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# **COMMUNITY UPDATE!**

**September 10, 2021** 

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# Building Resiliency through Self-Regulation, Hope, & Belonging

## Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our first **Community Update** of the school year. This newsletter is intended to share:

- ♦ Important school information and calendar dates
- Student learning experiences
- School initiatives and opportunities

Our newsletter will be posted on our website and emailed out to our school community every **TWO weeks**. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable!!!

## This Week at School...

We welcomed all of our new students! What a great group! It has been beneficial to meet with them, learn a little bit about them and get everyone settled into the school year. We are looking forward to working with <u>all of our students</u> in the weeks ahead.

# School Updates...

- We have had some staffing changes in late August. Please see the list to the right for the most updated information. We are still working to solidify an afternoon Math Teacher, Youth Care Worker and Aboriginal Youth Worker.
- I'd like to welcome Jennifer Brooks to our school community.
   Jennifer will be taking on the English/Art and Indigenous
   Graduate Advocate position.

# **PAC PARENTS NEEDED!!!**

We are looking for two or more parents who would be willing to support our school. This is not a big commitment at all! Please contact Janice (Principal) or Denine (Secretary) if you are interested in helping us out. 604-536-0550





## STAFFING UPDATE

# Daytime Staff

Denine Keogh Secretary
Gurj Gill Counsellor

Harmale Sangha Teacher—ADST, Career, Active Living
Jamie Huisman Teacher—Science, Math, Active Living

Janice Smith Principal

Jennifer Brooks Teacher—English, Art, Indigenous

Katie Wong Support Worker Lesley Williams Support Worker

Rory Brown Teacher—Socials, Community, Co-op

Susan Martin Career Facilitator
Tina Bishop District Attendant

Victoria Laan Teacher (mornings)—Math, Foods

# **Evening Staff**

Ann-Katrin Linder Teacher—English, Socials

Lesley Williams Support Worker

Misha D'Sousa Teacher—Math, Science

## Looking forward...

- ♦ September 13—Returning & Evening Students—first day
- ♦ September 27—Non-Instructional Day
- ♦ September 30—National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- ♦ October 11—Thanksgiving Holiday
- ♦ October 22—Non-Instructional Day
- ♦ October 27—Picture Day

### **Included in this Newsletter:**

- ♦ School Bell Schedule
- ♦ School Calendar
- School Fee Information/Collection
- Expectations for a Safe & Welcoming School

## SCHOOL FEES

School fess can be paid at the office by cheque or cash.
Student Fee \$25.00
Refundable Book Deposit \$50.00

THANK YOU in advance!!!!





# South Surrey White Rock Learning Centre Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	AM Student Blocks	AM Student Blocks	AM Student Blocks	AM Student Blocks	
8:40 - 9:40	Block 1	Block 1	Block 1	Block 1	Friday School 8:40 – 11:45
9:40 - 10:35	Block 2	Block 2	Block 2	Block 2	Individual Study Time
10:35 -	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	Targeted
10:45	10 MIN.	10 MIN.	10 MIN.	10 MIN.	Support
10:45 - 11:45	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3	with Support Team
11:45 - 12:25	LUNCH 40 MIN.	LUNCH 40 MIN.	LUNCH 40 MIN.	LUNCH 40 MIN.	
	PM Student Blocks	PM Student Blocks	PM Student Blocks	PM Student Blocks	
12:25 - 1:25	Block 4	Block 4	Block 4	Block 4	
1:25 - 2:20	Block 5	Block 5	Block 5	Block 5	
2:20	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	
2:20					

EVENING CLASSES: Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

# ~ South Surrey/White Rock Learning Centre School Calendar ~ 2021-2022

Office Opens for Registrations/Inquiries	August 31
School Opens	_
	September 7
First Day for New Students	September 8
First Day for Returning Students	September 13
First Evening Class	September 13
Non-Instructional Day – no classes	September 27
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30
Thanksgiving Day Holiday	October 11
Non-Instructional Day – no classes	October 22
Go Card Pictures	October 27
Graduation Assessment	November 2 - 5
Remembrance Day Holiday	November 11
Non-Instructional Day – no classes	November 12
End of Term 1 – Formal Report Card #1 to follow	November 12
Early Dismissal – Student Interim Day/Parent Conferences	November 18
Last Day of Classes before Winter Break	December 17
Winter Break	December 20 − December 31 <sup>st</sup>
School Reopens after Winter Break	January 3
End of Term 2 – Formal Report Card #2 to follow	January 28
Graduation Assessments	January 24 – 28
Family Day Holiday	February 21
Non-Instructional Day – no classes	February 25
Last Day of Classes before Spring Break	March 11
Spring Break	March 14 - 18
District School Closure Days	March 21 - 25
School Reopens after Spring Break	March 28
Good Friday – Classes Not in Session	April 15
Easter Monday – Classes Not in Session	April 18
End of Term 3 – Formal Report Card #3 to follow	April 14
Early Dismissal - Student Interim Day/Parent Conferences	April 21
Graduation Assessments	April 25 – 29
Non-Instructional Day – no classes	May 6
Victoria Day Holiday	May 23
Non-Instructional Day – no classes	May 30
Year End Celebration & Graduation	June 9
Graduation Assessments	June 13 - 17
Last Day of Regular Classes – End of Term 4	June 16
Completion Days	June 20 - 21
Formal Report #4	June 23
Administrative Day and School Closed	June 24
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# School Fees and Optional Enhancements to Programs\*

