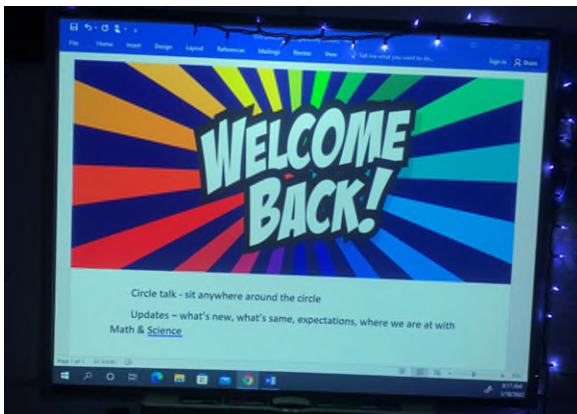


# **QJS Return to School Jan. 14, 2022**

**Where we Live, Laugh and Learn the way of our Nations with  
*Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness***



## **SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**We had a very successful and positive return to school this week! Students were fantastic; wearing masks covering nose, mouth and chin, and adapting to changed locker access. This made a huge difference reducing in our hallway congestion.**

**Thanks to everyone who responded to emails to confirm their contact information in case we need to rapidly inform families of Functional Closures. It's not too late if you have not had a chance to let us know.**

**We are tracking attendance and class absence numbers closely, so PLEASE contact the school and let us know if your child will be away, ill or otherwise.**

**Reminders:**

**KEY SAFETY MEASURES:**

- Daily Health Check – stay home if you are unwell  
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>
- Mask – covering nose, mouth, and chin when indoors
- Hand Hygiene – wash or sanitize hands frequently
- Maintain Physical Distance – Reduce Congestion or Crowding

**KEY CHANGES TO QJS SAFETY MEASURES**

- Locker Access – to reduce hallway congestion students access lockers before school, at lunch and end of day (and with teacher permission at other times)
- Limit Hallway time – students enter/exit at nearest doors whenever possible
- Max. 4 students in bathrooms

**FUNCTIONAL CLOSURES:**

Functional Closures A functional closure of a school is the temporary closure of a school determined by a school district due to a lack of staff to provide the required level of teaching, supervision, support, and/or custodial to ensure the health and safety of students. This would likely be due to a high number of staff or certain employees away who are required for a school to function, and the inability to temporarily replace them.

# Time to Update School Supplies



Many students go through a pencil a day, so now is a great time to check to see your child has lots of pencils and paper to get them through to Spring Break. Also a great idea to bring a water bottle.

Check specialty items: shop safety glasses, and gym shoes (lots of students have grown out of their shoes by now).



**PAC UPDATE: Virtual MEETING**

**Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022 7:00**

**Join us in the Google MEETING by clicking the link**

<https://meet.google.com/fci-jxqs-xow?hs=122&authuser=0>

**2021-2022 Executive:**

**Melissa Pollock- President**

**Kellie Olsen- Vice President**

**Melissa Gonzales- Secretary**

**Shawna Mckenzie- Treasurer**

**New PAC email address - [PACatQJS@gmail.com](mailto:PACatQJS@gmail.com)**



**To get more information you can visit the QJS Parent Advisory Council**

**Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/QJS-Parent-Advisory-Council-PAC-107601454861758>**



Nuts & Scents  
Free School



**Students happy to return to school.  
Its good be back with friends and  
learning again!**



## **CAFETERIA: Good News**

**Graduated Start Up - The cafeteria caterer is starting next week with a soft opening on Tuesday and Thursday.**

**In order to limit congestion, we will split the cafeteria times between the grade 8s and 9s like the beginning of the year but only on catered days. Grade 8s will have the cafeteria first on day1s and grade 9s will have it first on day 2s. We hope this gives a sense of equity to the students.**

We have not received a finalized menu but next week will be pizza. Other options the caterer serves at Correlieu that we can likely look forward to are pulled pork sandwiches, beef dips, taco salad and wraps. They will also have snacks and beverages.

Asking folks to be patient as our vendor may take a little time to match interests and quantities to our students.

