

Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Secondary

September 2021

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Mission Statement – To Create Independent Student Learners

Dear Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Families:

I would like to welcome our students and families to the 2021/2022 school year at STKR! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy the sunny weather we have had in our region the past few months.

As the new Principal at STRK, Randy Halpape, I am excited to join the school and the community for this school year. Also, joining our administrative staff at STKR this year are Kim Forrest (Vice Principal) and Todd Kuc (Acting Vice Principal). There are many new teaching and support staff at STKR and we look forward to meeting our students and families in the coming weeks as we start the new school year.

There have been some updates in our Covid-19 protocols and procedures since last June and we will continue to follow the guidance and the orders of the Provincial Health Officer, the Northern Health Authority and our School District. Our priority remains to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for our students, and we will continue to be diligent with the protocols provided to us. As we start the school year, all staff, students, and visitors to STKR are required to wear a non-medical mask in all indoor areas of the school and on school buses. Our main entrances to the school will be open throughout the school day but we encourage visitors to make appointments whenever possible. All visitors are asked to sign-in at the office as they enter the school and ensure they have completed a daily health check. All our protocols and procedures will be posted on the school website prior to school starting and will be reviewed with students on the first day of school.

Construction on the grounds, the north/south fields, and parking lots at our school will be ongoing into the fall of 2021. For everyone's safety, the north and west sides of the school and in areas with the construction fences are closed to students, staff, and parents during this construction. Students are not permitted to access our school from the paths in the woods north of the school until construction has been completed. As the new bus lanes, curbing, and parking lots are being completed, please use the entrance nearest the north side of the tennis courts for walk-in access to the school. Until work is completed on our bus lanes and parking lot, we ask parents dropping off or picking up their student(s) to use Kelly Road or Handlen Road. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this construction work.

The first day of school is September 7th. Grades 9-12 will start at 8:45 am and will attend each class prior to their dismissal at 10:30am. Grade 8's will go directly to the gym at 8:45am and our staff and student LINK leaders will support them with their transition, school tours, and to make their first day as smooth as possible. Buses will leave following dismissal from school at 10:30 on this date. The first full day of school will be September 8.

Please note the new Bell Schedule is included in this newsletter on Page 2. Our Wednesday bell schedule will start on September 22 to allow our school staff the time to set up our student clubs and tutorials for the school year.

Many students and parents may have questions about sports and extra-curricular activities. We strive to provide our students with a rich, welcoming, and fun place of learning and many of our extra-curricular activities will be able to restart this school year in alignment with the Covid-19 protocols. Safety is always our first priority, and we will proceed with our path back to “normal” within the guidelines provided by those with expertise in public health. Thanks to all the parents and community members who have volunteered to coach and sponsor our teams in the past. Your involvement will continue to be a crucial and important part of the development of our student athletes and in the success of our STKR Athletic Program. Please contact Mr. T. Kuc if you are interested in some capacity this school year.

You can expect regular communication from the school through our newsletter each month (emailed home), and we will be updating our website regularly with the most current information. In addition to this, you should communicate on a regular basis with your child’s classroom teachers. The semester and school year move very fast, and it is important to be aware of how your child’s learning is progressing along the way. If you are having any difficulty in this regard, we would be happy to support you.

I am looking forward to another great year of learning and experiences together at Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road!

Welcome Back!

Mr. Randy Halpape, Principal

Bell Schedule – Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

8:35	Warning Bell
8:40 to 10:01	Period 1
10:06 to 11:26	Period 2
11:26 to 12:11	Lunch
12:06	Warning Bell
12:11 to 1:32	Period 3
1:37 to 2:57	Period 4

Bell Schedule – Wednesday

(begins Sept. 22)

8:35 a.m. –	Warning Bell
8:40 a.m. to 9:46 a.m. –	Period 1
9:51 a.m. to 10:56 a.m. –	Period 2
10:56 – 11:41	Lunch
11:36	Warning Bell
11:41 to 12:47	Period 3
12:52 to 1:57	Period 4
1:57 to 2:57 –	Teacher/Student Learning

Attendance

Regular attendance is a critical component of student success. Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure their children attend school except in the case of unavoidable absences such as sickness and family emergency. Students who miss a class should always get the notes and complete any assignments missed even if they won’t be collected for marks. Although this is good practice, it will not make up for considerable learning lost by not being present for the lesson. **The automated call out system** runs between 6 and 6:30 pm. A phone call will be made from an **outgoing only number** when a student has been absent without excuse for one or more blocks during the day. The message will state “A student in grade.... has been absent for one or more classes.”

September Dates to Remember

September 14 – Student Photos
September 21 – PAC Meeting 7 p.m. (Library)
September 24 – Non Instructional Day
September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day

October Dates to Remember

October 1 – Terry Fox Run
October 11 – Thanksgiving Day
October 19 – PAC Meeting 7 p.m. (Library)
October 22 – Non Instructional Day
October 27 – Photo Retakes

Student Photos – September 14

Photos are taken against a green screen. Students are requested not to wear green tinted clothing or camo as it will affect their overall product. Clarke Action Photography operates on a proofing program and students will have at least 3 photos to choose from. **Students do not bring money for photos to school.** Each student will go home with an information sheet on how to access their photos within 24 hours of them being taken. Using a personal access code, information on how to get to the link to access photos for ordering will be on that sheet of paper. There are no forms to fill out. Questions: info@clarkeaction.com

School District Policies

Policy 5131 – District Code of Student Conduct
Policy 6179 – Acceptable use of Networks
Policy 3541.35 - Winter Weather
Policy No. 3542.3 - Healthy Food Choices in Schools
Policy 5101 – Financial Hardship

These policies can be viewed on the district website at <http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Students Leaving for Appointments During the School Day

If you know that your son or daughter will have to leave school for an appointment during the school day, please send a note with the student to bring to the office upon arrival. We will then write a dismissal slip that can be given to the teacher to dismiss the student at the appropriate time.

Student Demographic Forms

Student demographic forms and other pertinent information is being mailed to parents and guardians soon. Please review the form and make any necessary changes directly on the form, sign the form, and have your child return it to the office. Please sign the form and return it with or without changes.

Meet the Teachers – September 23

Come out and meet your child's teacher on September 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Den (also known as the atrium). The grad parent meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required to be worn in doors by everyone.

Students Needing School Supplies And/Or Back Packs

Any student who needs school supplies and/or a back pack, please see Caralyn Hoffman or Anita Gray in the Indigenous Education Office. This benefit applies to all students.