



October 2025

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Message from the Admin Team...

As we welcome the month of October, we are grateful for a smooth and successful September. This past month was filled with exciting transitions as we integrated a larger-than-usual number of new students and staff. Our W.A.V.E. team stepped up to warmly welcome our Grade 6 students, and their support has been invaluable in helping everyone settle in.

Throughout September, our school community came together in many meaningful ways to reflect on Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Day. We honoured the experiences of Indigenous peoples, thought about our shared history, and committed ourselves to learning more and taking action toward ongoing reconciliation.

We also accomplished a great deal as a community: holding behaviour matrix assemblies, moving classrooms, hosting our annual Meet the Teacher Night, starting outdoor learning opportunities, and launching several field trips that allowed our students to explore the beauty of fall.

Another highlight of September was hosting all middle schools and K-8 schools across the district for a professional development day titled Learning Together for Equity. We were honoured to welcome keynote speaker Jeff A.D. Martin, who inspired educators with a powerful message on anti-racism. We are excited that he will be sharing a similar message with our students on Friday, October 3rd.

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving, it is easy to reflect on the many things we are thankful for this year:

- Our dedicated staff
- Students who show up each day eager to learn
- Supportive families who partner with us in this important work
- A community that wholeheartedly believes in our school's mission.



We invite you to stay connected by engaging with your child's teacher, participating in school events, and staying informed through our Stitó:s PAC and school website. Together, we will continue to make this a year of growth, connection, and celebration.

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 to report your child's absent:

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/safe-arrival>. 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.

Important Dates to Remember...

October 10 th	Drop Everything and Read
October 10 th	World Mental Health Day
October 13 th	Thanksgiving (Stat) – No School!
October 22 nd	Parent / Teacher Conferences – Details to Follow Closer to Event
October 23 rd	Early Dismissal at 11:31 am
October 24 th	Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students Today!
October 29 th	Picture Retake Day
November 3 rd	Assessment & Evaluation Day – No School for Students!
November 10 th	Non Instructional Day – No School Today!
November 11 th	Remembrance Day (Stat) – No School!
November 14 th	Rock Your Mocs!
December 3 rd	Term 2 Begins
December 5 th	Spirit Day – Red & Green Day
December 12 th	Spirit Day – Holiday Sweater Day
December 19 th	Drop Everything and Read
December 19 th	Spirit Day – PJ Day

Athletic Calendar

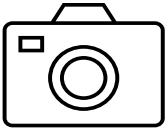
Looking to see when the next practice or game is??? Check out the school Athletic Calendar on the school website under the Athletics top tab or by clicking the following link... <https://stitos.sd33.bc.ca/athletics-calendar>.

Minimizing Classroom Interruptions

During class time, we prioritize minimizing interruptions to support focused learning for both students and teachers. Every minute of instructional time is valuable.

If you need to drop off an item or relay a message to your child during the school day, please bring it to the office and Mrs. Mercer will ensure it gets to them. If you're dropping off a lunch, be sure it is clearly labelled with your child's first and last name.

Thank you for helping us maintain a calm and productive learning environment.



Picture Retakes – October 29th

Get ready to smile! Student individual retake photos will be taken on Wednesday, October 29th.

Halloween Activities

We will have classroom and school-based activities taking place for Halloween.

Please ensure that costumes are school appropriate and do not include blood, gore, weapons, or anything that would be against our school code of conduct.



Also, no masks as we need to see our students to ensure they belong here.

In / Out Days

October brings cooler, shorter days, and many of our classes are taking advantage of the season by visiting community gardens, exploring corn mazes, and engaging in outdoor learning experiences. We aim to go outside most days!

With fall weather on the way, we can expect more frequent wet and windy conditions. Even on days with drizzle or light rain, students will still be going outside to get fresh air and stay active. Please help your child make responsible choices by ensuring they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Field Trip & Team Permission Forms

All field trip and team sports consent forms for students in Grades K–8 must be completed electronically through QuickPay. This applies to all field trips, regardless of cost.

To complete a form:

1. Log in to your student's QuickPay account.
2. Locate the form under the "Field Trip Forms" heading.
3. Select the appropriate form, complete all required fields, and click **Submit**.
4. Once submitted, any applicable fee will be added to your student's account and available for payment.
 - If you wish to pay only for the field trip and not other outstanding fees, simply deselect the checkboxes next to those other fees before proceeding to checkout.

Important Reminders:

- All fields must be fully completed.
- If a fee is associated with the trip, it must be paid at the time of submission. **Forms cannot be submitted without completing both the form and payment.**
- Please do not wait until the last minute—students will not be permitted to attend the field trip if the form is not received.
- **Once the form and payment are completed**, you will receive a **confirmation email**. A copy of the permission form will also be automatically sent to your child's teacher, and your student will be added to the field trip list.

Questions?

If you have any questions about your student's account, please contact the Accounting Clerk at slt-finance@sd33.bc.ca.

Walk Your Wheels

Please remind your children to "walk their wheels" once they are on school grounds. Also, students are reminded to wear their helmets to protect their developing brain.



Stitó:s PAC

Did you know that you are a member of the PAC? All parents are members of our PAC and encouraged to attend the PAC meeting. PAC meetings provide parents with information about our school, a chance to ask questions or raise concerns and a chance to become involved with our school. The next PAC meeting will be **October 30th @ 6:30 pm** in the Foods Room.



