

Good afternoon Parents, and Guardians,

I love this time of the year when the leaves are beginning to change, we get that last gasp of the summer weather and students are planning their Halloween costumes.

Here is the information for this week coming up:

Events

New Business

Volleyball Coaches Needed

Gr. 7 Reverse Bottle Drive

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School Fees/Forms **Reminder**

Textile Bin

Criminal Record Checks

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Events

New Business

Volleyball Coaches Needed

Volleyball season is upon us and we have many students interested in joining a team in Grades 5-7 this year. Currently we have two teachers coaching the Grade 7 Girls team and they will be competing in the Competitive Division this year. We are looking for coaches for:

- Grade 6 Girls team (Recreational Division; Games on Thursdays)
- Grade 5/6/7 Boys Team (Recreational Division; Games on Tuesdays)
- Grade 5 Girls Team (Tier 3 League; Games on Wednesdays and only 3 games this year)

Please send Mr. Styles an email (rstyles@sd73.bc.ca) if you are interested in coaching this year. You will need to complete a criminal record check and do there are some coaching tutorials you will be asked to complete.

I need to know of any interest no later than Tuesday October 6th.

Grade 7 Reverse Bottle Drive

A reminder that this week you can drop your bottles off before school in the parking lot by the playground. Grade 7 parents are collecting bottles to fundraise for the Grade 7 year end celebration.

There will also be an account set up with the Lorne Street Bottle Depot. You can drop bottles off at any time throughout the year.

Old Business

School Fees/Forms **REMINDER**

School forms should have been sent home by now and thank you to the families who have filled them out and returned them. For those who still need to get the forms in, please have these returned to the school as soon as possible. For the verification forms, please check to make sure the information we have is current and correct. Make any changes necessary on the form before returning it.

We encourage you to make payments for school fees on School Cash. There is a link on the school's website, but we will accept cash as well.

Textile Bins

We have two textile recycling bins. This is for any clothing, bedding, towels, footwear, hats or backpacks that you no longer need. We ask that they are not torn or in poor condition and that you place all your items into a plastic bag. All of the donations are picked up every Thursday and the school receives money which we put back into the school to support students.

Time to perform that fall closet purge.

Criminal Record Check Process

Criminal record checks are a requirement by anyone who wants to volunteer for field trips or as a parent driver. I would advise you to go through this process now instead of waiting before the trip you end up going on. If you wait, there is a higher probability that the criminal record check will not be processed before your trip. Please go to the Westmount website for the link:

<https://westmount.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>.

This process has been changed slightly this year but only in that you must do it online. No longer can you go to the RCMP detachment to complete a criminal record check. To streamline this process it would be best for you to get the BC Services App on your personal device. To set up your BC Services card on your device takes only a few minutes and it will make the criminal record process much easier and quicker. If you decide against downloading the BC services app then once the criminal record check is received by the school, you will be called to come into the school and bring 2 pieces of ID proving your identity and this must be done in the Principal's presence.

Thank you to those who have been diligent and their criminal record checks done. When you fill out the application online the school receives the document directly.

For those who need to update their criminal record check because it has expired (the district has a renewal rule after 3 years despite the RCMP indicating that the check is good for 5 years), please go to the link on the school's website and there will be a tab to indicate you need your criminal record check re-sent to the school. The school will then accept the criminal record check until the 5 years expiry date or 3 years from the date we receive it.

Criminal record checks stay on file for 3 years, then will need to be renewed. Mrs. Dillman will contact people who have a criminal record check that is expiring and explain what the next steps will be.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

Parent Drivers

Parents are only allowed to drive students from another household, not their own child, if they have completed the criminal record check **and** filled out a parent driving form from the office. Every year the parent driving form must be completed with a proof of a minimum of \$1 000 000 liability insurance from your vehicle insurance. You will need to go to the office to do this.

Parking/Student drop off

The traffic situation at Westmount is not ideal, we understand that, but unless we work together to make it more efficient, then it will not improve. Unless you have parked in a parking stall, leaving your vehicle at any time is not permitted. This stops the flow of traffic moving around the loop and causes greater congestion on Walkem Road and at times backs it up on Westsyde Road, which can create dangerous driving scenarios. We ask that you follow the rules listed below:

- Only park in designated parking spaces; avoid the staff parking lot as this is only for school staff, district staff and any person with a designated accessibility parking pass.
- Stay in your vehicle when picking up or dropping off students, then make your way around the loop
- Stay in the line; trying to pass other cars can create an unsafe situation for oncoming traffic or pedestrians
- Listen to our staff members who are working in the area. They are there to make it safe for everyone and as efficient as possible
- When turning onto Walkem Road please watch for pedestrians and crossing guards in the walkways; **Do not turn or attempt to turn while there are people in the crosswalks**

DISTRICT INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This Week's Dates

Monday October 5th

- Gr. 7 Reverse Bottle drive (before school)
- PAC Meeting @ 6:15pm (Library)

Tuesday October 6th

- Gr. 7 Reverse Bottle drive (before school)

Wednesday October 7th

- Gr. 7 Reverse Bottle drive (before school)
- Come Read With Me (Grade 1 Parents)

Thursday October 8th

- Gr. 7 Reverse Bottle drive (before school)
- Vision Screening for Grade 3 and 6 students (reverse consent form)

Friday October 9th

- Gr. 7 Reverse Bottle drive (before school)
- PAC Hot Lunch: White Spot

Next Week's Dates

Monday October 12th

- Thanksgiving Day (school closed)

Friday October 16th

- PAC Hot Lunch: Mucho Burrito
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Dates to Plan for:

Tuesday October 20th

- PAC Snack: Booster Juice
- Last Day to Order PAC Hot Lunch for November

Friday October 23rd

- Pro-D Day (no school)

Monday October 26th

- PAC Snack: Popcorn

Friday October 30th

- Halloween Parade (8:45am)
- PAC Hot Lunch: Subway
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Respectfully,

Roy Styles, Principal