

2023 SEPTEMBER EDITION

the SILVER STAR News



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

Welcome Back to the 2023 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. We hope that you and your family were able to relax, keep safe, and enjoy the summer.

We want to extend a warm welcome to all our new families. We are looking forward to catching up with all our returning families. Staff are excited to see all those happy faces and start building positive relationships.

Student will be attending **Tues. Sept 5 from 8:30 to 11:30**. Kindergarten will follow the gradual entry schedule sent out to you.

Again this year I am honoured and privileged to be the principal of Silver Star, working along side such dedicated and caring professionals.



2023 /2024 Silver Star Elementary Schedule



Morning Welcome Bell	08:25
Classes Begin	08:30
End of Day Dismissal (Bell)	2:29

We ask that students arrive after 8:15

First Day of School

You will receive information indicating your child's classroom teacher via email. Students will be attending with their regular classroom teacher on the first day of school. Staff will be outside to welcome all students on to the playground and help them find their classroom line ups. **At the bell, students will line up behind the cone with their teacher's name on it.** Teachers will be there to meet the class and escort them in to the building at the start of school, recess and lunch.

New to the Silver Star Staff for 2023/24:

Welcome back to our awesome Silver Star staff. A special introduction to our new teachers here at Silver Star.

Ms. Campbell will be teaching grade 4/5 for Mr. Valouch as he extends his leave into this year. **Mrs. Meyer** will be sharing a classroom this year with Mr. Schier. **Mrs. de Dood** is our new music teacher. She comes to us from SD83 with a vast experience and expertise in teaching music.

We also want to welcome our new EA staff, **Ms Gange, and Ms. Reeves.**

Our counselling staff will consist of **Mrs. Lanaway and Mrs. Rasmussen.** The new NOYFSS counsellor is **Monica Rebalkin.** We are looking forward to another great year with our WOLFPACK staff.

Tomorrow's Stars Are Here Today

School District 22 Motto and Mission is...



Dream. Believe. Achieve.

Mission:

We inspire and nurture students to thrive in their learning, relationships, and community.

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! We do offer an online payment option as well. Please contact the office. We encourage all students to take part in our school supply program.



Kindergarten to Grade 7: \$70 This includes the cultural fee as well as agenda books.

Student Drop off

We ask **parents to drop students off at the gates**. This allows for students to meet up with their friends and play on the playground while waiting for the bell.



Office Check in and Meetings with Teachers

For safety reasons **please check in at the office any time you enter the school**. If at any time you wish to meet with a teacher or come to your child's class you are more than welcome **to make an appointment at the office or call the school**. We are looking forward to a new year of growth.



Hot Lunch Program at Silver Star:

Our amazing PAC organizes hot lunches at our school. The PAC volunteers will be sending out information sometime in September for you to sign up or place your order.

Breakfast Program



This year we will be running a breakfast program for students. We are working on the details and will have more information to come. This will be open to all students in the school each morning before school starts. We will be sending out the details later next week.

Coaches needed

At Silver Star we do our best to provide opportunities for students. We will be starting the year with grade 6/7 Volleyball for boys and girls. If you are interested in coaching a team this year please contact the office. 250-549-6182.



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Local School Calendar 2023-2024

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

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

October

- 2 No School - Truth & Reconciliation
- 9 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 17 Photo Day
- 20 Pro D - No school for students
- 26 Parent/Teacher Conference
- 27 Parent/Teacher Conferences

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.

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.

Symptomatic at School

If students are not well it is expected that they are to **stay at home..**

If your child becomes ill while at school, individuals will be placed in our medical room and a Parent/caregiver will be contacted to pick up an ill student.

Staff who become ill at school may have to leave the school. Know that they will be replaced by TTOC, non-enrolling staff or administration.



Terry Fox Run

All Silver Star Students will be off and running as Terry Fox did on Friday, September 22nd. We will have a brief Assembly honouring Terry Fox and classes will head out on to our field to run. We hope to exceed our goal and raise over \$1500.00 this year for the cancer society. 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.



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 19th 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

vernonmontessorisociety@gmail.com

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

Silver Star Motto :

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