

Hello Parents and families,

We hope you enjoyed a joyful and fun-filled Spring Break. Weather has been interesting, but is looking more promising for enjoyable outside time.

- New communicable disease guidance changes:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

- the big changes are in yellow
- briefly, masks are now optional (incl on buses), handwashing continues, stay home when sick
- field trip planning has resumed 😊
- CCS news:
 - We (K-gr 9) are a **closed campus** – no student should be leaving site to go to the store before school, during the day, etc. because we do not supervise the travel route and know parents expect their children to be safely at school.
 - Recent report from community member noted a large group (10 – 20) of gr 4-6 aged students starting their day at the store (Pharmasave) on Wed., Apr 6. All students were given a reminder on Wed that school starts at school (not at the store)
 - **Track & Field for gr 4-7** is happening during PE classes right now – Jamboree Meet (all students attend) is early in May. Best behaviour at school is expected for participation in this fun day. Optional **Track and Field for gr 8-9** is happening Wed after school
 - Walking field trips to the Cumberland Community Forest continue – classes are working with the Community Forest Society on how to best share the trails with the many users so all can enjoy safely.
 - Team sports seasons are currently over – if you see any CCS jerseys or shorts in your home, please return them to the school asap so they can be ready for the next season sports.
 - Spirit wear will go home with students by the end of the week. Yay!!
- Communicating Student Learning:
 - Reports / summaries of learning came home to each family on the last day of classes before break. Please keep the report and sign / return the envelope to your teacher asap so it can be re-used for the final term
 - If you ever have any questions about your child's progress, please contact your teacher so you can ask your questions.
- Preparing for September 2022
 - Our current grade 9's have completed their meetings with Vanier and their course selection for next year
 - Next year's gr 8-9 (current gr 7 & 8) have an extra opportunity for robotics at Highland (after school 2x week). The Robotics71 STEM program is geared towards students interested in robotics and the Engineering field. The program/course is open to all Comox Valley Schools students in Grade 8 through Grade 12 and will be offered in the "Botshop" at Highland Secondary School Tuesday and Thursday afterschool from

4:00pm – 6:00pm beginning in mid September and running until June. – contact Highland for more information. You continue on as a CCS student.

- Next year's classrooms – your teachers will have a big voice in where your child goes next as they know them best as learners. We are not seeking / accepting teacher requests as it puts staff in an unprofessional position. If you have any learning needs you wish to share that your teacher may not be aware of, you are welcome to send a note to Principal erica.black@sd71.bc.ca for consideration.
- Active Travel
 - Wheelie Wednesday continues – helmets are required. Wheels should be pushed to / from the wheelie zone so non wheelied people are affected
 - Heelies – shoes with wheels integrated in them, are **not for use** during the school day. They can be used on wed, with a helmet, but are not good footwear for daily use since they are heavy and forbidden as gym shoes.
- What's new at CCS?
 - Outdoor classroom is installed, and fenced off until it is dry enough to stain the new woodwork
 - Work outside the Perseverance building (library) has included removing most of the shrubs out front to make room for new siding to be installed.
 - Gym floor at Beaufort was completely stripped and re-finished over spring break so we will enjoy many more years of use.
 - Student teachers are back for the final stretch of their practicum work. Mr. Weddell is working with Ms. Kraft, Ms. Frederici with Mrs. Thompson's class and Ms. Matkin in Ms. Ney's class
- Technology survey
 - Thank you for the participation in the personal technology survey. Thank you also for the many questions asked to your teachers or to the administration team.
 - We learned that parents have many similar concerns that staff have about unsupervised phone use.
 - Your feedback has gone back to the committee and a declaration will be made shortly about responsible phone use (or not available) during less structured times (recess / lunch, or even within the classroom use)
 - We were grateful that many of you replied with awareness of the school phone available and have some questions to investigate around how long distance phone numbers are difficult for children to call from the office phone

General news

- keep in touch with your classroom teacher if you ever have questions or concerns about day events or learning. Meetings can be booked or phone calls are easy too. Thank you for your involvement in your child's school year.
- Thank you to the many parents who have completed Driver's Abstracts and Criminal Record Checks to be volunteers for fieldtrip or sports team support. If you anticipate helping out at the end of the year, please do up your paperwork asap. Contact our school office for help with where to start

- Upcoming dates:
 - Apr 13 – cross country run @ Brooklyn (gr 4-7)
 - Apr 14 - K classes to Butterfly World – field trip
 - Apr 15 – 18 - Easter Long Weekend
 - Apr 19 – Leadership to Strathcona Park
 - Apr 19 – CCSS meeting
 - Apr 20 – Cross country run @ CCS (gr 2-7)
 - Apr 21 – PAC meeting 6pm at CCS Foods Room
 - Apr 25 – gr 8's to Strathcona Park
 - Apr 27 – Cross country run @ Ecole Au Coeur De L'île (gr 4-7)
 - Apr 28 – Indigenous Rugby introduction session (gr 6-8)