

Monday, September 10th

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for a successful week one! Despite the late season heat, students enjoyed the first week of activities and classes. Our new grade 7's transitioned seamlessly into their new environment and are in the process of mastering lockers, locks, new routines, and expectations. Our new cell phone / personal device policy was also a great success. It was refreshing to see students outside playing at recess and actively engaged in conversations during lunch. We appreciate your continued support with this initiative. Moving into week two, we have a few items to share with you.

Picture Day

Picture Day will take place Thursday, September 13th, for all students in grades 7 - 12. Even if you do not plan to purchase a package, all students will have their photo taken for the yearbook and SRB student card. Photos will be taken in the upper gym in reverse order with our grade 12 students starting the process in the morning. If your child is going to be absent in the afternoon, please have them check in with the photographer during the nutrition break.

Edge Imaging is offering a free new service. With their new photo day lookup tool at edgeimaging.ca/photoday, parents and students can register their email to receive photo day updates straight to their inbox! Not only will they receive reminders leading up to photo day, but they will also receive notifications when photo proofs and packages are ready. Also with this link, parents have access to templates and social media photos.

Photo packages were sent home last week. Please ask your child if you have not received it. Payment can be made directly to Edge Imaging on photo day or online using their website. Please do not give money to teachers or office staff. Photo retake day will be on October 10th.

Absences

If your child is absent, please contact the school before 9am. You can leave a voice message on the SRB attendance line 613 829- 5320 or email the school at srbattendance@ocdsb.ca . The SRB attendance line offers both an intermediate and high school option. We ask that you choose the correct grade panel and spell your child's last name if you are leaving a voicemail.

If your child is leaving early, please provide a written note or communicate with your child's teachers via email.

School Council

Tuesday, September 11th, is the first School Council meeting in the library from 7 - 9pm. All new members are welcome. Please park in the back and enter through the front doors. Construction has eliminated public access through the back. Elections will take place within the first 30 days of school.

Bikes

A reminder that all bikes should be locked. A metal D or U shape locked is recommended to deter thieves. New high definition cameras have been installed over the summer.

Student Concerns

Our teaching staff is working hard to meet the needs of their new students. If you have information about your child that you believe would be helpful, please email teachers directly. For students who have an IEP, (Individual Education Plan), Val Steed, our Learning Support Teacher, will be eliciting parent input over the next couple of weeks as staff develop new plans.

Important Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 11 - School Council Meeting 7 - 9pm library

Thursday, Sept. 13 - Photo day

Tuesday, Sept. 25 - Intermediate *Meet the Teacher* (additional information to be sent home)

Wednesday, Sept 26 - Speakers Series "Concussion Management" 7- 9pm SRB auditorium

Friday, Sept 28 - Orange Shirt Day

Friday, Sept. 28 - Intermediate Terry Fox Run

Monday, Oct. 1 – 3 Gr. 7 immunizations

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Friday schedule

Friday, Oct. 5 - PA day, no school

Thank you again for your ongoing support. How a wonderful week.

Regards,

Christina Gillanders

Intermediate Vice Principal