

Start up message for 2018-19

Welcome back to a new school year and welcome to all new parents and students.

School starts Tuesday September 4th with **all Grade 8's and New Students assembling in the Gym at 9:10a.m.**. Prior to the assembly, have your student check the Alpha list in the Main Foyer and Gym Foyer to confirm which Teacher Advisory (TA) they are in. After the assembly, new students will meet their TA (homeroom) teachers, get a copy of their timetable and have a tour/orientation of the school. A hot dog lunch (including veggie) will be provided to the new students by our Grad students. Please refer to our web site for detailed opening day procedures at www.isfeldschool.com

Returning students (Gr. 9-12) will join with the new students for a full Assembly in the Gym at 12:00p.m., followed by TA where they will receive their timetables and lockers.

All students will be dismissed by 1:30p.m.

Your child will be taking home important documents so please make sure you ask for them at the end of the day. Copies of these documents are also available on our website (Student & Parent Tab > School forms) and in the office. Please sign and return for all contacts wanting school information and for consent to publish photos of our students.

Wednesday September 5th will be a full day, with regular length classes starting at 9:10 and it will be Day 3 with the block order being B TA A D C. Daily block rotations, daily announcements and the year long district calendar are posted on our website www.isfeldschool.com under quick links.

Attendance reminders: Please inform the school (by phone or email dawn.christian@sd71.bc.ca) if your child has an excused absence. At the end of the day a notice will be sent to you by email (or phone) if your child has an unexcused absence. Please inform the school by replying to the email if this needs to be corrected.

If you know your child will be **absent any time during the first week** of school please let us know.

Student fees for the 2017-2018 school year are \$25 and may be paid in TA during the first week or in the office after September 10th. Yearbooks may also be purchased at this time, at a cost of \$45. One cheque for a total of \$70 may be written to Mark R. Isfeld or paid by debit/credit card or cash in the office. Monthly bus passes may also be purchased in the office for \$30 per month.

Timetables will be given to students during TA on the first day of school. **Please do not ask for them in the office prior to the first day.**

Counsellors will be looking at course changes during the first week of school as follows:

1. Gr. 12s – Wednesday 2. Gr. 11s – Thursday 3. Gr. 10s – Friday.

No course changes on the 1st day of school (Tuesday)

Forms will be available in the Student Services area for students to fill out indicating their requested change, and given to the counsellors. Counsellors will then see if the change can be made.

Should students in grade 8 or 9 have incomplete timetables they can contact their grade vice-principal, Mr. Bos for grade 8 and Ms. Taiji for grade 9

The library currently has textbooks outstanding totalling \$14,000. Please check if your child may still have books at home and return ASAP (Library is open this week). Students will not have this year's textbooks released if they have outstanding books.

Most of our correspondence throughout the school year is done via email so please ensure you inform the school if your email changes.

Revised BC Transit bus schedules (in effect August 30) will be available in the office.

Important dates to remember:

1. First PAC meeting of the year will be Monday September 17^h at 7:00 in the library and subsequently the 2nd Monday of the month.
2. Parent Information Night is Wednesday September 19th at 6:30. Start in the Gym
3. Photo Day is Monday September 10th – retakes Friday October 12th
4. Instrument rentals (for band students) will take place Wednesday September 12th at Queneesh Elementary (2345 Mission Rd) between 4:00 – 5:30