

NEWSLETTER

JL Crowe ... where your education is waiting for your discovery!

Principal's Message

Welcome to and welcome back to JL Crowe.

I would like to welcome Ms. Eggert, Mrs. Ferraro, Mr. Garlinge, Ms. Hammond, Mrs. Jago, Ms. K oric, Mr. Mason, Ms. Martin, Mrs. Peebles, Ms. Starzner, Mr. Verhoeven and Mrs. Winston.

It was great to see all the new grade 8 students and their families drop by on Thursday afternoon. Taking a tour through the school, setting up lockers, meeting friends and staff tru ly helps with the transition from summer time to school time. Thank you for the parents who attended our "New Parents to JL Crowe" presentation. Your feedback is always valued. School start-up is a busy time. We have had an influx of new students so our counsellors are wo rking diligently on student schedules. Please email Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Waterstreet for schedule queries.

A reminder to all students that Tuesday will be a shortened day. Homeroom will begin a t 8:38 am and the school will end at 11:08 pm. Busses will be running on the modified times.

Please keep informed by reading our monthly newsletter or visit our website. Thank you for being part of the JL Crowe family.

A McKenzie Principal

School and Student Timetables - Challenges, Changes and Updates

Tuesday, September 4th is a shortened day. Students will attend from 8:38 am – 11:08 am. Buses will run accordingly. Homerooms will be posted in the commons area. Students will pick up their timetables and demographic verification form in their homerooms. We request that demographic verification forms be reviewed, updated and returned by Thurs day, September 6th.

Information about how to report student absences is attached on a separate document.



September Month

September 4: School Starts

September 4: Grade 8 Exploratory Rotation 1 Starts

September 4: Term Electives

Rotation 1 Starts

September 7: Photo Day

September 12: Grade Meetings

September 12: Newsletter

September 21: School-Based

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School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday, September 7. Orders are placed online. Detailed information will be provided at a later date.

The professional photographer will be returning on Thursday, October 4 for student photo retakes.

Retakes must be prepaid. Retake envelopes may be picked up at the office.

OCTOBER DATES

October 4 / Photo Retakes

October 8 | Thanksgiving Day Stat

Demographic Information

We require student demographic information such as email addresses, phone numbers and mailing addresses, etc. to be kept up to date for student safety, report card distribution and attendance reasons. Please send the demographic verification sheet back to the school by September 6th. You can update this information throughout the school year by telephoning the school at 250.368.5591.

Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy

Parents are reminded to return to the office a completed "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act" form found on our website under Info for Parents, if your intention is to restrict the use of personal information on your child that may not be directly related to education. Examples include restricting photos during student activities that may be shown on the school's monitors, in newsletters or in the yearbook.

The school will assume that parents' consent is given unless a form is returned to the office.

Bus Passes

Only registered riders are permitted to board the school bus. Each registered bus rider will be issued a bus pass in the form of a hard plastic card which is carried by the student. This pass must be presented each time the student boards and departs the school bus. Upon entering or leaving the school bus, the students tap their passes against a reader which logs the time, date, and GPS location of the scan. The information is then securely transmitted to a password protected website which School District administrators can access. This information is used both as a safety feature to track missing children, as a passenger list in case of emergency, as well as compile data to be used by the district to find efficiencies in our bus routes. Bus Passes will be made available to students registered for transportation in September. There will be a \$10 fee for the replacement of lost bus passes.

To register for bussing go online to the Kootenay-Columbia School District's website <u>www.sd20.bc.ca</u> follow the transportation link to the bus registration form. Also check out the following information. <u>Notes for parents</u>

School Fees

JL Crowe continues to strive to provide the best education we can for all of our students. School fees support our ability to provide resources and materials for our students. Please pay student fees as soon as possible.

At JL Crowe no student will be denied access to programs, services or educational opportunities provided by the school because of financial need. Parents, caregivers or families needing financial aid (payment of school/district fees, field-trips, school supplies, etc.) are asked to contact the Principal or Vice Principals of the school to discuss the circumstances and make arrangements so that the student(s) has equal access to all the educational opportunities offered through the school. All information given/discussed will be kept confidential.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cash and cheques are accepted but please feel free to use the interac option by way of debit or credit card payment by telephoning 250.368.5591, ext. 187.

Fees Sheet

