

Dear Chief Dan George families,

Welcome back, Wolves!



It is hard to believe another school year is already here. I am excited and very proud to be returning for my second year as Principal of Chief Dan George Middle School. Mrs. Dallas is returning as well in her third year as our Vice-Principal, and together we are looking forward to reconnecting with our students and families and meeting those who are new to CDGM this year.

To our new Grade 6 students and families — welcome to the pack! We know starting middle school can bring a mix of excitement and nerves, and there will be lots of people here to help make those first days a positive experience.

We can't wait to see our hallways, classrooms, fields, music rooms, gyms, and gathering spaces filled with students again.

Below I have highlighted some key information for you regarding school start up:

**Tentative Pod Lists – Posted
September 4th at 4pm**

The tentative pod lists will be posted on the windows at the front of the school on Friday, September 4th at 4 pm. The grade level, room number, teacher's name and division will be at the top. *Please note that class changes may take place during the first few weeks of school due to changes in enrolment numbers.*

Drop Off & Pick Up Process

As we begin a new school year, we ask families to refrain from using the staff parking lot for pick-up and drop-off after 8am. This area is reserved for staff parking to ensure that teachers and support staff can find parking and access the building efficiently, so they are ready to welcome and support students at the start of each school day.

If you are driving your child to or from school, the preferred pick-up and drop-off location is along the field side of the school.



Following these procedures helps keep traffic flowing safely and allows students to arrive and depart in an organized manner.

The gated loop at front of school will have restricted access for emergency vehicles & those who require special transportation or have mobility needs.

Please refer to the visual above that outlines where to pick-up and drop off your child.

- Loop via Highland Ave.
- Use the north side of Old Riverside Road (park side)
- This is a drop-and-go zone—no waiting.

PARKING / WAITING

- Use the gravel lot at Gladwin & Old Riverside Road.

School Bus Transportation

Regular bussing begins on the first day of school, September 8th. On this day, after-school pickup is three hours earlier than the usual time, therefore, unless parents/guardians make arrangements to pick up students, *grade 7 & 8's who ride the bus will be unsupervised for approximately 60 minutes after their instructional time on this day while they wait.*

For all school bus transportation related questions, please call the district's Transportation Department at (604) 855-5278 or send an email to school.bus@abbyschools.ca

First Day of School Tuesday September 8th

The first day of school will be a partial one for students to meet their teachers, peers, and to see parts of the school. Students do NOT bring their supplies on this day. They only need to bring a pencil and paper or notepad. **Grade 8 WEB leaders will need to arrive at 7:15am.**

Grade 6
First Annual WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Orientation
8:20–11:30 a.m.

Grade 7- 8:
8:25 – 10:30am

GRADE 6

We are excited to host this on the first day of school so that all grade 6 students can take part in this opportunity.

8:20am Main Front Door Entrance open and Grade 6 students will be led into the GYM.

Orientation will begin with attendance, followed by a school tour with our WEB Grade 8 leaders. The WEB leaders will take students to their POD classrooms where they will spend an hour getting to know their amazing classroom teacher! They will then come back to the GYM for our PIZZA lunch.

11:30am Grade 6 students are dismissed.

GRADE 7 & 8

8:25 am Students Gather in their PODS in DESIGNATED area Outside:

POD J & K	West Door Beside Basketball Court
POD H & I	Southeast Front Entrance
POD D, E, & F	East side outside classroom doors
POD G	Portables

Student helpers as well as Learning Services Staff will be available to help all new students find their waiting area. Pod Teachers will come to get Pod and take to their new classroom.

10:30am Grade 7 & 8 Students are dismissed.

First FULL Day Wednesday September 9th

All students are to meet at designated spots outside for first full day.

Grade 7 & 8s

Return to their outside meeting areas that were established on Thursday.

Grade 6s

POD A:	East side Entrance Classroom Doors
POD B:	East side Entrance Classroom Doors
POD C & D:	Southeast Front Entrance

Classes will run the full day, from our regular start time of 8:25 am (where students are met at an external door by their teachers) and dismissed at 2:21. Please follow this link to our [detailed Bell Schedule](#).

School Calendar 2026-2027

To help with your planning this year, please see this link to our [Chief Dan George Middle School Calendar](#) that is updated throughout the year.

Day 1 - Day 2 Schedule: This year, we will be continuing our Day 1 - Day 2 schedule to make things easier and more consistent for staff and students. Fridays will alternate between Day 1 and Day 2. You can [CLICK HERE](#) to see the year-long schedule.

School Supplies

Please see this link to our [school supply list](#). Please do not bring all your supplies on the first day of school. Teachers will give additional instructions regarding lockers starting the second day. Chief Dan George also allows students to bring their own Chromebook to school. [Please see this section of our website for details and FAQ's regarding our BYOD program.](#)

Attendance & Late Arrivals

Throughout the year and particularly during the first week, it is imperative that we have accurate attendance for all our students. If your child is going to be away, please use the School Messenger App or Safe Arrival Website to mark your child away. You can register if you [CLICK HERE](#). You can also call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

A reliable indicator of student success is consistency of attendance at school. Students who attend all their classes all of the time experience greater academic success in school. We will do whatever we can as a teaching community to ensure that your children are engaged in interesting and demanding learning experiences designed to arouse their curiosity and prepare them for academic and personal success after they leave Chief Dan George Middle School.

