

September 7, 2020

Ama sah, Good afternoon Parkside Parents and Students,



Welcome to Parkside: On behalf of the Parkside Secondary staff I would like to welcome students and their families to the 2020-2021 school year. We are looking forward to providing programs that support the well-being of our students. ***If your teenager is not planning on returning to Parkside, please call (250-635-5778) and leave a message.*** In the meantime, enjoy what is left of summer and know that we are working hard to ensure a safe and positive start to the 2020-2021 school year. Take care 😊



Questions and Concerns: I am inviting families to call (250-635-5778) to book an appointment if you or your child have any concerns about attending Parkside Secondary School so a tour can be given or questions can be answered. **Refer to the attachment "Student Program Options"** to see the types of educational programs your child can receive in this school year.



New Parkside Clothing: A long sleeved Parkside shirt will be available for students, families and staff to own by giving our secretary \$20 cash and indicating the size needed (XS / S / M / L / XL). Sample sizes will be on display in our main office. Payment and order information must be given to our secretary by the end of September.



School Website: Check our new school website at <http://parkside.cmsd.bc.ca/> Information will be updated on a regular basis.



School Supplies: All students in grades 8-10 or any student needing to complete PE 10 to graduate must have a pair of indoor

shoes for PE classes and a change of clothes (sweatpants/shorts and a t-shirt). A list of basic school supplies has been attached.



Enhanced Student Safety: This year every Parkside student will have their own personal desk shield as a safety precaution. For more details about this product (see picture on the left) refer to the following You Tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXzDqgS7Kmw> . I have attached two Parkside safety documents that explain the safety measures that will exist at our school. Parkside’s safety plans could be revised if conditions change or new ideas are added, but for now we have a roadmap to guide us as we prepare to welcome students into our building. If you have any concerns please call (250-635-5778) and leave a message so we can respond to your questions as soon as possible.



Family Meetings: Parkside staff will be contacting families to schedule an **orientation meeting from September 10th – September 18th** at Parkside. At this meeting courses will be determined and supports will be discussed so an educational program is developed that best meets the needs of each student. Expectations for students and safety precautions will also be discussed.



First Day of Classes: Please note that **the first day of regular classes for Parkside students is Monday September 21st**. Refer to the attachments “Parkside Bell Schedule” and “School Calendar” for our school’s daily schedule and dates when school will not be in session.



School Bus Info: This year any student travelling to Parkside on a school bus **MUST WEAR a FACE MASK**. Refer to the attachment “Bus Schedules” for school bus Pick Up and Drop Off times.