

SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We made it to summer but what a strange year this has been. Thank you again for all your support through the last couple of months as you juggled family, work, and life responsibilities to support your child(ren) with online learning. As I write this, we really do not know what September will look like. We may return to a combination of online and in-class instruction. Please follow updates from the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Office during the summer to be better informed for the resumption of school in September. We will of course send out information in August to let you know the plan as well.

We are very appreciative of all the staff who have worked together this year to support students. Unfortunately, we are often in the situation of having to say goodbye to a few people each June and this year is no different.

Ms. Alison Joe has worked to support student learning in Division 6 this year and we thank her for her commitment to the students and the school.

Mr. Andre van Vliet has been filling in for Ms. Marshall for her family leave. We thank him for his efforts and contribution to the school this year. We are also pleased to inform you that he has accepted an ongoing position at the school starting in September and will be returning as a permanent member of our staff.

Mrs. Mary Cottrell has worked at Sexsmith for more than 20 years supporting the learning of a generation of Sexsmith students. Her passion for education and her caring for the welfare of each of her students has been visible to all who work with her. Mary has decided to retire this year and on behalf of the entire community we want to extend thanks for her service and wish her all the best.

A special thank you to our PAC for all they do to support the school. This has been a transition year with a new executive led by Chris Brown. We deeply appreciate all the extra time and effort Chris and the rest of the PAC put in to support programs at the school. Thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered in the school and contributed to making Sexsmith a great place to learn.

To our grade 7 graduates, thank you for being excellent role models and for all that you did to help in the school. The last few months have been hard for you but know that we appreciate each one of you and wish you all the best as you embark on your secondary school journey.

To all the students who are leaving Sexsmith, good luck with your studies and thank you for being part of our school.

On behalf of the staff, I want to wish you a wonderful summer filled with rest, friendship, family, and of course fun!

IMPORTANT: Notice of Late Return

A reminder to parents that if you are planning a late return to Sexsmith in the fall, after Tuesday September 8, you must fill in the "Notice of Late Return 2020 Form" available from the office and attached to this email. If you do not indicate a late return and do not show up by noon on Wednesday September 9, 2020 the spot, we are saving for your child will be given to the next person on the waitlist, if necessary.

General School Fees and school calendar (attached)

Please take note of the 2020-21 School fees letter and school calendar attached to this email.

PAC Gift Card Fundraiser

Gift cards are the perfect gift but can also be used to pay for things that you would have used cash for **and** you can help support your child's school when you buy one!

Shop from the comfort of your home when you purchase gift cards through Fundscrip, and **Sexsmith** will receive a percentage of the gift card sale.

Choose from over 100 popular retailers like **Toys R Us**, **Gap**, **Cineplex**, **Metropolis at Metrotown** etc.

Please use this link: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR>

Tentative Important Dates in September (specifics to be confirmed in late August)

Tues. Sept. 8	First Day of School for students in grades 1-7 (9-10am students return to last year's classes)
Tues. Sept. 8	Gradual entry begins for new kindergarten students (see emailed information)
Wed. Sept. 9	First Full day of school for students in grades 1-7 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Wed. Sept. 16	First full day of school for kindergarten students (9:00 am-3:00pm)
Thurs. Sept. 24	Terry Fox Run – tentative – will be confirmed in September
Fri. Sept. 25	Professional Development Day – no school for students

Please check our website sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca for the regularly updated school calendar