



ECOLE SECONDAIRE SALMON ARM SECONDARY

Home of the Jewels & Golds

August 2021

Dear students and families,

Welcome back to school! My name is Rob Cadden, and it's my privilege to be the Principal of Salmon Arm Secondary (SAS). On behalf of our entire staff here at SAS, we are excited for you to be joining our learning community this September! This letter is intended to answer some of the more common questions you may have related to our school start-up. If you require further information, please either call (250-832-2188), email (sas@sd83.bc.ca) or stop by the school this week (9am – 2pm). We want to make sure your start to the school year is a positive one!

New Vice Principal

I would like to introduce our new Vice Principal, Noah Ralston, who comes to us from Carlin Elementary-Middle School in Tappen, BC. We're thrilled to be adding Noah to our team. He brings a wealth of educational experiences and a community-focused background to our school community.

School and COVID

We will be returning to a relatively normal start to the school year this fall. Students will attend full time (everyday), with a 4-block rotation (ABCD) of classes. By order of the Provincial Health Officer, **all students and staff members will still be required to wear masks when in our building.** Students and staff are to complete a [Daily Health Check](#) before coming to the school. Please stay home when you are sick

It continues to be important during this pandemic to be attentive to the PHO orders, understanding and patient of the necessary adjustments to our learning and teaching environments, and being kind to one another.

Bus Transportation

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, School District bus transportation will not allow courtesy riders this year.

First Day of School

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 7**. It is a modified day, from 9:15am until 12:35pm. When students arrive, there will be **Block A Class Lists** posted in the main foyer. Students are to double check these lists to ensure they know which location to go to for Block A.

During Block A, students will be provided with plenty of information about our school, including locker assignments (*we provide locks*), and their final class schedules (*with teacher and room information*)! Students will then rotate through their remaining first semester courses, meeting each teacher, and discovering more about their classes (*including required supplies and fees*).

9:15 – 10:15am	Block A	60 minutes (<i>extra time to look after paperwork and lockers</i>)
10:20 – 11:00am	Block B	40 minutes
11:00 – 11:10am	<i>Break</i>	10 minutes
11:10 – 11:50am	Block C	40 minutes
11:55 – 12:35pm	Block D	40 minutes
12:35pm		Buses transport students home

Student Schedules & Course Changes

We have been busy over the summer working on the school timetable and hiring a fantastic team of teachers and support staff. Due to the evolving nature of this work, student schedules may have changed. Our counselling department will be emailing out student schedules later this week. If you have any questions or concerns about your schedule, please contact one of our counsellors:

Dave Van Bergeyk dvanberg@sd83.bc.ca

Tanya Harrington tharring@sd83.bc.ca

Families can also check their student's class schedule by logging into [Student Connect](#) and [Parent Connect](#)

School Tours

We will be hosting drop-in school tours on Wednesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 2 at 3:30pm for students and families. If you are curious about the location of your classes, or you would like to get a feel for the building before the first day, this is an excellent opportunity to come and explore YOUR school.

School Communication & Information

We utilize our website (www.sas.sd83.bc.ca) to publish up-to-date news items and information. When important communications need to be sent home, we will also send topic-specific emails to student and families. We also have a Twitter feed (@SASsecondary) to post photos of learning in action here at SAS.

School Wi-Fi & Office 365

The online forms in [Student Connect](#) and [Parent Connect](#) need to be completed to take advantage of our Wi-Fi and Microsoft Office 365 cloud services. We recommend students have this set up as soon as possible.

Attendance Matters

Attending school on a regular basis gives your child every opportunity to academically succeed, to better engage in everything that school has to offer, and the best chance to graduate! If your child is unable to attend school, please call the school to let us know.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer! We look forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday, September 7**.

Sincerely,



Rob Cadden
Principal



Noah Ralston
Vice Principal