We take the tracking of students' attendance very seriously. The reasons for this include: our concern for the whereabouts and safety of our students, maintaining accurate records as required by law, and tracking students' academic progress to ensure that they are keeping up with their studies.

We ask for your help and cooperation in the following ways:

- ⇒ Ensure that your children arrive on time to school
- ⇒ Ensure that the office is notified of absences and/or lates with a phone call or a note from a parent or guardian.
- ⇒ Remind your child to sign-in at the office if they come late to school.
- ⇒ If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, and walk home, please send them with a note or call the office. As well you must come into the office/call/ or use School Messenger to sign them out.
- ⇒ If you are here to pick up your child we ask that you come to the office and sign your child out to ensure that the child is leaving with a parent or guardian.

Emergency Readiness

In the event of an emergency that requires students to remain at school longer than expected, it can be comforting for children to have a few personal items available. As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, each student will be asked to bring a **labelled 1-gallon freezer-style Ziploc bag** to school. This bag will be used to store personal emergency supplies and will remain in the classroom throughout the year. We hope to have all emergency safety packs in place by the end of September. Please click [HERE](#) to view a list of suggested items that may provide comfort and support to your child in the event of an emergency.

Emergency Reunification Forms

To help us respond quickly and safely during an emergency, please ensure that your child's Emergency Reunification Form is completed and up to date. You can view these forms [HERE](#). It is essential that we have current:

- Parent/guardian contact information
- Approved emergency contacts
- Pick-up authorization information
- Medical alerts and important health information

If any of your information has changed, please update the form as soon as possible.

Closed Campus

During the school year we have a closed campus for the safety and security of our students. This means that students are expected to stay on campus at all times (including lunch time) unless previous arrangements are made with the school by the parents or guardians. All visitors (including parents) to the campus are expected to check in at the office.

Code of Conduct & Fair Notice Policy

Code of Conduct/Fair Notice Letters: Each year the district shares with families information on its Code of Conduct and Fair Notice policy. You can [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Code of Conduct and [CLICK HERE](#) for the Fair Notice Policy.

Cell Phone Policy

In accordance with Abbotsford School District Administrative Procedure 345, personal digital devices, including cell phones, are not to be used during instructional time unless authorized by a staff member for educational, medical, accessibility, or support purposes.

At Chief Dan George Middle School, cell phones brought to school must remain stored in student lockers during the school day and may only be used before or after school outside the building. Families needing to contact their child during the school day are asked to call the school office.

To help minimize cell phone distractions and support student learning, Chief Dan George Middle School has implemented a revised three-strike cell phone policy for the 2026-2027 school year.



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CELL PHONE POLICY





To support student learning and minimize distractions, students are expected to keep cell phones and personal electronic devices **put away during instructional time** unless permission has been provided by a staff member for educational purposes.

— 🐾 THREE-STRIKE PROCESS 🐾 —

STRIKE 1		FIRST OCCURRENCE The student will be reminded of the school expectation and asked to put the device away immediately.
STRIKE 2		SECOND OCCURRENCE • The device will be confiscated and kept in the office for the remainder of the school day. • The student may pick up the device at the end of the day.
STRIKE 3		THIRD OCCURRENCE • The device will be confiscated and held in the office. • A parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up the device from the school.



ONGOING CONCERNS

Repeated violations may result in additional interventions and the development of an individual device management plan in consultation with the student, family, and administration.



WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF FAMILIES IN HELPING STUDENTS DEVELOP RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY HABITS AND MAINTAIN A FOCUSED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.



School Vaccination Consent Now Available Online

Families of students in Grades 6 and 9 can now provide vaccination consent online in advance of their school immunization clinic. To complete a consent form, check your child's immunization record, or learn more, visit [the BC Immunization Consent Portal](#). Families can also [click HERE](#) for additional information about school immunizations, checking immunization records, and providing online consent.

Ways to Stay in Touch

We believe that it is important to be in communication with our families. We have several ways we keep in touch throughout the school year:

- [Chief Dan George Middle School website](#)
- Social Media: Facebook (@Chiefdangeorgemiddle) & Instagram(@chiefdan_middle)
- Weekly newsletter from the office
- School Messenger: This is our main format for sharing information including our weekly CDG newsletter which comes out on Fridays. School messenger allows us to email the community. We can also use it to call you with an automated message in emergency situations.

We also welcome parent-initiated communication. For any school wide questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to myself (Ms. Boucher) or Mrs. Dallas by phone or email. We are always glad to set up a time to talk by phone or in person. For classroom questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher first. We strongly encourage parents to email teachers to set up a time to talk by phone or in person.



We look forward to a fantastic year!

Ms. Boucher & Mrs. Dallas
Administrative Team
Chief Dan George Middle School