



Gold River Secondary School

August 29, 2011

Opening Day - Tuesday, September 6

9:30 a.m.	Bus pick up at Tsaxana
10:00 a.m.	School Assembly in the Lobby & Homeroom
10:30 a.m.	Group activities(<u>do not wear good clothes</u>)
12:00 p.m.	Bus pick-up 15.00

Welcome back. Another summer has passed and it is time to begin another school year. You are invited to visit the school at any time. Improving student achievement continues to be our main focus.

During homeroom on September 6, students will receive timetables. Daily schedules, a review of the Code of Conduct, attendance and late procedures, and updating demographics forms will also be done during their homeroom. Homeroom teachers will collect \$5.00 student activity fee, and only Grade 8's and new students will pay a \$6.00 lock fee. Student planner books will be distributed to all students. These books are part of our programs and are paid for by the student activity fee.

September 7 will be regular classes starting at 8:31 a.m.

Grade 8 & 9 Parent Meeting September 7, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Topic: Student Programs

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Parents and their students have an important role to play in decisions made about attending school. It is expected that parents will encourage and support students in attending school regularly.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT OR LATE DUE TO ILLNESS OR FAMILY NEED. THIS INCLUDES STUDENTS NOT RETURNING FOR AFTERNOON CLASSES.

PHONE 250-283-2538 WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE DUE TO ILLNESS OR FAMILY NEED!!

Arriving late to class is disruptive to other students and staff, reduces learning time for students, and encourages an attitude and patterns that we do not want to see developed in our students. Students arriving late in the morning or after the lunch break are to sign in at the office before going to class. Late policy:

1. 2 lates - call home
2. 4 lates - call home
3. 6 lates - call home and notification of further consequences
4. 7 lates - may be a suspension and a meeting with parent/guardian

Please find enclosed a fridge magnet that includes all key dates/activities for the 2011-2012 school year. Place the magnetic calendar in a place suitable for daily reference. Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring this addition to our school.

Students will receive their timetable during Homeroom on September 6. Students need to return their timetable with a parent/guardian signature to the Office by Friday, September 9

Student Workbooks

As technology has changed many aspects of our lives, student textbooks have also changed. Many courses now have workbooks for student use. Students are to pay a deposit on the workbook at the beginning of the year. If the student wants to write in the workbook he/she can keep the workbook and forfeit the deposit. Should the student not write in her/his workbook it can be returned in good shape to have the deposit refunded. The following courses have workbooks and students must have a workbook:

\$10.00	Science 8
\$10.00	Science 9
\$15.00	Science 10
\$15.00	Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics 10
\$20.00	Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics 11
\$22.00	Foundations of Mathematics 11

GOLD RIVER HYDRO BOX PROJECT

Students from Gold River Secondary are invited to submit photographs or original art for the contest to beautify our hydro boxes. The images could be action shots, sports, historical, plants, animals, industrial, old photos or new, black and white, or colour.

The winning images will be wrapped around hydro boxes around town. The artist's name will be put on the box with their image and the image will be framed and displayed publicly.

E-mail your entries to sbugar@cablerocket.com or call 250-283-2910 for more information. Entries need to be submitted by August 31.

Examination Results

Examination results are no longer mailed directly to each student. Your provincial exam mark will be posted on the Ministry website www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams three to four weeks after the exam. To access your results online, you will need your Personal Education Number (PEN) which is on your report card. A link to this site is on our school site.

A reminder that GRSS is an MP3 player free zone in classes and a head-covering free zone for the whole building.

Our Emergency Procedures

Here is some key information about our Emergency Program:

Fire/Earthquake Drills: 3 of each conducted each school year.

Lockdown Drills: 2 conducted each school year.

First Aid: 2 Certified First Aid Attendants

Personal Care For Students During An Emergency:

1. Homeroom or classroom teachers will maintain supervision of their students. Support staff will be assigned to assist with supervision.
2. The PAC and school district have provided emergency kits for each homeroom that contain 24 hour supplies of food, water, basic first aid kits and tarps for shelter.
3. Each homeroom will have:
 - class lists for a roll-call (every 3 hours)
 - medical alert lists
 - a record of any administered first aid/medication
 - recorded release of students to parents

Supervision:

In the event of an emergency that requires an ongoing evacuation of the school, students will be supervised by the staff and will only be released to the care of a parent or guardian. If required, shelter will be provided at the school site or at community facilities designated by the PEP.

Communication:

If school phone/computer/fax lines are not accessible, communication will be done via posting notices at the school site and through the PEP communication centre.

Dates to Remember:

- September 6 - Opening Day, 10:00 - 12:00 noon
- September 7 - Regular class schedule begins at 8:31 a.m.
- September 7 - Grade 8 & 9 Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- September 13 - Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- September 16 - Last day for Course changes
- September 20 - Individual Photo Day
- September 22 - Pro-D Day-no classes
- September 23 - Non-Instructional Day-no classes
- September 28 - Parent Advisory Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- October 10 - Thanksgiving Day - no classes
- October 13 - Interim Reports issued

Bell Schedule and Block Rotation – 2011/2012

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:31 a.m.	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell
8:35-9:37 a.m.	5	2	5	2	2
9:37-9:41 a.m.	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change
9:41-10:43 a.m.	1	3	3	1	3
10:43-10:58 a.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:58-12:00 p.m.	4	1	4	4	5
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:02 p.m.	7	6	7	7	8
2:02-2:06 p.m.	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change	Class Change
2:06-3:08 p.m.	8	8	6	X	6

Study Blocks for Senior Students

Some senior students and their parents choose a "Study" as part of their grad program courses. Students may request an UNSUPERVISED STUDY. Students choosing to do so, will be required to do the following:

1. have a 67% average last term of grade 10 or 11, with no failures. Maintain a 67% average for each formal reporting period.
2. get a consent form from the principal and have it signed by a parent and returned to the principal.
3. sign out at the Library before leaving the school and sign in upon returning.
4. attend regularly and be punctual.
5. work quietly in the Library, without disturbing other classes, if they choose to remain at school.

Students who are not able to meet the above expectations will be assigned to a SUPERVISED STUDY in a classroom with normal attendance/punctuality guidelines in place.

Smoking

Bill 10, the Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 2007, Section 2.2 went into effect September 2, 2007. Smoking is prohibited in Public Places and Schools.

Bus Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: GRSS STUDENTS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED TO RIDE THE ELEMENTARY BUS IN THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON!

- Morning: Pick up at Tsaxana – 8:10 a.m.
Arrive GRSS – 8:25 a.m.
- Afternoon: Pick up at GRSS - 3:30 p.m.
Arrive Tsaxana – 3:45 p.m.

Our Code of Conduct can be found under the **Student Handbook** link on our website at www.grss.sd84.bc.ca