

Sept. 17, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

**Welcome to Meet the Teacher, Thursday September 23, 2021**

For many parent/guardians it has been a while since you have had the opportunity to be inside Claremont. We are looking forward to opening our doors for this and seeing some of you in the building. We will be breaking this evening into two portions. The first will be a short presentation with your Admin team in the gym and will have a limited capacity of 150 in attendance from 5:30 - 5:50 pm. The second will be an opportunity for parents/guardians to move through their child's timetable from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

To enter the building you **must be in good health and wear a mask at all times**. Please remember to have a copy of your child's timetable or take a photo of it on your phone and speak to them about location of their classrooms. We will have signage posted and helpers to direct you if needed.

At 5:30 pm the Claremont Admin Team will meet those parents of grade 9 or 10 students who feel comfortable entering the gym for a brief presentation. We are asking only one parent/guardian per family. If you wish to attend this session please sign up using this [LINK](#) as we are required to collect names and contact info of those who enter the building. The first 150 to sign up will be the maximum for this event after which point the link will close. If you are not able to join us for this portion we encourage you to still come and meet your student's teachers for the rest of the evening.

At 6:00 pm, parent/guardian (one per family) from all grade levels are welcome to meet their child's teacher following the schedule below. Health and Safety requires that parents and/or community members who enter our building or classroom must register their name and contact information and only come if feeling healthy. In addition there will be a capacity limit of 14 visitors per room. In the event there are more than 14 visitors, the 20 minute blocks of time will be split into two ten minute visits with the teacher. Those in the second half will remain out in the hallway and will be invited into the classroom once the first session is complete. The purpose of this night is for teachers to share a brief course overview, identify most effective means of communication, and to answer general questions. Parent and guardians who want specific information about their child will need to arrange a separate appointment with the teacher. [School Map](#).

- 5:30 - 5:50 Parent/Guardian Welcome message from Admin. In Big Gym, max. 150
- 5:50 - 6:00 Move to or arrive for block 1
- 6:00 - 6:20 Block 1 (possibly two 10 minute sessions)
- 6:20 - 6:25 Move to block 2
- 6:25 - 6:45 Block 2 (possibly two 10 minute sessions)
- 6:45 - 6:50 Move to block 3
- 6:50 - 7:10 Block 3 (possibly two 10 minute sessions)
- 7:10 - 7:15 Move to block 4
- 7:15 - 7:35 Block 4 (possibly two 10 minute sessions)
- 7:35 - 7:40 Move to AM/PM classes
- 7:40 - 8:00 AM & PM Classes ( Band, Musical Theatre, Stage Craft, Basketball...

**PAC Meeting:** Our first PAC meeting is set for **Tues, Sept.21 at 7:00pm**. This will be a virtual TEAMS (Microsoft platform) meeting for those who wish to join. Please see the following [link](#) for instructions on how to join the meeting. If you plan on attending please RSVP Mr. Westhaver by email and he will send you the link to join [pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca](mailto:pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca) Some of the agenda items include; meet your new PAC Executive, Admin updates, PAC chair report, treasures report, etc.. We hope to see you there and appreciate your support.

**Vandalism:** This past week a number of washrooms have been vandalised at Claremont, as was the same at other High Schools. Soap dispensers torn away from walls, signage taken off doors, toilet paper removed and tossed... It appears this string of vandalism has been prompted through social media. This has been very upsetting in our first couple of weeks. We need this to stop, and hope families can discuss how needless these behaviour are in a school we should all be proud of attending.

**Fee Payment in Saanich School District Just Got Easier:** In an effort to reduce time, money, and paper waste, parents now have the option to pay their children's fees securely online. Payments can be made by Visa, Visa Debit, Mastercard and Mastercard Debit. To sign up, please visit the District Website [www.sd63.bc.ca](http://www.sd63.bc.ca) and look under Parents & Students, and then select Pay School Fees Online.

**Mental Health & Wellbeing Snapshot:** At Claremont we are continuing to support positive mental health and social-emotional learning for our students. Please find linked the [September Snapshot - Managing Stress and Adapting to Change \(Students and Parents\)](#).

Sincerely,

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