



## **FH COLLINS SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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### **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

I don't know about you, but I find that this year is flying by! I can't believe that we are into October already. As October arrives, we are beginning to prepare for the midway point of semester 1; with that comes three-way conferences and midterm progress reports. I cannot emphasize the importance of attendance during these times, whether it is virtually or in-person, and completing the assigned work on the half of the day when students are not in the building. Some teachers will be asking students who are falling behind to attend the tutorial sessions, which are held during the midday break.

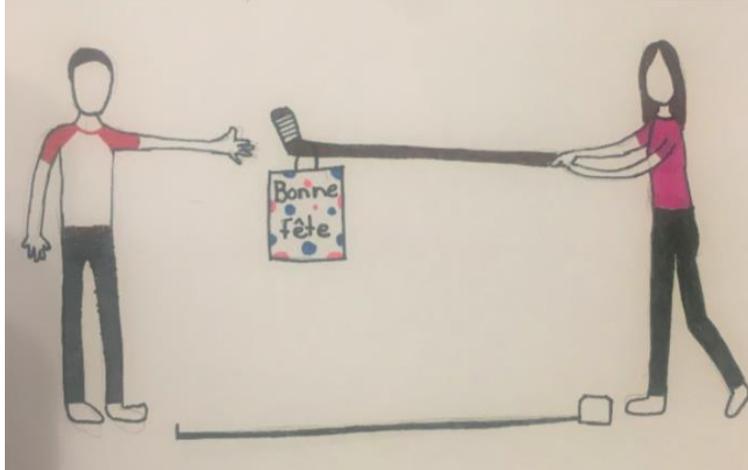
We knew at the beginning of the year that there would need to be adjustments as the year progressed. One of the adjustments that we are making is to the grades 8 and 9 timetable. Notices have already gone out to grade 8 and 9 parents, but I have included the new schedule in this newsletter. We will continue to make any adjustments as required in order to make this year as successful as possible.

Overall, I continue to be impressed with the efforts that everyone is making to make this year a success. We must continue to be consistent with mask-wearing in the halls, and physically distancing. I know that it is difficult, but we must continue to keep our distance and protocols if we are going to do our part to keep each other safe. I have included the "traffic light" for when to keep students home if they are sick.

Thanks again to all the parents who have sent me feedback so far, and please continue to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jay Thomas, principal



### **Three-Way Conferences October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

We will be hosting face-to-face three-way conferences on the evenings of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will also provide the opportunity to have Zoom/ telephone conferences for parents who cannot come into the building. Here is the schedule:

October 14<sup>th</sup>- Regular Instructional Day

5pm-7:15pm Parents of students with last names beginning A-L

7:15pm-8:15pm- Reserved for Call/ Zoom meetings for parents who cannot physically come into the building (A-Z)

October 15<sup>th</sup>- Regular Instructional Day

5pm-7:15pm Parents of students with last names beginning M-Z

Grade 8 three-way conferences will be held at the Wood St facility following the same format as above

We will designate enter/ exit doors to ensure physical distancing is in place. We are also asking parents to wear masks, sanitize their hands as they enter, and physically distance when they are in the buildings.

There will be no school for students on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cyberbullying**

We are experiencing an uptick in cyberbullying, especially amongst our grade 8's and 9's. Please talk to your child about safe social media use. We also encourage you to know the passwords for your child's social media accounts and telephones so you can monitor their social media activity.

## New Grade 8/9 Schedules & Grade 9 Tutorials

As a reminder, beginning on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the grade 8's and 9's will begin following a new five-period schedule. Here are the revised times:

### Grade 8

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:45am	Period 1				
9:45- 9:55	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
9:55-11:00am	Period 2				
11:00-11:05am	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
11:05-12:10pm	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Tutorial	Period 4
12:10-12:45pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:45-1:50pm	Period 3	Period 3	Period 2	Period 3	Period 3
1:50-2:00pm	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
2:00-3:05pm	Period 4				

### Grade 9

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:45am	Period 1				
9:45- 9:50	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
9:50-10:55am	Period 2				
10:55-11:00am	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
11:00-12:00pm	Period 1	Tutorial	Period 3	Tutorial	Period 3
12:00-12:50pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:50-1:55pm	Period 3	Period 3	Period 2	Period 3	Period 3
1:55-2:00pm	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
2:00-3:10pm	Period 4				

### **2020 Volleyball Practice Times (in the FH Collins Gymnasium)**

Grade 8 Girls - Thursday 330-6pm Coach Alain, Coach Hugo & Coach Maya Cairns

Grade 8 Boys - Wednesday 330-5pm Coach Bingham

Grade 9 Girls - Monday 330-5pm Coach Jansen other coaches TBD

Grade 9 Boys - Friday 330 - 5pm Coach Jansen

Jr Boys & Girls- Tuesday 330-530 Coach Feht  
Sr Boys & Girls- Tuesday/Thursday 7-9pm Coach Matt Taylor

If you have any questions about athletics you can email: [christine.kirk@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:christine.kirk@yesnet.yk.ca)

### **Schools of Whitehorse Food Drive**

The FOOD DRIVE is DIFFERENT this year! Due to COVID-19 precautions, Whitehorse students are not able to participate in the annual food drive in the traditional way. Instead of providing an evening of door-to-door pick-up service, schools are offering 5 designated drop-off locations on the day and evening of Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

