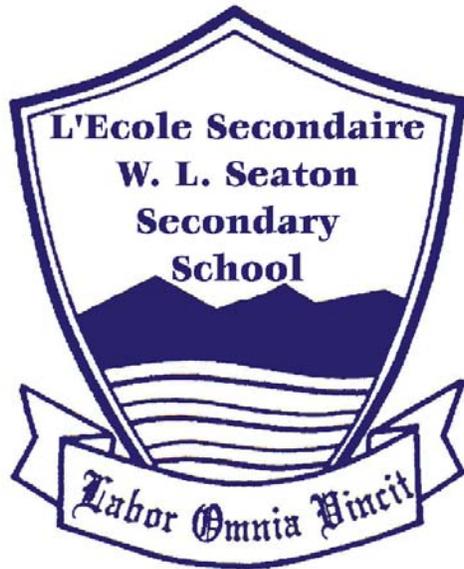


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Welcome Back to School Newsletter

Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year! Over the summer our custodial staff has been working hard to ensure the school is cleaned and ready for the September start-up. Teachers have been preparing for new and innovative learning experiences, and our office staff and counsellors have been working hard to ensure course timetables are ready for students to return!

Please note that student timetables may be in flux during the first weeks of school. Your child may be moved to a different class in order to balance courses. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Principal's Welcome!



My name is Jeff Huggins and I am excited to return to W.L. Seaton as the Principal. I have enjoyed reconnecting with the school community after two years in China as the Principal of Maple Leaf International School -Dalian. The Seaton community of students, parents and staff are an integral part of what makes this school such a special place to learn and grow. Our Seaton staff continues to implement the redesigned curriculum and provide the supports necessary for continued success for your children.

This is an exciting time of year where we welcome the incoming Grade 8 students to our school. We also want to acknowledge those Grade 12 students who will have the opportunity to lead our school as the 2020 graduates. We look forward to seeing these Grads be the wonderful role models that are hardworking, kind and engaged in the learning process.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Vice Principal, Paul Britton who was formerly Intermediate/Middle Years Curriculum Coordinator for SD22. We are fortunate to have Bernedette Louis return as an Aboriginal Support Worker, Lori Phillip teaching Okanagan Language and PE, and Vicky Raphael in our First Nations Academy. Byron Dalliston will rejoin us with 2 blocks of Art 8, We also welcome several teachers to our school including Lisa Laboucane with our Grade 8 and 9 Academy, Pam Taylor as a SBRT, Cynthia Raymond-Glasser and Christine Molaison in the French Immersion department and Julia Taylor as a counsellor.

We welcome our Grade 8 Parents and Guardians to join us for our Parent Night on September 11th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the Theatre. Whether you are new to Seaton or not, this is a great opportunity for parents to meet the new Administration, learn more about the year ahead, and connect with the school community. I look forward to meeting with many of you there and wish all our students a great year ahead!

Jeff Huggins

Principal

School Start Up Schedule

Please remind your child to review their timetable on Parent or Student Connect prior to school beginning. It is helpful to print off a copy of their timetable or for students to take a picture of it on their phone.

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019

8: 30 – 8:50 ASSEMBLY (gym)

8:55 – 9:35 A

9:40 – 10:20 B

10:20 – 10:35 Break

10:40 – 11:20 C

11:25 – 12:05 D

12:15 Buses Run

Wednesday, September 4th to Friday, September 6th

8: 30 – 9:50 A

9:50 - 10:05 Break

10:05 – 11:25 B

11:25 – 12:07 Lunch

12:07 – 1:25 C

1:25 – 1:40 Break

1:40 – 3:00 D

Student Timetables

Timetables are available on Parent and Student Connect please take some time to look over them. Priorities for schedule changes are for senior students with grad requirements. All Grade 8-11 students are required to have a full schedule of at least 8 courses. Grade 12 students may apply for a spare for their second semester. A full timetable ensures a successful graduation, maximizes post-secondary options, prepares students for full time work, provides a varied experience, and ensures that the school will be able to offer a wide variety of programs to meet student needs and interests.