Stitó:s Library Learning Commons

Here is a link to the Library Learning Commons Newsletter: <https://secure.smores.com/n/3d29s>



Christmas Hampers

Southside Church is excited to come alongside and partner with each school in Chilliwack to bring some help and hope to our struggling families over the Christmas Season by offering gifts for their kids and food hampers for their families. If your family would benefit from a Christmas Hamper this year, we encourage you to register with the All is Bright Initiative by October 15th: <https://southsidelife.com/bright>

Counsellors' Corner

This edition of our Counsellors' newsletter is filled with info on back-to-school wellness, free food programs, virtual counselling info, and the latest online events from Family Smart.

Check it out here: <https://secure.smores.com/n/56nqv>

Police Information Check (PIC)

All volunteers with the Chilliwack School District are required to complete a Vulnerable Police Information Check (PIC) through the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP). These PIC's are effective for 5 years and there is no cost associated with the online form.

Please visit the link below to complete your Police Information Check (PIC). The access code is also required when proceeding with the online submission.

Online Link:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: UKAGZSBMJ2

Bike Lock-Up Reminder

We want to remind families that the only times bikes have been stolen from the bike lock-up area have been when they were left overnight. In these cases, thieves have cut through both the bike cage and the individual bike locks.

To help prevent theft and property damage at Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt, we kindly ask that all students take their bikes home at the end of the school day. Bikes left overnight are at risk and are left at the owner's own responsibility.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and secure.



School Parking

To ensure a safe and efficient experience for everyone during drop-off and pick-up times, please take note of the following parking procedures:

Parent Parking Lot & Drop-Off Lane

The first parking lot is designed for parent parking. If you're dropping off your child quickly, please use the "stop and go" lane. This lane is intended for brief stops only – please keep it moving to avoid congestion. If you need to have a longer conversation or enter the school, kindly park in the marked stalls.

Bus Loop Restrictions

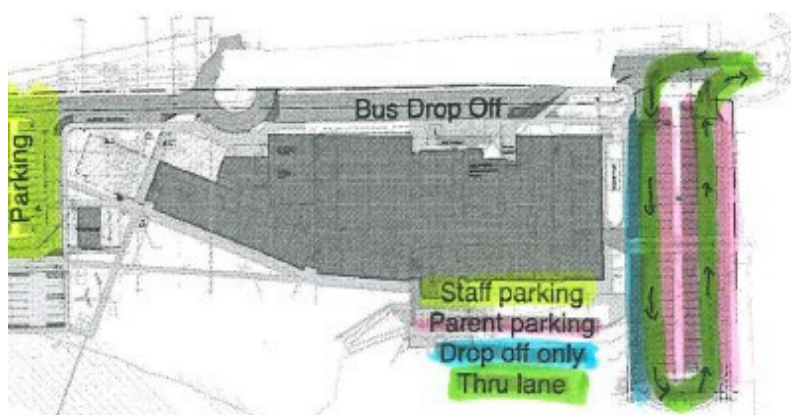
No parking is allowed in the bus loop during school hours. This area must remain clear for school buses and emergency access.

Off-Ground Parking Enforcement

Parking outside of school grounds is **prohibited and strictly monitored** by UFV Impark and the City of Chilliwack Bylaws. Unauthorized parking will result in a ticket.

Free public parking is available within walking distance at the **Vedder River Dog Park**. Additionally, the **UFV red zone parking on Petawawa Rd** is permitted during special events (Concerts, Meet the Teacher Night, etc.) as well as during the before and after school drop-off / pick-up rush hour.

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and accessible for all!



CHILLIWACK FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

INFORMATION, SUPPORT & CONNECTION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

You are invited to a **FREE** Chilliwack Family Resource Fair hosted by:

**CHILLIWACK****CYHC****Chilliwack Health Centre****Chilliwack Healthier Community****Chilliwack School District**

Drop in anytime between 5–8pm to visit resource booths, learn about services, and attend short, family-focused sessions on topics like:

- ✓ Mental wellness
- ✓ Connect Parenting
- ✓ Supporting youth impacted by substance use
- ✓ Helping children with challenging behaviours
- ✓ Navigating grief & loss
- ✓ Supporting school attendance

Childcare and light snacks will be available, so bring the whole family!

Wednesday
15 October, 2025
5:00PM-8:00PM
Chilliwack Secondary / NLC
46363 Yale Rd

Scan or click the QR code to learn more or to register
Registration not required but it helps us for planning!

Drop-in medical services by
CYHC Medical Director &
President of BC Family
Doctors, Dr. Darren Joneson



School Vaccination Information for Parents

Getting vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect yourself from many dangerous diseases. Public health regularly checks immunization records for students in Grades 6-12 to help make sure they are up to date on vaccines.

We offer all routine vaccines needed for students in Grades 6-12 when students are in school.

Families can check their child's immunization records online to see if they need any vaccines by logging into immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/ then looking at "Immunization forecast".



Give consent for the child's vaccines online

This year, students, parents, or caregivers of students in Grades 6-12 have the option to provide consent for vaccines online. You can fill out consent now or any time before the school clinic.

To give online consent for immunizations, scan this QR code or go to immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/.



If vaccines are needed, please see [Vaccines | HealthLink BC](#) for more information on the specific vaccine your child needs.

Parents, students or caregivers who complete the online consent, will receive a letter closer to the time of school immunizations so you are aware of when the school clinic is occurring.

If consent is not completed online, students will receive a letter and paper consent form from the school close to the time of immunization. The letter will let you know when the consent needs to be returned by.

What if the child had vaccines but they are not on their immunization record?

If the child's record is missing vaccines they already had, please do the following:

1. Find the paper record at home, if one was given to you at the time of vaccination.
2. If you do not have records at home, contact the health care provider who gave the vaccines and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
3. Report the immunizations either of these ways:
 - Submit it online by either scanning this QR code or going to FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform.

