Hello Autumn!

September was an exciting and busy month at College Heights Secondary School. CHSS has welcomed many new students and their families to our school community. This year, our school population is approximately 931 students with a graduating class of 188 students. With our active student population that includes 195 grade 8 students, we will continue to enhance our school’s reputation and culture through many new and continuing school initiatives and programs. We hope that the school startup has been wonderful and we are looking forward to some exciting months ahead.

Quarter 1 report cards will be distributed to students on November 16, 2017. Prior to report cards being issued in November, CHSS staff will communicate student learning and progress with students and parents through various formats with Interim Reports (distributed October 18) and/or through our Parent-Teacher Night (held October 25th, 2017 from 5 to 7 pm). It is important that teachers, students and parents connect on student learning and progress as we transition into the mid-section of semester one. Also, it is important for students to remember that key strategies for improving or maintaining success in each of their classes involves regular attendance, managing their time effectively and proper study/academic skills which includes completing all assigned tasks and assessments. Our Learning Commons in open every day at lunch and after school from 3:15 - 4:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for students who may require an additional study location.

A reminder to all parents that for effective communication between the school and home through our attendance call-out system, teacher/school phone calls and emails, messages, etc., our office requires your child’s most recent contact information. Please help us keep our records up-to-date by making changes (if required) to the Student Verification forms and FOIPOPs that were handed out to students on the first day of school. Even if there are no changes, please sign and return the forms to the office to be kept in our files. At any time during the school year, please contact the school office in person or by phone (250-964-4431) if you have recently moved, changed your phone number or email, or to update any other demographic information.

Remember to check out our website (https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/chss) to stay up to date on what’s happening at College Heights Secondary School!

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PRINCIPAL

Dave Holmes
VICE-PRINCIPAL

Monique Engert
VICE-PRINCIPAL

Jan Cote
BUSINESS MANAGER
# CHSS – Important Dates

(Some Dates Subject to Change)

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## YEARBOOK

Students may choose to purchase a school yearbook for $35. The yearbook is a student-produced annual record of people and events in and around the school.

**Deadline to order yearbooks at the school and on-line is March 9, 2018.**

The school does not order extra yearbooks for sale.

## SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES

School Photo Retakes are on Friday, October 27 during period 1 for students that missed photos or need retakes. If you are ordering photos the order form and money must be given to the photographer at the time of the photo.
Diversified Learning Time

On Wednesday September 27, 2017, we had our first Diversified Learning Time. Every Wednesday until June 13th, supervised tutorial locations have been made available for students who have been assigned tutorials by staff (mandatory attendance) to work on incomplete assignments or for students interested in studying independently. Several clubs are also being offered during this time for any interested students who have not been assigned to a tutorial. Information about clubs and locations is available on posters throughout the school. A reminder that bus times will NOT change on Wednesdays. During this time, staff will be working together in collaborative teams on various improvement projects to promote student learning.

Welcome to Mindset Mondays!

“No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment.” Carol Dweck

CHSS students will be participating in a quick 10-minute activity on Monday mornings, to encourage the development of growth mindsets and core competencies.

Starting Monday, October 16th, 2017, students and teachers will engage in various activities, which may include discussions, writing activities, watching videos, and reflective thinking to explore their mindset and core competencies. During the week, students will be asked to reflect on the learning from the Mindset and classroom activities, as this will help them to be open and maintain a growth mindset in everything they engage in. Students will be able to then use this learning to complete their Core Competencies Self-Assessment at the end of the year.

Since the beginning of September, we have completed three practice Evacuation Fire Drills as well as a Lockdown practice. These drills are to practice our new Emergency Response Procedures that came into effect at the beginning of the school year. Please refer to the orange handout that was distributed to all students in their first day of classes package.

In a real emergency, all communication will come from School District No. 57’s website (www.sd57.bc.ca), as well as our school website (http://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/chss).

A reminder to all students to use the sidewalks and crosswalks when leaving the campus. There is a lot of loose gravel and be alert of potential hazards for pedestrians. New student drivers, please obey the speed limits and drive with extra caution in our parking lots and around the neighbourhood.

Police Information Checks and Volunteer Forms
Just a reminder if you plan to become a volunteer with our school that a volunteer application and updated Police Information Check (formerly called Criminal Record Check) are required.
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AT CHSS

Our team provides information, advocacy and a wide array of resources and opportunities to enhance learning for our students.

We continue to build on the successful strategies in place to deliver support, the best learning environment, amenities, transportation and the collaborative approach to ensuring success for our students regardless of needs or challenges. One to one support, group sessions, role modeling, academic support, leadership and peer helping are at the forefront at CHSS.

Together our school community provides a consistent, safe, caring and fun environment for students to achieve, learn and feel a sense of belonging. We have an open door policy to address concerns, to explore questions and ideas, and to plan collaboratively including providing a quiet space for students, parents, and staff as needed.

For more information please contact:
Ms. N. Williams
Aboriginal Education Worker
nwilliams@sd57.bc.ca
250-964-4431 Ext. 252 Room 131

Opportunity at UNBC for girls in Grades 7 to 10!

UNBC is hosting Go ENG Girl on Saturday, October 14th, 2017. This is a free event for Grade 7 – 10 girls and their parents to visit UNBC and learn about the wonderful world of engineering. Meet women currently studying engineering, learn about some of the amazing things female engineers are doing, and participate in a fun hands-on activity.

A pizza lunch will be provided for all participants.

