraiser was sent home with students last week. The fundraiser will remain open to purchase books until October 6<sup>th</sup>. For further information please email the PAC at [slt-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:slt-pac@sd33.bc.ca).

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The Terry Fox Run  
September 17  
Visit [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org)  
for more information  
about the Run this year

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**\$7.50 from each book sold directly  
supports fundraising effort!**



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Conditions apply to offers. See book for details

# 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Elementary		Middle	
Time	Period	Time	Period
8:33 am - 11:33 am	Instructional (180 Minutes)	8:33 am - 9:47 am	Period 1 (74 Minutes)
11:33 am - 11:48 am	Eat (15 Minutes)	9:47 am - 10:02 am	Break (15 Minutes)
11:48 am - 12:13 pm	Outside (25 Minutes)	10:02 am - 11:16 am	Period 2 (74 Minutes)
12:13 pm - 1:13 pm	Instructional (60 Minutes)	11:16 am - 11:41 am	Outside (25 Minutes)
1:13 pm - 1:28 pm	Recess (15 Minutes)	11:41 am - 11:56 am	Eat (15 Minutes)
1:28 pm - 2:24 pm	Instructional (56 Minutes)	11:56 am - 1:10 pm	Period 3 (74 Minutes)
		1:10 pm - 2:24 pm	Period 4 (74 Minutes)



Days in Session	188
Number of Instructional Days	178
Number of Non-Instructional Days	10
Schools Open	September 5
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	October 2
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day)	October 6 (District)
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 9
Early Dismissal Day #1	October 19
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 (Pro-D Day)	October 20 (Provincial)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 (Pro-D Day)	November 10
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 13
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (A&E Day #1)	November 24
Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays	December 22
Christmas Holidays	December 25 to January 5
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 8
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (A&E Day #2)	January 26
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 (Pro-D Day)	February 16 (District)
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 19
Early Dismissal Day #2	March 1
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 15
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 – March 29
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	March 29
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 1
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NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #8 (Pro-D Day)	May 17
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 20
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #9 (A&E Day #3)	May 31
Last Day for Students / Early Dismissal #3	June 27
Administrative Day	June 28