

QUESNEL
JUNIOR
SCHOOL

QJS News

LOCATED ON THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE LHTAKO DENE, WHERE WE LIVE, LAUGH
AND LEARN THE WAY OF OUR NATIONS WITH
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, COOPERATION, AND KINDNESS.

WHAT IS UP QJS

Important Parking Lot Message:

For the safety and convenience of everyone, please use the designated parent drive-thru lane when picking up students at the end of the day. The staff parking lot should not be used for student pick-up, as we have staff members who need to leave promptly for other job commitments. As an alternative, you may park at Maple Park Mall or on a nearby side street and have your child walk to meet you.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our dismissal process safe and efficient!



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

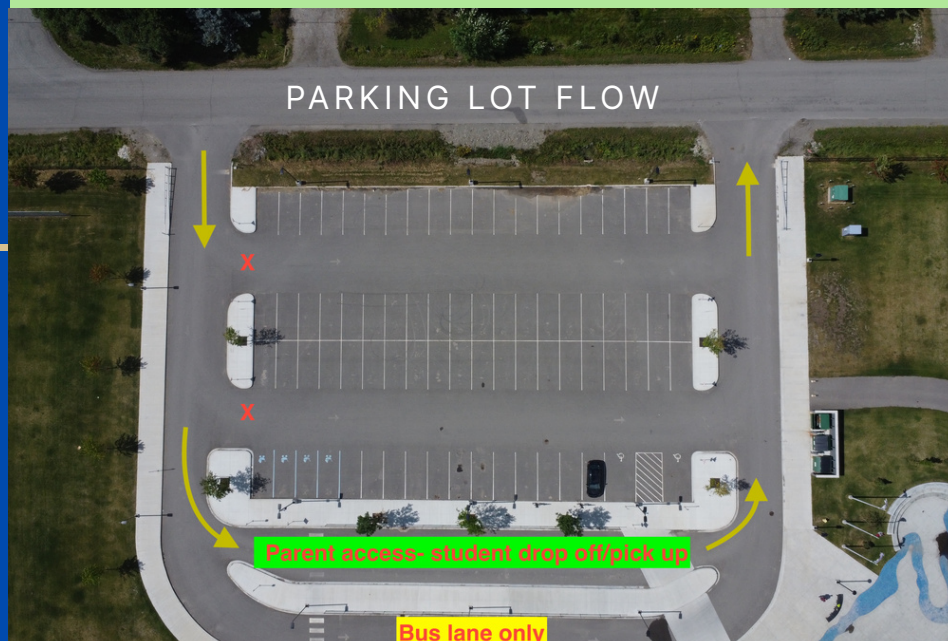


QJS - CONTACT US

Do you know about something going on?
Please let us know. We work with families and
students to resolve issues.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

AFTER A LONG SUMMER, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL STUDENTS TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR. WE ARE EXCITED TO BUILD CONNECTIONS WITH OUR GRADE 8'S AND NEW GRADE 9S AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPANDING OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR RETURNING STUDENTS WHO ARE NOW IN GRADE 9.

CLASS PLACEMENT

AS WE START THE SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE PLACE STUDENTS FROM ACROSS ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. WE REALIZE THAT, IN MANY CASES, YOUR CHILD/STUDENT WILL NOT BE IN A HOMEROOM WITH THEIR BEST FRIENDS. WE ASK THAT STUDENTS TAKE TIME TO SETTLE INTO THEIR CLASSES AND GET TO KNOW THEIR CLASSMATES, DESPITE HAVING THE URGE TO SWITCH HOMEROOMS TO BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS. IT'S EXPECTED THAT SOME STUDENTS FEEL ANXIOUS BECAUSE THEY'RE IN A NEW SCHOOL WITH DIFFERENT SYSTEMS AND SOME UNFAMILIAR FACES, BUT WE KNOW THAT YOUTH ARE RESILIENT AND PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THEM.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

CREATING CALM, SAFE, AND PRODUCTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IS A PRIORITY FOR OUR SCHOOL AND OUR DISTRICT. AS PART OF THE QJS RIVERHAWK COMMUNITY, WE EXPECT RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATION, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN LEARNING ACTIVITIES, AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT POSITIVELY SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CULTURE. WE WILL WORK TO TEACH STUDENTS ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS AND STRIVE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO GROW, LEARN AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

SUCCESS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL IS LARGELY GROUNDED IN REGULAR ATTENDANCE, ENGAGEMENT IN CLASS AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS. AS CURRICULUM BECOMES MORE COMPLEX AT THIS LEVEL, IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE TIME AT HOME TO STAY CAUGHT UP WITH ASSIGNMENTS OR STUDY FOR TESTS.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, IF ISSUES ARISE OVER THE YEAR, WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN AND HELP. PLEASE FEEL OPEN TO REACH OUT TO TEACHERS REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING NEEDS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT CLASSROOM RELATED TOPICS, OR CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH, PEER CONCERNS AND MORE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL, CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING AND FOOTBALL WILL ALL BE KICKING OFF IN THE FALL. STUDENTS, PLEASE LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTEND MEETINGS TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING A TEAM.

