

Welcome to 2019-20

We are very excited and focused for the new school year, continually developing our strong, positive learning community. At Central Campus, we are a team of 20 teachers, 2 administrators, 13 support staff and 380 grade 8 and 9 students.

We look forward to another year where our students are in **Academic Pods** with two or three teachers sharing and teaching two homeroom groups of 29-30 students each as Pods A, B and C.

We welcome back the following teaching staff:

Ms. Brown - Health & PE
Mr. Burge - Pod 9A, Athletic Director
Ms. Hamilton - Ab Ed Coach-Mentor
Ms. Tisch - Pod 8A
Mrs. Kelly-Bratt - Learning Assistance
Mr. Lofvendahl - Pod 9B
Mr. Long - Pod 8C
Mrs. Lowe - Pod 9A
Mr. McDonald - Pod 9C
Ms. McIntyre - Pod 8B
Mr. McKechnie - Pod 8A
Mrs. McKinney - Librarian
Mrs. Noh - Pod 8C
Mr. Roszmann - Shop, Library, Media Arts
Mr. Sherman - Pod 9B
Ms. Winstead - Art, Pod 9C

We welcome the following staff to Central Campus:

Ms. De Bruijn - Pod 8B
Ms. Le Roux - Counsellor
Mr. Cowie - Vice-Principal, English
Mr. Berg - Principal

We are now accepting e-transfers for all school payments. Be sure though to include what and who the money is for in the message box. Send e-transfers to dcss.cc@sd59.bc.ca. The password is student.

We currently have a sub teaching French immersion, and will have a permanent teacher coming on September 30th to fill that position until the end of the school year.

We continue to offer our students an abundance of skills-based and special-interest courses (**Option 9 & Exposure 8**) designed to prepare them for high school and employment. These hands-on, activity-based courses are 6 weeks each for grade 8s and 12 weeks each for grade 9s.

Our **PE program** continues to be year-long including time spent on Health topics for about 20% of the time.

As for **Athletics**, there will be a selection of sports for students to play. Stay tuned for the Fall season and try-out times. Volleyball season is fast-approaching, along with Cross-Country running.

We held a **Club Fair** to promote our lunchtime clubs and will also be starting a **house team system** for intramural sports and other team-based activities.

BLOCK SCHEDULE

The school day starts @ 8:45am and dismissal is 3:00pm. Our weekly block schedule is 5 blocks daily with 3 blocks and a 10-minute break in the morning and 2 blocks in the afternoon.

- Each block is 63 minutes.
- We have a block A to G schedule that rotates over Days 1 to 7 before repeating. For instance, day 1 is A, B, C, D, E; day 2 is F, G, A, B, C, etc.
- Lunch Break is from 12:10 to 12:44pm followed by 5 minutes to get to class. Afternoon classes start @ 12:49pm.

ON-GOING, REGULAR CONTACT

We continue to use **FreshGrade** to regularly inform and report on student learning/progress between parents, students and teachers. Stay tuned for more details and invitations from teachers by email.

Soon, our **automatic call-out system** will be calling and emailing parents & guardians regarding students who are absent from classes on the same day of the call. Students who have excused absences will not receive these calls. Please note these auto-calls and emails will start by 5:00pm and will be sent to the parents/guardians who are listed as the 1st contact person in our database. Feel free to contact our Office to confirm or change contact information.

Invitation to our Open House Evening

Wednesday, **September 25th, 6:30 - 8:00pm**: Our parents are invited to meet our Central Campus teachers and find out what's planned for the school year. It's also another chance to tour around the school. Our front doors will be open at the main entrance across from the Public Library. We look forward to meeting you.

PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)

The first 2019-20 PAC meeting is on **Monday, October 7th** starting @ 7:00pm at Central Campus in the Welcome Room.

WHERE TO FIND SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please check out our website <http://dcss.sd59.bc.ca/cc/> as we do weekly updates and post school information to keep you regularly informed.

- Check out the top tabs for our 2019-20 Info.
- You can also find our staff email directory on our website and/or you can call Central Campus' direct number @ 784-7676.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photos are scheduled for **Friday, September 20th**. School photo/order information has already been sent home. Please have your child bring the forms and money on that date to give directly to the photographer.

Our **monthly Coyote Chronicles Newsletter** will be posted and sent to parents at the start of each month starting in October.

We look forward to meeting you very soon!

Ron Berg
Principal