



CHEMAINUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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January 2012

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ADMINISTRATION

Semester One finishes January 27th.

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a great holiday season. As we head into 2012 we would like to remind parents that the end of Semester 1 is just around the corner. If you have any concerns about your son/daughter's progress, do not hesitate to contact the teacher's <http://www.chemainussecondary.bc.ca/Staff.html> If your child has an "I" (in progress) it is important that the work be completed in a timely fashion. Exams start on Monday, January 23rd, (see exam information at the end of this newsletter). If your child is not able to complete all the work in time for exams, please note that Wednesday, January 25th is a designated "I" day in the exam schedule. Students are expected to be in full attendance on Monday and Tuesday. Students attend on Wednesday only if "I" work needs to be completed.

As exams are fast approaching, please encourage your son/daughter to review and study so they are prepared.

Semester Two starts January 31st, 2012.

Timetables for semester 2 will be distributed this week. Should your child require a timetable change, he/she needs to make an appointment in counseling. **All course changes must be completed by February 3rd.**

DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY –XDPA-11

All grade 11 students will note a new requirement on report cards – DPA. The Ministry of Education outlines the following:
Grade 10-12 – Students must document and report a minimum of 150 minutes per week of Physical Activity, at a moderate to vigorous intensity, as part of their Grad Transitions Program.

What activities qualify?

PE 11/12, Dance 11/12, sports teams, gym memberships, fitness classes, etc. No mark is assigned until the end of Grade 12 but students need to be aware of this requirement. If you have

any questions please contact Ms. Peterson or refer to the program guide at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dpa/pdfs/program_guide.pdf

GRADE 12's (Ms. S. Peterson)

All grade 12's have now been given information about Grad Transitions (GT). GT 12 is a four credit requirement that must be completed in order for a student to graduate. No mark is assigned, students will receive a RM (requirements met) upon completion. For more information, contact Ms. Peterson or Mr. Martin. You can also check out the Ministry website:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad-transitions/>

Grad Transition Conversation Dates

January 12th - Last names starting with B F I J S V
March 6th - Last names starting with C G K M P Y
April 12th - Last names starting with D H L N W

Please encourage your son or daughter to complete this process.

<http://www.mindcheck.ca> -

New provincial resource. This website was created in order to assist young people to better understand distress they may be experiencing and to link them to sources of help that will enable them to learn skills and strategies to manage these problems. Being able to recognize symptoms and deal with them early in life increases the chances of better long-term outcomes and positive mental health across the lifespan.

Mindcheck.ca targets young people ages 13-25 years old and is designed to be youth and user friendly. It's a website where young people can check out how they're feeling and get connected to support early and quickly. It offers education materials, confidential screening tools (quizzes) for five conditions – depression, anxiety, stress,

alcohol and drug use, and psychosis. The website provides links to self help websites and information on how to access community services.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SUSPENSION OF CLASSES DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CAUSES:

In the event of **inclement weather** and the accompanying need to suspend classes, **or some other emergency situation**, please be advised of the following District policy: "The Board will endeavor to keep all schools open and in session on all regular school days throughout the year. If inclement weather or other conditions that endanger the health or safety of students prevail, the Superintendent shall make the required decision and report it to the Board Chair." The Superintendent shall make all announcements, including cancellation of bus transportation.

Announcements will be posted on the front page of the website and will be made over Radio Stations CKKQ 100.3, CBC 90.5, SUN-FM 89.7, CFAX 1070. A-Channel News will also be notified. Whenever possible, these radio announcements will be made early enough in the day to allow students to remain at home. Principals shall encourage parents to exercise their prerogative to keep their children at home should the weather present unusual hazards.

WINTER SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION NOTICE

With the winter season fast approaching, there may be times when bus routes will not be operating. The local radio stations assist us by announcing after 6:00 AM when there are cancellations or bus routes that are not operating. Information about a school or district closure will also be posted on the website at www.sd79.bc.ca.