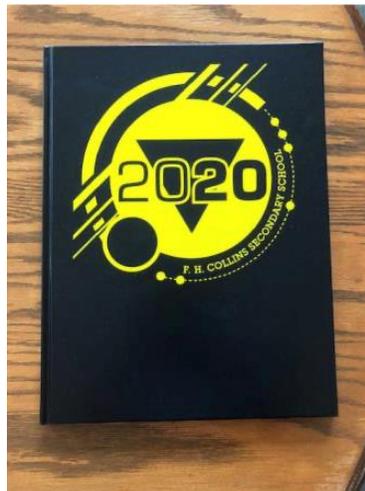
These 5 locations, open from 8am-8pm on October 13<sup>th</sup>, are:

- FH Collins Secondary School
- Porter Creek Secondary School
- Vanier Catholic Secondary School
- Wood Street School
- Whitehorse Food Bank (*306 Alexander Street, downtown*)

FH Families, if you are able to help transport FOOD DONATIONS from FH COLLINS to the FOOD BANK on October 13<sup>th</sup> after 4PM, please email Meera Sarin at [meera.sarin@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:meera.sarin@yesnet.yk.ca)

### **School Photos & Yearbooks**

School photos for grades 9-12 will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. We will send out a schedule as we get closer to the dates. Also, don't forget that 2019/20 yearbooks are for sale in the office- \$50 can get you a book of memories!



## **Reminder: Masks in the Hallways**

Please remember that we are asking students to wear masks in the hallways. Students should put one on as they enter the buildings, and when they leave their classrooms.

## **Opportunity for Riverdale Parents**

Elections Yukon is recruiting a Returning Officer for the Riverdale South electoral district. Interested individuals should reside in the Riverdale South electoral district. I have attached an information sheet that outlines the requirements for the position.

If you are interested in serving as a Returning Officer, please contact Ian MacKenize at: [ian.mckenzie@gmail.com](mailto:ian.mckenzie@gmail.com), or (867) 689-0381. You can also contact Election Yukon directly at [info@electionsyukon.ca](mailto:info@electionsyukon.ca) or (867) 667-8683.

I have attached an information poster to the email in which this newsletter was sent.

## **FH Study Hall & Library**

We encourage students in grades 10-12 to take advantage of the study hall that we have in the library. It is always staffed by at least one teacher, a full-time EA, and a library assistant. It is a great opportunity for students to work on homework, get extra help from teachers or an EA, or just to access technology. Grade 9's are welcome to use the study hall during their lunch time, too.

A reminder that the tables above the atrium are reserved for grade 12 students only, and there should only be one grade 12 student at a table.

## **Great Orange Shirt Day Activities**

A special thanks to all of the organizers and participants in the September 30<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day event in the outdoor classroom. Here are some photos of the event:



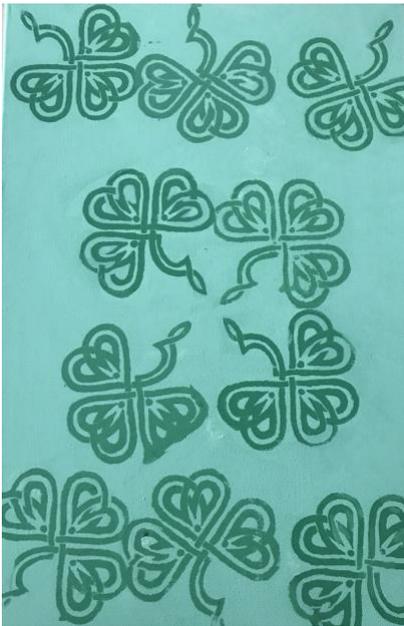
The grade 8's at Wood St also organized an Orange Shirt Day event. Here are some photos of the grade 8 event:

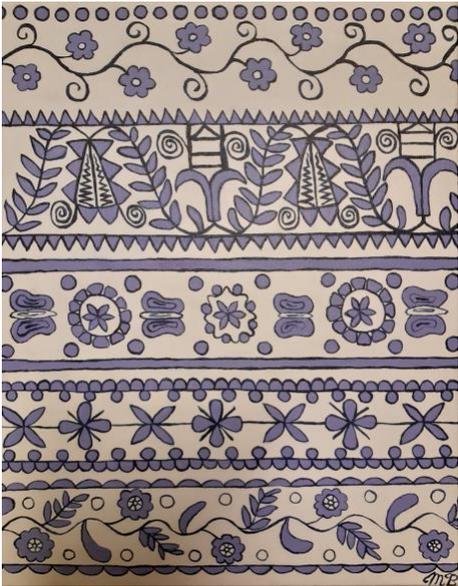


### **Artists at Work!**

*(from Hayley Thiesen, FH Art teacher)*

Grade 11 and 12 art students have been very busy this term working on their first project: Pattern and Repetition from a Specific Place and Group. Students were to first asked to investigate a country of their choosing. Then they looked at how a specific group and/or culture utilizes "Pattern and Repetition" in their art making. Students then created a work that was of their own design, but inspired by the values, elements and principles of design, of their chosen country. Here are some examples of some of their pieces:





### **Important Upcoming Dates**

- October 5<sup>th</sup>- First day for grade 8 & 9 new timetables
- October 12<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving (No School)
- October 13<sup>th</sup>- Food Drive Drop-off
- October 14<sup>th</sup>- Grade 8 & 9 Early Dismissal
- October 14<sup>th</sup>- Three-Way Conferences (A-L)/ Zoom or telephone conferences for A-Z
- October 15<sup>th</sup>- Three- Way Conferences (M-Z)
- October 15<sup>th</sup>- Earthquake Drill
- October 16<sup>th</sup>- No School
- October 26<sup>th</sup>- School Photos
- October 27<sup>th</sup>- School Photos
- October 28<sup>th</sup>- School Photos
- October 28<sup>th</sup>- Grade 8 & 9 Early Dismissal