TEAMS ARE AN EXCELLENT AND HEALTHY WAY TO LEARN SKILLS, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, CLEAR YOUR MIND AND GET ACTIVE.



THURSDAY AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10- FULL DAY GRADES 8 AND 9

GRADE 9S: CHECK IN AT WELCOME TABLES ON THE STAGE TO PICK UP SCHEDULES AND LOCKER INFO. AFTER THE BELL, ALL GRADE 9S WILL MEET AT THE LEARNING STAIRS FOR A QUICK REMINDER ABOUT THE SCHOOL SCHEDULE, CLASSES AND EXPECTATIONS. AFTER THE MEETING, THEY WILL ATTEND THEIR REGULAR CLASSES. **BRING STUDENT FEES (\$35)**

GRADE 8S – HEAD TO REGULAR THURSDAY CLASSES AT THE FIRST BELL. USE THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED TODAY AND FOLLOW YOUR THURSDAY ORDER.

BUSSES:

BUSSES ARE RUNNING THEIR NEW ROUTES (+/- 10 MINUTES).

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE BUS GARAGE OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS. ALSO, PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD/STUDENT TO USE THEIR BUS PASS IF THEY HAVE THEM.

ROUTES AND SCHEDULES ARE POSTED ON THE **DISTRICT** WEBSITE.

·DON'T FORGET TO BRING A SNACK AND A LUNCH

SCHOOL FEES

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE MANY, MANY FAMILIES THAT BROUGHT IN THEIR STUDENT FEES ON THE FIRST DAY! WE THINK WE SET A RECORD FOR THE MOST PAYMENTS ON THE FIRST DAY.

OUR SCHOOL FEES ARE \$35 AND PAYABLE IN CASH OR CHEQUE AT THE OFFICE. THE FUNDS GO TOWARD FIELDTRIPS, PERFORMANCES, GUEST SPEAKERS, LOCK REPLACEMENTS, AWARDS AND MORE.

A FEW THINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT:

PE CLASSES WILL BE GOING OFF-SITE ON SEPTEMBER 14TH TO LEARN OUR TERRY FOX ROUTE. THIS OUTING WILL BE RAIN OR SHINE, SO PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD/STUDENT HAS ADEQUATE CLOTHING. WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING SMALL DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION AND CANCER RESEARCH. IF EVERY STUDENT CONTRIBUTED A TOONIE, WE COULD RAISE OVER \$800. WE WILL START ACCEPTING DONATIONS SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

NON-MARKING SHOES IS ESSENTIAL FOR PE. BOOTS, CROCS, FLIP FLOPS AND OTHER SIMILAR FOOTWEAR ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING PE CLASS. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE A PAIR OF SHOES, IDEALLY RUNNING SHOES.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

CELL PHONES, AIR PODS, SMARTWATCHES ETC ARE ALL CONSIDERED PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND ARE TO BE KEPT IN LOCKERS DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIMES AND TRANSITION TIMES BUT ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED APPROPRIATELY AT LUNCH, BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL. ARGUMENTS OR MISUSE OF THESE DEVICES WILL BE FOLLOWED UP WITH APPROPRIATE CONSEQUENCES

WE ARE THE RIVERHAWKS

AT QJS WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO FEEL A SENSE OF PRIDE BEING A 'RIVERHAWK'. OUR TEAMS ARE FULL OF GRIT AND DEDICATION AND OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT CAN SHRED MUSICAL PERFORMANCES WITH THE LIKES OF NIRVANA, RADIO HEAD MANY OTHER GREAT ARTISTS. WE WILL BE POSTING SOME LINKS SOON FOR SOME QJS RIVERHAWKS SCHOOL SWAG. STAY TUNED!

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September

9 - GRADE 8 ORIENTATION (EARLY DISMISSAL)

10- FIRST FULL DAY -ALL STUDENTS

22- SCHOOL PHOTOS

24 - TERRY FOX RUN

30- NO SCHOOL - NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

October

5 - WORLD TEACHER DAY

12 - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING

15- PHOTO RETAKES

23 - NO SCHOOL - PRO -D DAY