

2022 SEPTEMBER EDITION

the SILVER STAR News



Principal: Mrs. Taylor Secretary Mrs. Works Vice Principal: Mrs. Mallow

Welcome Back to the 2022 School Year! ✖



Welcome to a brand new school year at Silver Star Elementary School!

It is my great pleasure to acknowledge that we live, learn and play on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx people. hope that you and your family were able to relax, keep safe, and enjoy the summer.

We want to welcome you back and a warm welcome to all our new families. We are looking forward to seeing all those happy faces and building positive relationships.

Student will be attending **Tues. Sept 6 from 8:30 to 11:30.** Kindergarten will follow the gradual entry schedule.

Again this year I am honoured and privileged to be the principal of Silver Star, working along side such dedicated and caring professionals. We continue to follow the Provincial and Regional COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-7 students.

Parents again this year are asked to respect personal space. We ask **parents to drop students off at the side walk** outside the gates. If you wish to talk to a teacher or come to your child's class you are more than welcome **to make an appointment by calling the school.** We are looking forward to a new year of growth.



2022 /2023 Silver Star Elementary Schedule



Morning Welcome Bell	08:25
Classes Begin	08:30
End of Day Dismissal (Bell)	2:30

We ask that no student arrive before 8:15

School Supplies:

As always, we ask you all to participate in our school supply program. Your child will receive supplies all year for one **low price.** It is very cost effective for parents. This includes all the supplies required for the school year including art supplies which individual students may not be able to purchase on their own. You can send cash or make cheques payable to Silver Star. Good news! There is now an online payment option as well. Please contact the office. We encourage students to take part in our school supply program.

Kindergarten:	\$62
Grades 1	\$62
Grades 2-3	\$67
Grades 4-7	\$72



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Local School Calendar 2022-2023

Please see attached calendar from the School District website sd22.bc.ca for start-up dates, non-instructional dates and holidays.

Important time Dates

September

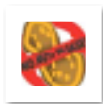
6	First Day 8:25 - 11:30
23	Terry Fox Run
26	Pro D - No school for students
29	Orange Shirt Day
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day

October

10	Thanksgiving Holiday
18	Photo Day
21	Pro D - No school for students
27	Parent/Teacher Conference
28	Parent/Teacher Conferences

Peanut/Fragrance Allergies:

Please avoid nuts and peanut products in your child's lunches. We have several students with severe peanut allergies. In addition, please refrain from wearing **strong fragrances** while on school premises as we have staff and students with fragrance allergies.



Medications/Medical Alert Plans:

Those students requiring medical plans must have them updated yearly.

If your **child requires a plan**, please contact the office as soon as possible. It is imperative that we have all current medical information and medicine updated. Just a reminder that students requiring the administration of medication, must have a parent/guardian fill out the "Request for Medication at School" form and have it signed by your child's physician.

Symptomatic at School

Everyone is expected to **stay at home** if they are not well. Even mild symptoms will require students and staff to remain at home and follow guidelines for return.



Parents are expected to do a **health check for their child every day and keep them home if they are ill**. If a child or staff member becomes ill while at school, individuals will be placed in our medical room.

Parent/caregiver will be contacted to pick up an ill student immediately.

Staff with symptoms will leave the school immediately and be replaced by non-enrolling staff or administration.

Masks

All staff and students in Grades K-12 have the **choice** to wear a non-medical mask.

All students, staff, TTOCs, specialist staff, music, library, Education Assistants, counsellors, administrators and support workers, will be supported and treated with respect recognizing varying personal comfort levels.

Terry Fox Run

All Silver Star Students will be off and running as Terry Fox did on Friday, September 23rd. We will have a brief Assembly honouring Terry Fox and classes will head out to the field to run. We hope to exceed our goal and raise over 1000.00 for cancer. Students can bring in donations as soon as we have things up and running.



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Important Parking information:

Parents, please DO NOT park in the staff parking lot to avoid safety issues. There is parking along the sidewalk fence in front of the school and along 35th Ave and 12th St.

Walk Bikes & Scooter to School



We do encourage students to ride/ scooter or walk to school to avoid traffic jams. There is a bike rack to lock bikes up during the day. Please remind your child to walk their bikes and scooters when on the school grounds for safety reasons. Students are will **no longer** be able to ride scooters on our school grounds during the day.

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

Once again our school has been fortunate to be a part of the BC School Fruit and Vegetable nutritional program. This program encourages healthy eating by providing nutritious fruits and vegetables to our students during class time. If you do not want your child to participate in this program, please contact your classroom teacher.



Student Absences and Late Arrival:

Please call the student absentee phone line 250-545-4409 if your child is going to be sick or absent. Please note that a Safe Arrival volunteer will call you if you do not call in by 8:30. We have an answering machine that will allow you to phone at any hour. We appreciate your attention with this.

Parent Advisory Committee

Join the PAC for their first meeting of the year. Tuesday, September 20th in the Library or on ZOOM.

silverstarpac@gmail.com

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet some other parents and learn about ways that the PAC makes a difference at Silver Star.

The Silver Star PAC welcomes you to a new school year! Being involved with the PAC is a great way to connect with our schools staff and students. You learn about initiatives and issues that impact our students, and to help allocate funds to areas of need within our school. PAC is in need of new volunteers to keep this program going!

Please request to join our Facebook page: Silver Star PAC - Private Group

It's a great platform to share ideas, ask questions and post events.

School Website:

Please visit our school website for information about our school. sd22.bc.ca/silverstar/

Montessori Society

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The first Vernon Montessori Society meeting will be at the end of the month. TBD