STUDENT EVENTS/GROUPS

DANCE (Ms. Lane)

The Dance Program is excited about the upcoming **Showcase taking place on Wednesday and Thursday, January 18 & 19 (both shows start at 7pm)**. The students have been working extremely hard on both their class group dances and their own choreography that they are excited to share with friends and family after many months of practice. If you own a local business and are interested in donating a service or item to our raffle in support of the performing arts program, please get in touch with Miss Lane. We are still looking for any extra jazz shoes you may have left over from growing feet that need a new home! Please let Miss Lane know if you have any dance shoes you'd be willing to donate or sell. (slane@sd79.bc.ca). See you at the Showcase!

ISLAND FARMS UPC CODES (Ms. McMenamin)

Remember to bring in all your Island Farm "UPC" or "Barcodes" to the office. All UPC's will be returned to Island Farms and our school will be given a big cheque in return. We are hoping for at least 500 by June.

GRAD 2012 (Ms. Henry, Mr. Henry)

Grads are reminded to pay their prom fees of \$80 payable to Chemainus Secondary School

STUDENT COUNCIL (Ms. Henry, Ms. McMenamin, Ms. Lane)

Congratulations to all the students that helped out with promoting the Chemainus Dollar and to those students that baked cupcakes for Chemainus Christmas cheer. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by the school and the community.

Student Council members have planned a Cowboy spirit day for Friday, January 20. The group also discussed Valentine's chocolate sales on February 13 and 14 along with wearing red, pink and white on February 14. Some members of the group will be attending an Energy Ambassador Workshop on February 9 to discuss energy conservation and sustainability.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The Cowichan International Student Program is looking for families to host international students. If you are wondering if this cultural exchange is right for your family please contact Judy Hershman, Vice-Principal of the Cowichan International Student Program by email: jhershma@sd79.bc.ca or phone 250-746-0744.

ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS (Ms. Hittinger)

Basketball is in full swing with Chemainus Secondary running three teams. Junior Boys (coach: Mr. Easson), Junior Girls A (coach: Ms. Hittinger) and B team (coach: Beverly Bruce). Our Senior Boys team folded unfortunately due to the fact that there was not enough interest. Thanks to Jon Lefebure and Marlene Hayes for trying to get this team organized and running.

We are also running Jr. and Sr. Hockey Teams this season. Feel free to attend Home Games at Fuller Lake Arena most Tuesday's beginning at 2:20 PM. The Teams would love your support.

Thanks again to all those who are volunteering their time to coach, referee, and score-keep for Chemainus Secondary's Athletic Program. Without you we could not offer all the wonderful extra-curricular activities that take place in this school.

COUNSELLING AND CAREERS

Mr. Culbertson / Mrs. Stoochnoff

Career Planning Seminar – January 17th – 7:00 pm – CHSS Multi Purpose Room

"Students need to know how to plan now to take advantage of career opportunities of the future. The goal in my seminars is to both inspire them and give them practical suggestions they can implement right away to prepare them for exciting careers ahead". Dr. Reid has been presenting career planning seminars across Canada and the USA for over 20 years, this will be his first seminar in Chemainus. This is a great opportunity and is open to all students and their parents from grade 8 to 12. If you would like more information please contact Mr. Culbertson in the counseling office.

Visit www.careerwiseonline.com for more information.

Bursaries and Scholarships (Mr. Martin)

Application forms and an Information Booklet will be handed out to all Grade 12 students this week during a bursary/scholarship information session. As in past years nearly \$60,000 will be awarded to local graduating students this upcoming year. However, in order to be eligible for any of this money, students must prepare an organized and complete application package. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to work together with their son/daughter to get this package organized and ready. Please contact Mr. Martin if you have any questions regarding the bursary/scholarship application process.

PARENT GROUPS

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (Laurie Douglas)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This is your year to come to PAC meetings...they are usually quite short, fun, and you get to help us spend some money. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Jan 24th at 7 pm in the library. Or, if there's a political side to you -- why not attend our Small Schools Task Force meetings? These meetings hopefully will shape the future of education locally in our very own school, but it's a work in progress. We always welcome anyone with new ideas or even beefs --we can take it!