## **QJS SPORTS TEAMS STILL RUNNING!**

### **Ski and Snowboard Team**



### **Gymnastics**



### **Basketball**



**Watch for updates on game and competition results.**



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**Join the team taking a stand  
against violence towards women  
and children.**

## **The Ten Men Challenge**



**The Ten Men Challenge is a day-long fast where young men (and women) pledge to stand up against violence towards women and children. 10 young men (or more) fast together from sun up to sun down, where possible the school and broader community are involved to show their support for the sacrifice undertaken by the youth. Each group of young fasters is then invited to mentor the next cohort of Ten Men.**

**The first Ten Men Challenge took place in Fraser Lake on April 27, 2017 at Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School in BC. A two-hour school-wide assembly was held with local and regional elected officials and local stakeholders invited and over 450 people in attendance. First Nations protocols were followed and the event featured a keynote address from co-founders Paul and Raven Lacerte, First Nations dancers and a feast at sundown to break the fast for the ten men.**

# Important Information from our Region



**Williams Lake**  
FIRST NATION

**PRESS  
RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

01/06/2022

## ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION INVESTIGATION GEOPHYSICAL RESULTS

Chief and Council of the Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN) will be releasing the preliminary geophysical results from the first phase of the St. Joseph's Mission Residential School investigation on **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. This follows the announcement of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, postponing the previously scheduled release of the results in order to give adequate time for neighboring First Nation communities to put in place the necessary health and wellness supports.

"We're grateful that we were able to complete the first phase of our geophysical research and will be in a position to have greater clarity about the results of the ground penetrating radar and other technical investigations," states WLFN Chief, Willie Sellars. "This has been an extremely challenging time for WLFN and other First Nations who were affected by the facility at St. Joseph's. We have out of necessity in the course of our investigation opened old wounds and asked people to recount some terrible and harrowing stories. But the information provided has helped shape our investigation and I'm thankful to make progress on this first phase of our work."

Prior to releasing the geophysical investigation results to the public, WLFN will be conducting a meeting with the Chiefs of the communities directly affected by the operations at St. Joseph's Mission. This meeting will take place on the morning of January 25<sup>th</sup> and will provide the Chiefs with an opportunity to ask questions of the technical experts involved in the first phase of investigations. This session is closed to the media and to the public, and attendance is by invitation only.

In the afternoon of January 25<sup>th</sup>, a formal press conference will be held to announce the preliminary results of the geophysical investigation. This will be followed by a brief question and answer session. The anticipated start time for this session is 1:00 pm on January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2561 Quigli Drive. Any media outlets wishing to attend this session **must make arrangements in advance with the WLFN contact listed below**, as COVID protocols are in place and seating is limited.

"We know that everyone is eager to receive these results," adds Chief Sellars. "But we're asking that everyone be patient and respectful of the process. Our key concern is the mental health and welfare of the survivors of St. Joseph's, and that of their families. We're trying to conduct this process in as orderly a fashion as possible."

For further information on this media release, please contact Dominique Melanson at [dominique.melanson@wfn.ca](mailto:dominique.melanson@wfn.ca) or by telephone at 778-417-0198.



## **NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER** **Information for Parents**

***\*Here we post some links and information we hope you find helpful.***

Recent public health guidance recommends those who test positive for COVID-19 notify those whom they live with. While those who test positive do not need to notify the school or others at school, individuals may still contact a school for this purpose. To protect personal privacy, schools cannot release individual contact information for the purpose of an individual (staff, student or parent/caregiver) seeking to notifying others of their test result. Schools should also not notify others on an individual's behalf.

- Anyone who has tested positive using a rapid test<sup>3</sup> should complete the online reporting tool provided by public health, and provide all school-related information requested.

- Public health does not require students or staff to notify our school if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or to notify other individuals at school.

- To protect personal privacy, we are unable to provide personal contact information for the purpose of notifying others of a test result.

- We continue to follow public health guidance, including monitoring school absenteeism to help determine if there may be increased school-associated COVID-19 activity.





# Coming up: Regular Grade 9 Vaccinations Week of Jan 24-27

Routine Immunizations; **TDAP vaccine** which protects against 3 diseases; Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough) **Meningococcal quadrivalent vaccine**. This vaccine protects against infections from 4 types of meningococcal bacteria.

Primary Care Nurses will be coming to the school to administer immunizations.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Community Health Unit at 250-983-6850.

**Students will NOT be offered COVID-19 vaccines during these clinics.**



**Let us help your child resolve the problem. We work with families and students to resolve issues. Do you know about something going on? Please let us know.**

**Contact us:**

**Mrs. Simpson 250-255-6057**

**Mr. Loewen 250-991-9681**

**Office 250-747-2103**