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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER September 3rd, 2019

On behalf of the staff at FH Collins Secondary School, welcome to the 2019/20 school year. Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome that I have received since I arrived. This has been a successful start to the school year. I have been particularly impressed with the students of FH Collins: they have demonstrated a keenness for learning, and pride in our beautiful school.

One of my personal goals for this year is to incorporate our students' voice even more into the shaping of our school culture; I encourage students to get involved in our Student Council. Even if they are not involved in Student Council, I want all students to know that I want to hear what they like about our school, and what we can do to make our school even better. I am also interested in hearing from you on how we can make our school the best FH Collins Secondary School as possible. Feel free to contact me through phone, email, or come by and chat over a cup of coffee.

I hope to produce a monthly newsletter this year. If there is anything that you wish to have included in our newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to working with you this year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Thomas', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jay Thomas, principal
FH Collins Secondary School

2019/20 Bell Schedule

Morning:

8:35- Warning Bell
8:40- 9:55- Block A Class
10:05- 10:15- Morning Break
10:15- 11:32- Block B Class

11:32-12:25 Lunch

Afternoon:

12:25- 1:41- Block C Class
1:41-1:53- Afternoon Break
1:53- 3:10- Block D Class

Reporting Dates for 2019/20 Semester 1

October 7th- Deadline for Informal reports to be sent to parents. This report will be an email or phone call providing short but descriptive feedback.

October 24th 5pm-7pm- Three way conferences

October 25th 10am-1pm- Three way conferences

November 29th- Written progress report for semesterized courses in grades 8-12 (informal report for any year-long courses). This report WILL include a projected progress percentage mark for students in grades 10-12.

January 17th- Written Final Summative Report for semesterized courses
Written Progress Report for year-long courses

Hallway Traffic & Spares

Students and staff are making a significant effort to reduce hallway traffic and loitering.

The designated areas for students who have spares are either at the tables and chairs above the atrium on the second floor, or in the library. With parental permission, students may also leave the building during their spares.

Parental Contact & Dispute Resolution Process

FH Collins Staff are making a concerted and conscious effort to keep parents and students informed about progress, successes, and concerns. In turn, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about your child's progress.

There may be times when disagreements arise between students/ parents and teachers. It is expected that the following steps will be taken when dealing with the dispute resolution process:

- a) The first step is to contact the teacher or staff member directly and attempt to resolve the issue at this level
- b) If the first step has been taken, but there is no resolution, please contact the appropriate vice-principal:

Grades 8-9: Mr McLaughlin
Grades 10-11: Ms. Main
Grade 12: Mr. Toews
- c) If you have contacted the vice-principal and there is still no resolution to the issue, please then contact the principal, Mr. Thomas.
- d) If there is still no resolution to the issue, please contact the Superintendent for FH Collins, or School Council.

We believe that it is always best to attempt to arrive at resolutions at the level closest to the issue as possible.

Road Safety

We ask for students, parents, and the community to exercise pedestrian, bicycle, and driver safety on Lewes Blvd. Please use existing crosswalks to cross the road, observe all traffic lights and speed limit postings, and be vigilant for children crossing the road. If you have concerns about the existing driving/ pedestrian conditions outside on Lewes Boulevard, we encourage you to express them to the school admin or directly to Whitehorse city council.

City of Whitehorse Transit Lane on Lewes Ave

The City of Whitehorse Transit Services will be piloting an extended dedicated transit lane northbound from the traffic to Hospital Road. This may affect traffic on the other side of the boulevard.

Student Fee Reminder

A Friendly Reminder: If not yet PAID, your \$25.00 STUDENT FEE is now DUE.

Please pay your BLOCK A teacher (the Office if you do not have a Block A class)

Please pay your COURSE TEACHER for the following FEES:

ART 9/10, 11 & 12	\$15.00	GYM CLASS FEE:	\$10.00
BAND CLASS FEE:	\$20.00	SPORT SCHOOL	\$50.00
		PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS FEE:	\$25.00

Payment by CASH or CHEQUE. Please issue a separate Cheque per Fees to:
F.H. COLLINS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Student Council

A big thanks goes to Mr. Kerby for organizing student council this year. We WANT to our students to be involved, and our school NEEDS to be as reflective of student needs and wants. Student Council meets Tuesdays at lunch in Room 211. A Grade 11 or 12 Student Council President will also be elected or acclaimed depending on candidacy.

Scent-Free School

Our school is a scent free- school. We have a number of teachers and students with scent and asthma related issues. Please refrain from using perfumes, colognes, body sprays, air-fresheners, scented hand lotions and strongly scented laundry detergent.

Lost & Found

The "Lost and Found" bin is by the music room door off of the main atrium. Students who have lost non-electronic devices should check the lost and found box for lost items. Found electronic devices should be brought to the office. The lost and found box will be emptied at the end of the semester, and all items will be laid out for claim. Items not claimed by the end of the semester will be cleaned and donated to the free store at the dump.

School Website

Our school's website has been updated with information for the 2019/20 school year. Please visit the website for our attendance, behaviour, and athletic expectations, as well our staff list, bell schedule, and school council information.

Social Justice Corner

The Social Justice Club at FH Collins meets every Wednesday over the lunch hour. We meet in Ms. Sarin's room (203). Everyone is always welcome. The FH Collins social justice clubs works to make a difference in our school, our community and on our planet.

3% Project

Steve Lee, a UN policy advocate with the 3% Project gave a presentation to the entire school on Climate Action and creating real change. Some students also participated in a workshop with Steve to encourage them to create sustainable solutions locally. 3% Project is mobilizing 1,00,000 Canadian youth (that's 3% of Canada) with one goal: to educate and empower us to plan and take action towards climate change solutions in local communities.



From the Ground Up

FH Collins School is making a healthy and sustainable choice by selling fresh YUKON-grown vegetables as a fundraiser. Boxes will contain 20 pounds of veggies for \$35.

Veggies must be picked up from FH Collins on October 21 from 3-6pm.

You can order from a social justice club member or email meera.sarin@yesnet.yk.ca from September 3-30. Cheques payable to FH Collins and given to Ms Sarin. All money raised will help our social justice club work towards the Global Goals to make the world a better place. If you have any questions please email Ms. Sarin. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Guidance Counselors' Website

Please visit <https://fhccounseling.weebly.com/>

University Visits

St Francis Xavier University-	September 19 th	11:40am to 12:20pm
Yukon College/University-	October 2 nd	11:40am to 12:20pm
University of British Columbia-	November 4 th	11am to 11:45am
Queens University-	November 5 th	11:40am to 12:20pm

All university visits will be held in our school's library

Post-Secondary Info Session

There will be an information session held in our library on Tuesday October 8th at 6:30pm. Please contact Mr. Morris for more info

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 5th- Jazz Band rehearsal at Porter Creek Secondary School 3:30-5pm

September 6th- School-wide Write for grades 8 & 9 Block A (see Marie Claude)

September 10th- School Council Annual General Meeting

September 13th- Grade 9/10 & Senior Early Bird Volleyball Tournament

September 14th- Grade 9/10 & Senior Early Bird Volleyball Tournament

September 17th- Squeak & Squack at Porter Creek Secondary School 6:45-9pm

September 20th- Deadline to submit semester 1 course plans

September 20th- Grade 8 Early Bird Volleyball Tournament

September 21th- Grade 8 Early Bird Volleyball Tournament

September 26th-27th- School photos

September 30th- Orange Shirt Day

October 1st- Grade 9 Immunizations from 8:30am-3pm

October 7th- Deadline for first informal report to be completed (email or phone call)

October 9th- Challenge Day