BIG THANKS to the Food students as well as the staff who took part in the very 1st Annual Turkey Lunch. What a nice idea!

Our Regal Fundraiser for online shopping is still running, so check it out for Spring shopping too.
www.cspac.shopregal.ca

We'd like to thank Molly Kelly for ALL SHE HAS DONE for our students and school as she officially quietly retired in December. We wish her a very happy retirement! Ms Kelly was, in fact, my Home Economic teacher back in the 80's. Wow. She was a thrifty teacher, who would always feel badly for asking for new gadgets and tea towels for her classroom until we would just GIVE her the okay to spend money.

Are you on Facebook? We can add you to our page for up to date reminders and info. Search Chemainus

Secondary PAC and I would be happy to add you.

See you on the 24th!

DRY GRAD 2012 (Janet Evans)

Cruise tickets are available for sale. For tickets please contact Katheryn Boureau at 250-246-2066 or on announcements at school. This is our biggest fundraiser so we really need to sell these tickets. The booth is being set up at Chemainus Foods in February. We need student volunteers. Please sign up on Grad board.

Wood cutting on Saturday and Sunday January 14th and 15th. Location is 3055 River road (across from Chemainus Garden RV). Please park in the driveway. Time is 8:30 am until we finish. We will be splitting, stacking and delivering ten cords. We have already sold all of the wood. Please dress for working with boots, gloves etc. Bring water. For more information call Janet Evans at 250-246-3053

Bottle Drive on February 12th at Crofton Elementary school 11am until 3pm. We have an account at Ladysmith Bottle Depot if you wish to take them there directly they will credit our account. Just tell them Chemainus Secondary Dry Grad 2012. We need students and parents to help sort and deliver.

Pasta Dinner being organized at Crofton Hall for March 3rd. We are asking the grads to participate in serving and the live auction. The live auction we are wanting students to donate time for working at a home. The work can be what they suggest on a card. This will be auctioned off live. We are also asking for donations for items for auction purposes. We are in need of help to make this large event successful. The tickets will be available soon. Listen for the announcements. This is a family style events so we hope that your families will attend.

For the night of Dry Grad we need a person to be in charge of the food. We have yet to have a volunteer for this. This is a vital part of the evening. Please call Janet Evans at 250-246-3053 for more information.

All information for the students is posted on the Grad Board in the hall at school. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

DUNCAN DYNAMICS GYMNASTICS – TUMBLE TRIAL

Take a tumble trial with our evening drop in sessions.

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings. Adults welcome too.

For more information, please contact Jackie at: 250-746-0193 or duncandynamics@shaw.ca



**Cowichan Valley Football Association
Players Wanted For Spring Season**

- Gear Provided
- Low Cost
- Financial Assistance Options

www.cowichanfootball.com

Chemainus Secondary School
Semester 1 Final Exam Week
January 23 – 27, 2012
Information for Students and Parents

Please review the following information as it relates to the end of Semester 1 exam preparation and final exam procedures.

