



Revelstoke Secondary School

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Dear Students and Parent/Guardians:

The first day of school is just around the corner. Everyone here at RSS is working so hard to be prepared for the return of full-time school for the first time since March 13th!

I must applaud the staff of RSS for their dedication and plain hard work as we prepare for Thursday. We know that as much as we try to minimize glitches in our planning they may occur as we experience a new system for the first time. I ask all of our students and parents for their patience as we work through these as they come.

We are excited to see our students again! On that note we have been planning as smooth a start as possible for Thursday. Here are some details regarding the first day of school.

At all times, students should be practicing physical distancing while waiting to enter RSS, during the school day, and upon exiting RSS.

Before students enter the school building, they will be given two masks. Students are expected to wear a mask as they enter the school; they can wear a personal one if they want. For more information, please see pages 23-25 here: <https://www.sd19.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>. On page 24 are further links to BCCDC regarding mask use.

1. Very few students have been given their schedule. These will be given out Thursday morning. If a grade 10-12 student does not have a Block A or a Block B class on their schedule once they have been handed out, these students should leave the school building for the block in which they have a 'spare', and email their counsellor to make an appointment if needed.

Schedules will be handed out in the following areas:

- a. Grade 8—Theater. For this Thursday only it makes sense for Grade 8 students to enter through the Community Entrance doors and proceed into the theater. All other school days Grade 8 students will enter through the NE doors facing BVE.

- b. Grade 9—Multipurpose Room. Enter through the Main Entrance.
 - c. Grade 10—Back Patio. Enter through the Main Entrance, follow directions and proceed through the Multipurpose Room and go through the patio doors.
 - d. Grade 11—Fitness Room Waiting Area. Enter through the Community Entrance.
 - e. Grade 12—Bridge beside the Library. Enter through the Community Entrance.
2. All students must go directly to their first class once they receive their schedule. The class time is 10:00-11:20 (80 minutes).
 - a. Grade 8s—Theater
 - b. Grade 9s—Block E
 - c. Grades 10-12—Block A
3. All students will have a nutrition break 11:20-11:35. Students should go outside.
4. Students go to their next class at 11:35-12:55 (80 minutes).
 - a. Grade 8s and Grade 9s—as directed by their teachers.
 - b. Grade 10-12—Block B
5. All students dismissed at 12:55. Students must exit through their designated entry immediately and practice physical distancing exiting RSS.

Regular school times and block orders will start on Friday.

I sincerely believe that we will have a good start-up and a great year. Working together, this school community will illustrate the motto of RSS: Respect, Safety, and Success!

See you tomorrow!

Greg Kenyon
Principal