

September 12, 2022

Ama sah, Good afternoon Parkside Parents and Students,



Our staff will continue phoning parents this week to schedule an enrolment meeting before students can begin classes with their teachers. 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. **Students must attend this family meeting with their parent/guardian before being allowed to participate in classes at Parkside. If your teenager is not planning on returning to Parkside in September, please call (250-635-5778) and leave a message.** If you have any questions or concerns about the information below, please reply to this email or call **(250-635-5778)** and leave a message so I can respond as soon as possible.



**INTRODUCING PAM:** Refer to the **attachment “Introducing Pam Groves”**, for information about our new school counsellor who will be supporting students on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Parkside.



**SCENT FREE:** Just a friendly reminder that Parkside is a **scent free school**. Students and staff are not permitted to use perfumes, after shaves, or scented lotions. We have students and staff that are very sensitive to these items. Your cooperation is appreciated.



**ENHANCED SAFETY:** All adults and students entering our school must wash their hands. Face masks are encouraged and available in the main office This year Parkside students 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> .



**HEALTH CHECK:** Students, staff and visitors entering the school must complete a daily health check **(see attachment “Health Check”)**. If anyone is sick or experiencing any of the following symptoms you must stay home: **Fever, chills, cough, loss of sense of smell / taste, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, extreme fatigue or tiredness, headaches, body aches, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.**



**FAMILY MEETINGS:** Staff will be contacting families to arrange an enrolment meeting with students and their parents/guardians from **September 7<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**. 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. **Students must attend this family meeting with their parent/guardian before being allowed to participate in classes at Parkside.**



**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:** Please note that **the first day of classes for Parkside students is Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> only after they have completed a mandatory enrolment meeting.** Refer to the **attachments “Parkside Bell Schedule” and “School Calendar 2022-23”** for our school’s daily schedule and dates when school will not be in session.



**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.**



**SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION:** This year any student travelling to Parkside on a school bus **MUST COMPLETE** a **BUS REGISTRATION FORM** available in our main office. **Refer to the attachment “Bus Schedules”** for school bus Pick Up and Drop Off times.



**SUPPORTS FOR YOUTH:** Refer to the **attachment “Foundry September”** for a description of events happening at the Terrace Foundry site located on **3219 Eby Street**. Foundry offers youth aged 12-24 access to a variety of supports. Refer to the website [Foundry Terrace - \(foundrybc.ca\)](http://foundrybc.ca) for more information about this local organization in Terrace.



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