- The final day of classes for Semester 1 is Tuesday, January 24, 2012.
- If you are writing a Provincial Exam (ENG 12, SS11, SC10, ENG 10, MA10), review the schedule and highlight the date, time and location of your exam.
- In-class exams will occur in your regularly scheduled class on January 23rd and January 24th. Confirm your class times with your teacher.
- All students are required to write their final exams at the designated time and place unless other arrangements have been made.
- Prepare (study) by reviewing all material that has been identified by your teacher. Review with classmates (study group) and parents.
- Be properly nourished and get plenty of rest the night before.
- Arrive at the school at least 20 minutes prior to exam time.
- Bring – pencils, pens, erasers and calculators.
- **Return ALL textbooks and library books. You will be charged for any books not returned and will not be issued any new textbooks until your account is settled.**
- Before or after an exam, be considerate of other students who may be writing exams by keeping the noise level low both inside and outside the building. The library will be open for students that are excused early from their in-class exams.
- Students are to attend on January 25th, 26th, or 27th if they are writing an exam that day or have arranged to get assistance from a teacher. Students will be asked to leave on these days if they are not in an exam, preparing for an exam, or working with a teacher.
- The Multi-Purpose room will be off limits at lunchtime from Tuesday to Friday of exam week.
- Listen to and read all exam instructions. Be thorough on all of your answers. Review your completed exam before you hand it in.
- Students must stay in the Provincial Examination room a minimum of 60 minutes. You have up to 180 minutes to complete the Provincial exam.
- Buses will continue to run on the normal schedule from January 23 – 26th. There will be no buses on Friday January 27th.
- Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, February 3rd.
- Provincial exam results can be accessed through the following website:
<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tswstudent/welcome.jps>

We will see you back at school on Monday, January 30, 2012.

Mike Martin
Vice-Principal

Monday, Jan 23	Tuesday, Jan 24	Wednesday, Jan 25	Thursday, Jan 26	Friday, Jan 27
<p>PERIOD 1</p> <p>All Classes in session IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 11 - Cave • CH12 - Manhas 	<p>PERIOD 2</p> <p>All Classes in session 8:50AM Math 10 Provincial (multi-purpose rm)</p> <p>IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fds8 – McMenamin • Ma9E – Baker • Ma9 – Henry 	<p>Exam Conflict Day / “I” Day</p> <p>8:50AM English 10 Provincial (multi-purpose rm)</p>	<p>Turnaround Day / “I” Day</p> <p>8:50AM English 12 Provincial (multi-purpose rm)</p>	<p>Turnaround Day / “I” Day</p> <p>NO BUSES</p>
<p>PERIOD 2</p> <p>All Classes in session IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ma 11 - Henry 	<p>PERIOD 1</p> <p>All Classes in session IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr 8 – Bayley • Fr 8 - McClure • Pace 8 – Hittinger • Fds 11/12 – McMenamin • En 11 – Cave • Ch 12 – Manhas • Earth Sc - Peterson 	<p>Note : Students with “I”s report to school to finish assignments.</p>	<p>Note: Students with “I”s report to school to finish assignments.</p>	<p>Note: Students with “I”s report to school to finish assignments</p>
Lunch Break				
<p>PERIOD 3</p> <p>All Classes in session IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • En 8 – Bayley • Sc 8 – Manhas • En 9 - Cave • SS 9 – Wall 	<p>PERIOD 4</p> <p>All Classes in session IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • En 8 – Cave • Sc 8 – Manhas • En 9 - Bayley • SS 10 – Blogg • Bi 11 – Baker 	<p>12:00PM SS 11 Provincial (multi-purpose rm)</p>	<p>12:00PM Science 10 Provincial (multi-purpose rm)</p>	
<p>PERIOD 4</p> <p>All Classes in session IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • En 8 – Cave • Sc 8 – Manhas • SS 9 – Ruest • En 9 - Cave • Ma12 – Henry 	<p>PERIOD 3</p> <p>All Classes in session IN-CLASS EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • En 8 – Bayley • Ma 8 – Henry • Sc 8 – Manhas • Fds 9/10 – McMenamin • En 9 - Cave • Bi 11 – Baker • Auto11/12 – Ahola • Hist 12 - Ruest 			

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3, 2012	Classes resume
January 11	PLC Early Dismissal – 1:34 pm
January 13	Semester 2 timetable distribution
January 17,	Career Planning Seminar for students and parents – 7:00 – 8:15 pm
January 18,	Dance Performance – 7:00 pm
January 19	Dance Performance – 7:00 pm
January 24	PAC meeting – 7:00 pm - Library
January 23 – 27	Exams – see schedule attached
January 26 – 27	Grad Photo Retakes
January 30	Semester 2 begins
February 3	Report Cards issued
February 6	Pro D Day (no school)