



ECOLE SECONDAIRE SALMON ARM SECONDARY

Home of the Jewels & Golds

August 2019

Dear students and families,

Welcome back to school! My name is Steve Drapala, and it's my privilege to be the incoming Principal of Salmon Arm Secondary – Jackson. On October 1, I will be taking over from Rob Cadden, who is transitioning to the Principalship at Salmon Arm Secondary – Sullivan. I would like to introduce our new Vice Principal, Rhys Waters, who comes to us from AL Fortune Secondary in Enderby. We're thrilled to be adding Rhys to our team. On behalf of our entire staff, we are excited for you to be joining our learning community this September.

We would like to remind all students and parents that the online forms in Student Connect and Parent Connect will need to be completed to take advantage of our Wi-Fi and Microsoft Office 365 cloud services. We recommend that students have this set up as early as possible. Links and additional information can be found on our website: www.ilj.sd83.bc.ca

The privilege of teaching, caring and supporting children requires a great deal of time, energy, passion, and conviction. After a much deserved summer break, our staff is gearing up for another successful school year. At SAS-Jackson, we have worked hard to develop "**A Culture that Cares**", and to live up to our Purpose Statement that states, "**We seek to develop thoughtful, articulate, creative, healthy and responsible individuals by engaging all learners in the pursuits of their potential**".

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 3**. It is a modified day, starting at 9:15am and going until 12:30pm. 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, and their final class schedules (with teacher and room information)! Grade 10 students are encouraged to use their lock from last year. 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 (<i>longer block to take care of startup administrative needs</i>)
10:20 – 10:50am	Block B
10:50 – 11:20am	<i>Break (travelling students to bus up to SAS-Sullivan Campus)</i>
11:20 – 11:50am	Block C
11:55 – 12:25pm	Block D / Dismissal
12:30pm	Buses begin to transport students home

STUDENT SCHEDULES & COURSE CHANGES

We have been busy over the summer working on the school timetable and hiring fantastic teachers. Due to the evolving nature of this work, student schedules may have changed. Students can access their updated schedule by going to <http://studentconnect.sd83.bc.ca> and logging in with their Network ID and Password.

Counsellors will be in the school from Monday, August 26 to Thursday, August 29 to assist those students who would like to request course changes. **Please contact the school at (250) 832-2136 to schedule an appointment with a counsellor.** Please note - students will also be able to make course changes during the first week of school.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and please feel free to contact of us if you have any questions.

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