\*\*\*School Fees for 2021 - 2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of COVID-19

# South Surrey/White Rock Learning Centre

Basic student fee	Student Activity Fee	\$25
Deposit for texts or learning resources (fully refundable upon return)		\$50
Itemized Student Activity Fee:		
<ul> <li>Student Go Cards/Planners</li> </ul>		\$5.00
<ul> <li>Learning Centre Athletics (tournaments/sporting ac</li> </ul>	tivities)	\$5.00
<ul> <li>Learning Centre Student Events</li> </ul>		\$7.50
<ul> <li>Year End Celebration / Graduation</li> </ul>		\$7.50

<sup>\*</sup>A full description of fees and enhancements is available.



# **South Surrey White Rock Learning Centre**

Self Regulation, Hope & Belonging - Expectations for a Safe and Welcoming School

The South Surrey White Rock Learning Centre is a welcoming and safe community for all students and staff. As in any community, people must work together with cooperation and understanding. This document has been developed to ensure the safe and successful operation of our school.

Our common purpose at the South Surrey White Rock Learning Centre is to acquire knowledge, develop skills, develop positive attitudes towards learning, be responsible citizens and respect the rights and property of others. To this end, students can demonstrate the attributes of a responsible member of this community by adhering to the following expectations while under the jurisdiction of the school, travelling to and from school, at school, or while at any school sponsored function.

- 1. **Respect**: for the school, for personal property, and for each other regardless of race, religion, gender, age or sexual orientation. SSWRLC is a LGBTQ safe and inclusive space. All members of the SSWRLC community are responsible for their words, decisions, and actions. All violations will be dealt with appropriately.
- 2. **Bullying, Discrimination, Harassment, Violence:** SSWRLC is a community that is free of behaviours that cause others harm physically, psychologically and/or emotionally. Infractions will be dealt with appropriately.
- 3. **Drugs, Alcohol, Weapons, Replica Weapons**: students under the influence, in possession of drugs, alcohol, and/or weapons will be disciplined.
- 4. **Attendance**: please contact the school to report any absences; a parent/guardian is required to excuse absences. Appropriate strategies will be implemented to help address chronic absenteeism.
- 5. **Punctuality**: students are required to attend on time. Students who are excessively late (more than ½ hour) may be required to make up time or adjust their schedule. If you have a legitimate reason for being late, please have a parent/guardian call in to excuse the late arrival or call ahead to advise the secretary you will be late.
- 6. **Leaving School Property:** students are expected to remain on school property during the Morning and Afternoon Break.
- 7. **School Attire:** students are asked to dress in a manner that is safe, respectful, and considerate of others. Dress to be appropriate for public school; beach wear is not appropriate for school. If clothing is questionable appropriate strategies will be used to address the situation.

# 8. Technology:

**Music -** You are welcome to listen to your own music, as long as it does not interfere with your own or other's work.

**Computer/iPad** – school computers and iPads are to be used for school/educational related activities. School devices are not to be used for social networking.

**Cell Phones** – can be used to do research, document, collaborate and create. They are not to be used for gaming or social media/networking during instructional time, without teacher permission. Students not willing to comply may be asked to turn their phone in to the office.



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# **Policies & Procedures**

**Attendance** – there is a direct relationship between school attendance and school achievement. Attendance is closely monitored. Special arrangements can be made for students who are working while attending school; continuous unexcused absences will result in a school placement review.

**Punctuality** – Students are expected to arrive to school on time. It is the student's responsibility to make sure they are punctual. Parents/guardians are asked to call the school if their child is unable to arrive on time. Too, permission from a parent/guardian is required for students who need to leave class prior to dismissal.

**Goal Checks** – Students will collaborate regularly with their teachers and the counsellor and/or the Career Facilitator regarding their educational goals and Graduation Plan. Weekly assignment and achievement records may also be discussed. With the support of staff, students monitor their progress and discuss and/or implement strategies to address barriers which may interfere/prevent them from successfully fulfilling their goals.

**Homework** – Yes! Homework might be necessary if a student hopes to complete the course/program within a reasonable time period. Goal setting is important! You will have all the help you need, however, students who are not progressing and/or achieving a minimum standard will need to review their goals and plans.

**Assessment & Reporting** – Parent/guardian interviews with staff may be arranged at any time throughout the year. Parents can contact the school via phone, email, or text to set up appointments. Formal Parent Conferences happen twice a year (fall and spring).

# Note:

To meet the different needs of students enrolled in the program, the learning centre has the flexibility to provide a more individualized/student centred program. However, the program does require personal self-discipline. Students must work to demonstrate work habits and a rate of achievement that is reasonable yet challenging. Students not achieving at a positive rate, will require a placement review.

# Safe & Welcoming Community

Each learning centre is a small community of individuals, where we work together in cooperation and understanding. All members of our community are expected to contribute to the positive culture of the school by being kind, considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others.



Have a great weekend!