School Online Agenda APP



We have moved to digital agendas with My School Day, <https://myschoolday.app/>. You can download the APP for free. Select BC – Vernon SD22 – W.L. Seaton. You will be able to see the block order for the day, add homework and other updates will be sent out using the APP. Students will be able to put their schedules into the APP so they know where they are supposed to go.

Fees

The student fees are the following:

- \$5.00 - Lock
- \$30.00 - Student Fee
- \$25.00 - Grade 8 PE Fee
- \$30.00 - Grade 9 PE Fee
- \$35.00 - Grade 10 PE Fee
- \$45.00 - Grade 11/12 PE Fee
- \$55.00 - Annual/Yearbook, this is optional
- \$120 – Grad Fee (does not include a Yearbook)

Applied Skills courses (Technology Education and Home Economics) cover the basic materials required for the course. If students wish to upgrade from the basic materials, they will be charged an additional amount. Some science classes have workbook fees as well (Science \$10, and Physics \$25). **If you are sending a cheque, please write your child's name and the reason for the payment on the memo line of the cheque.** All unpaid fees or lost book fees from previous years are due now. **If your student took a textbook home at the end of the school year last year, please return it to the office so that we can ensure you are not charged for it.**

Personal Insurance for Students

As part of the District's commitment to addressing students' needs and parents' concerns, School District No. 22 (Vernon) has arranged for comprehensive blanket Accident Insurance for district students. You may have some questions about the School Day Coverage Plan. Please see the school district webpage www.sd22.bc.ca and go to the parents drop down menu for further information.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on **September 18th**. Purchasing photo packages is optional but we ask all students to have a photo taken for the yearbook and for student ID cards. Student ID cards may be required for students who wish to gain admittance to school functions. To receive their student card, all outstanding debts and the student fee must be paid. Students are expected to look as they ordinarily do on photo day and are asked not to wear costumes for photos.

Graduation photos are scheduled for December. We ask that all grads have their picture taken so that their photo will be included in the yearbook and on the grad composite which is displayed in our hallway.

We are working with Mountain West Photography again this year. Photo previews will be emailed to parents. We will send home more information closer to Photo Day.

Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

If your child has a life-threatening medical condition, please visit Parent Connect on our school website to ensure that your child has been identified. To check this information, select REPORTS on the menu line, select INFO FORM (SEC). Near the bottom of the report, Medical Alert should be indicated as Y. If this is not the case, please contact our office so we can have an appropriate plan in place for the safety of your child.

Lockers/Locks

Lockers have been assigned to all students (in most cases, it is the same locker as the student had last year). Locker numbers can be viewed on Parent/Student Connect under the Basic. **Locks can be purchased at the office for \$5.** Students must use the locker assigned to them. All grade 8's will be able to access their lockers on August 29th at the Grade 8 Icebreaker. With our increased population if you do not have an assigned

Parent Advisory Council

If you are interested in serving on the PAC, please call the school. The PAC provides an opportunity for all parents to be supported in their role as parents of teenage students. It is an opportunity to become informed on issues important in the intellectual and social growth and development of your children. You will have the opportunity to ask and have answered all of your questions about the school. You will not be asked to fundraise or volunteer for committees. You are encouraged to take an active role in the education of your child and to become a participant at our PAC meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for **September 30th at 6:00PM in the library**. Generally, these will take place on the third Monday of each month.

Athletics

Our Athletic Program has never been stronger. We want to thank Mr. Lee for his energy and dedication to building a fantastic program. He will take on an advisory role as Mr. Paul Britton, will be our new Athletic Director. Our Athletic Booster Club parents have exciting plans for Athletics this year! Our Athletic Booster Club plays an important role in supporting our Athletic Programs through communicating with parents and coaches and fundraising to support our players and programs. Through their support we have seen our student athletes look and play better on the field and in the gym by sending numerous teams to Provincial Championships. Volleyball, Cross Country, Aquatics and Boys Soccer start right away, so sign up quickly! Watch the screens in the commons and listen to announcements for meeting and practice times. The first meeting is scheduled for **September 30th at 5:00PM in the library**.

