

B.C.C.I.S. Parent Bulletin



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Welcome to the 2011—2012 school year. We are all looking forward to working with both your children and you throughout this special year. We have continued to add improvements to the school with the greatest change being the cafeteria. An outdoor balcony, new tables and counters have been added. This will allow our students a comfortable place to eat their lunch.

We have also added two classrooms in the primary area and the preschool continues to grow. The lower hallway has been closed in and the administration staff have moved to the top floor.

Meet your Child's Teacher—KG 2 to Grade 11

We would like to begin the year with a meet your teacher afternoon on Monday, September 12th. You are invited to come to the school to hear about what your child will be learning this year as well as routines and expectations that their teacher has. This session is NOT a time to talk about your child but a time to meet the teacher and listen to what they have to say.

Elementary— There will be 3 twenty-five to thirty minute sessions at the elementary level so that parents who have more than one child in the school will be able to be visit each classroom. Each of the three sessions will be the same. The first session will begin at 3:15, the second one at 3:45 and the last session will begin at 4:15. These session will occur in the classrooms.

Secondary—at the secondary level you can hear about the grade 8 program at 3:15; the grade 9 program at 3:35; the grade 10 program at 4:00 and the grade 11 program at 4:25. These sessions will occur in the auditorium.

These sessions are informational only and during this session we hope that you will leave your email address so that the teachers will be able to communicate with you through email.

Grade 12 session. We will have a special informational session for grade 12 parents the following week.

Online access—last year we gave parents access to

student marks through an online program called eConnect. As we analysed the effectiveness of the program and the ease of use, we found that the program did not serve the needs to the extent we wanted. We have changed to a new program that will be much easier to view and understand. Within the next couple of weeks a new link on the BCCIS webpage will take you to a program called Maplewood online connect. You will have access to your child's marks, attendance and discipline. A detailed information letter will be sent home before the middle of September.

School Opening and Closing Times

We begin school at 8:00 and it is very important that all students be at the school before 8:00 a.m. The elementary will meet out back for the national anthems and the secondary students begin each day in their Arabic classes. Elementary classes will end at 3:05 and the secondary school will end at 3:08. This should help the busses get our students home a bit earlier than last year.

Front Foyer. We now have doors that have created a hallway on the ground floor. Access to the school beyond these doors will be limited to those who have appointments. This gives us greater security and supervision. If you pick your child up each day, please wait at the front of the school or in the front foyer, please do not attempt to go to the classroom.

Parent Handbook

Your youngest child will be bringing home the Parent Handbook for this year. It is very important that you read through this document and Rules and expectations of student behaviour are described in the handbook. These expectations of behaviour will be strictly upheld this year so you need to be familiar with them. Both the preschool and the main school handbook are in one document this year.

I hope to see you all on Monday, September 12.