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16 - Last Day of School Before Christmas Holidays

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3 - School Re-opens

9-13 Study Hall

20 - School based Pro-D Day

23-27 Secondary Exam Week

30 - Block Rotation Switch - Semester 2



Principal's Message

December is always hectic and exciting as we make preparations for the upcoming holidays. We have a Christmas and 10th year Anniversary assembly, drama productions (3 performances), band concerts (3 performances), an Elder's Dinner, a Senior's tea, Grad pasta dinner and auction, sports banquet, candy grams, field trips, Parent/Teacher conferences, Christmas hampers, and basketball tournaments. In addition, we have interims coming home for term 2 for students who are missing work/and or are below 60% in one or more of their classes. All of this to be completed in sixteen days...it is no wonder we need a holiday! I hope that you take a few minutes from the "business of the season" to relax and enjoy all of your preparations. From the staff at G.W. Graham Middle-Secondary School to your families we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

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Extended Absences

Please notify the office if your student(s) will be absent for an extended period of time. This will ensure that your student will be given a chance to receive homework from teachers prior to leaving and have their attendance excused.

Closed Campus

GW Graham School is a CLOSED campus for middle school students (Grades 7 to 9). Students must stay on the school grounds before school, during breaks, lunch, and after school when waiting for a bus or ride. Permission to leave school grounds can only be granted by an administrator in consultation with the parents, prior to leaving.

Dress Code Reminder

At GW Graham we are in the business of learning. As such, we expect that students dress accordingly. Students who choose to wear clothing that is too revealing or inappropriate for this environment will be asked to change. Students who have nothing else to change into will be provided with GW Graham wear to put on. Refusal to comply may result in the student being sent home for the day.



Interim Reports



Interims will be mailed home for students who are at risk of failing or have incomplete work on December 19th. We are halfway through term two, with report cards going home in February. Students who require additional support with work completion will be assigned to study hall. If you have not been notified and have concerns please contact the teacher directly.

Computer Access

Please be aware that any student that did not bring in their blue Internet Agreement form have had their computer account disabled. Internet Agreement forms can be found on the Information wall by the school office.

Grad Pasta Dinner & Auction

A big thank you to all of the parent, student and staff volunteers for making this night a success. We also thank all the local businesses for their donations.





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Locker Clean Out

Please remind students to check their lockers for food, PE strip, etc. before leaving for Christmas Break.

Inclement Weather Guidelines

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of buildings.

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration. In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM), THE DRIVE (89.5FM), to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses.

Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

Snow Plan

Please review the Snow Plan for bussing on the G.W. Graham websites main page.