Student Code of Conduct

W.L. Seaton Secondary School's Code of Conduct outlines school expectations and acceptable student behaviour as directed by the *School Act 85(2)(c)(i)*. Student Voice, Parent Advisory Committee, as well as teaching and support staff were included in the development of our Code of Conduct. Our Code of Conduct is annually reviewed to ensure it reflects Seaton's community needs and align with the district and provincial school safety initiatives. Our Code of Conduct is communicated to all students, parents, staff, temporary staff, visitors and district staff. Acceptable conduct expectations are illustrated in our five CHARGE matrix and are in effect for all school functions, regardless of location or time of day. CHARGE stands for **C**ommunity, **H**ave Pride, **A**ccountability, **R**espect, **G**et Involved and **E**xcellence. Please review our complete student code of conduct on our website.

Dress Code

Personal dress and grooming is largely a matter of individual choice and self-expression but it shall not interfere or disrupt the educational process of the individual student or other students and staff. Dress is expected to be appropriate for a formal work setting, promoting a positive and safe learning environment for students and staff. Students must wear clean, tasteful clothing and refrain from wearing inappropriate attire including drug and alcohol logos, sexually-suggestive designs or profanity, and beach attire. Clothing must cover underwear, cleavage, bottoms and midriffs. Special dress may be required for certain classes in order to facilitate good hygiene, proper participation and/or personal safety. Students wearing inappropriate dress will be asked to cover-up, change, or go home to change. Repeat offenders may be considered defiant and be subject to further discipline.

Fruit and Veggie Program

We are pleased to announce our school will be continuing the [B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program](#). Sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC. Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh B.C. Fruits and Vegetable to the students during classroom time. The students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce twice every other week at **no charge!**

To ensure every student's health and safety during this program, contact the office if you do not want your child to participate. Forms are available in the office.

Parent and Student Connect



Stay in the Know!

Connect with Seaton online through Parent Connect and on Twitter @WLSeaton

Parent Connect will keep you up to date on your child's assessment and attendance. We ask that parents check their child's demographics in Parent Connect and advise of any changes to your address, telephone numbers, email address, etc.

Connect Products are our online communication tools between the school, parents, and students. All parents and students should be registered with either Student Connect or Parent Connect – select Parent Connect and view How-to Instructions. New students, please contact the school for sign-in forms. Once in *Connect*, parents and students can view important information, including attendance and marks. All formal reports will be posted on Connect as part of the regular reporting process. Teachers will use Connect to post regular updates of student progress. Please contact the office should you require a paper copy of your child's report card.

School Supplies

Students should come prepared on the first day with a binder, paper, pens and pencils. Teachers will notify students if specific supplies are required. All PE classes will require PE strip and indoor running shoes.

New Curriculum

There have been exciting changes in Education in BC recently. The K-9 Curriculum has changed, the Graduation program has been revamped, and new 10-12 Curriculum is in an implementation year. Reporting and Assessment for our Grade 8 and 9 students will be changing this year to reflect the performance standards. Grade 10 students will write the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments. For more information on these changes, please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>. There is a Frequently Asked Questions PDF on our website as well.

Bussing Registration

If your bussing needs have changed, a new bus registration form must be filled out. All students leaving elementary and entering high school who wish to utilize bussing will be required to fill out a new bus registration form. You can find the form at <http://www.sd22.bc.ca/Programs/transportation/Pages/default.aspx> or at the school office. Bus route information can be found here as well.

Threat Assessments

W. L. Seaton and School District No. 22 are committed to fostering a safe, caring, inclusive learning environment where students, staff, parents and visitors feel safe. Consequently, threats of harm to self or others may result in the school initiating threat assessment protocols that could involve student questioning, student and locker searches, cell phone confiscation, and RCMP involvement. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!



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