Date: Saturday, October 14 - 9:00am to 12:30pm
Location: UNBC, Bentley Centre
Cost: FREE

To sign up and learn more please visit unbc.ca/goenggirl

Items are starting to pile up. Please check the lost and found regularly for any items or clothing that may belong to you.
Congratulations to the CHSS Junior A Boys who Won the 2017 PGYVC Kodiak Classic

Players: Colin Benny, James Brown, Adam Doucette, Jared Ebert, Collin Joyce, Isaiah Ohori, Marco Pandolfo, Ian Platzer, Matty Schenk, John Sitter, Kai Toyata, Elijah Woldringh, Emmanuel Adefisayo

Coach: Mr. Glen Wong  Assistant Coach: Ms. Lori Slater

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Volleyball Team on an amazing start to the 2017 season. The girls placed 1st at the Kodiak Classic, Cedars Invitational and the Kelly Road tournament. Good luck on the rest of the season!
Band News:

Our CHSS Bands are up and running and sounding fabulous already! It’s been a very busy startup as usual this year. New to the program this year are lunchtime sectionals – every band student was given a sectional schedule and should be attending their sectionals as required.

The first performance set for the Wind Ensemble (gr 9-12) will be at our school’s Remembrance Day assembly. Our Jazz band's first performance will be for the SPCA's fundraiser event happening November 17 in the evening.

Mr. Hannigan would like to meet his new grade 8 band students and talk about an early extra-curricular performance opportunity for the band's Christmas concert. If you have a student in Band 8 this year please contact Mr. Hannigan (rhannigan@sd57.bc.ca) for more information on this opportunity, and other band 8 opportunities for your child. Semester 2 is too long of a wait for band - let's get playing earlier!

Mr. Hannigan encourages all Band parents & students to sign up for his remind messages. It is a very quick and effective way for him to get out important information. Contact him or look on the department’s website for further details.

Calling all parents! Mr. Hannigan would really like to hear from any interested adults willing to help with Band Trips and/or fundraising opportunities this year. Fundraising and Trip planning are big jobs and it makes a huge difference to the program. Please contact Mr. Hannigan ASAP if interested!

SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS

Notice to all School District 57 bussing Schools.

Dear Parents / Guardians

During the week of November 6th to the 10th, 2017 all school busses in the district will be conducting Emergency Evacuation drills on the PM school portion of their runs. These drills will be conducted on school property. This could delay the arrival home of your child from ten to twenty minutes. Emergency Evacuation drills are required by law and are designed to give your child practice in what to do in the event that an Emergency Evacuation is necessary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

REFERENDUM: The City of Prince George will be holding a referendum on October 28, 2017 concerning the re-building of the Four Seasons Leisure Pool and Fire Hall #1. For information on the issues, what is being proposed, and important dates through October please visit www.princegeorge.ca/referendum.
GRADUATION TRANSITIONS

All graduating students must meet with their counsellor by November 6th, 2017 to begin Graduation Transitions. This document requires:

- Completion of all Graduation Transitions worksheets provided by your counsellor.
- At your first meeting you and your counsellor will review your graduation plan and transcript to ensure you are truly on the graduation path.
- Volunteering or working for 30 hours or more and providing evidence of this work to be placed in your Graduation Transitions folder.
- Proof of 150 minutes or more each week, from September to January, of physical activity. This can be submitted using a log format or as a letter from a club/coach outlining your participation in an activity that meets the above requirement.
- A copy of a resume and cover letter if you do not plan on attending post-secondary in the fall. If you do plan on attending post-secondary in the year following your graduation, please submit a copy of a post-secondary acceptance letter, scholarship application, or post-secondary application.

Every grade 12 student must complete Graduation Transitions by January 19th, 2018.

GRAD INFORMATION

If you missed the Grad Parent meeting on October 12th, 2017, here are some things that were discussed:

- Grad fees and forms are due Wednesday, November 1.
- All grads must meet with their counsellor by Monday, November 6 to discuss Grad Transitions. Grad Transitions are due Friday, January 19, 2018.
- There is a Grad Information board in the Counselling office that all Grade 12’s should be checking regularly. This is where post-secondary and scholarship information will be posted.
- Grad photos are October 23rd to the 27th, appointments can be booked in the library. Grad Photo Retakes are Monday, November 27, 2017.
- Parent Sponsored Dry Grad would like your email address so they can keep you informed about meeting dates and activities throughout the year. Please contact Mrs. Gendron at the office for more information.
- Any grad going to CTC or finishing classes in January please see Mrs. Gendron in the office as soon as possible.
STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICES (STS)

This is an online application for students to view their school marks, scholarships and transcripts and send transcripts electronically to post-secondary institutions or employers.

If you are attending a post-secondary institution you must send your transcript electronically in order to complete your application.

Students access the Student Transcript Service from the Ministry of Education’s Transcript and Certificate website at http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

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Step 2: Students must register for a BC Government account, a BCeID. Follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally log-in to Student Transcripts Service using the BCeID.

Step 3: From a student’s STS Dashboard make post-secondary institution selections, view transcript, view assessment results, and send transcripts immediately.

Applying to BC public universities and colleges also just got easier! Students can do it all: search, plan and apply on EducationPlannerBC.ca.
Be Entrepreneurial
for Grade 10-12 Students
October 20, 2017  9 AM - 3 PM
1566 Seventh Ave, Prince George

Be Entrepreneurial challenges students to start planning their own entrepreneurial venture while still in school.

Be Entrepreneurial provides high school students with engaging and enriching lessons in order to help prepare them to write a business plan and develop a presentation to potential investors.

This FREE program includes a Junior Achievement Program taught by Business Development Experts, A Pitch Competition, Certificates and Prizes to the Winners!

Contact JABC to register today!

Teresa Bennett, Regional Manager  Northern BC
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Hosted by Community Futures Fraser Fort George
in conjunction with BC Small Business Week