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**Newsletter #1 – Opening Day**

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Welcome back to a new school year. We are hopeful this will prove to be a most successful year for your son/daughter. A special welcome to our new parents – we hope you find the school a welcoming place and encourage you to get involved in any way you see fit. We continue to refer parents to the school's website ([www.isfeldschool.ca](http://www.isfeldschool.ca)). It is always expanding and full of important links for both students and parents. Please familiarize yourself with the items listed below.

1. **Teacher Job Action** – Ms. Sherry Elwood (Superintendent of Schools) has distributed a document regarding the status of contract negotiations with teachers in our province. This document is on both the district ([www.sd71.bc.ca](http://www.sd71.bc.ca)) and school websites for you to view and we would encourage you to do so.
2. **Meet the Teacher Night** – this night was originally scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to the job action we have been forced to cancel this event.
3. **P.A.C. Meeting** – the first meeting of the year is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. The meetings are on the **second** Monday of the month and your participation is welcomed. There is always good sharing of information and interesting discussions at these meetings and we encourage you to attend.
4. **Parents of French Immersion students** – We traditionally start the year with a meeting of the F.I. parents but due to job action this will not be happening this year. At the first P.A.C. meeting we will be electing two representatives for the French Advisory Committee (FAC) for this school year.
5. **School Photos** – photo day is booked for Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Students have been provided with an information sheet to explain the choices available for photo packages. These pictures are also used for the Yearbook and student cards so we would like every student to get their picture taken even if you choose not to purchase a photo package. Payment options are explained on the sheet from LifeTouch – the school is not involved in the purchase of photos.

6. **Grade 12s** – the excitement about “Grad” will be upon us before we can imagine. Grad Parents should mark their calendars for the first very important meeting. The first informational evening meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 P.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room.**
7. **Fees** – The fee structure that is in place for this year is consistent at all three secondary schools in the district and has remained unchanged for a number of years. In keeping with provincial guidelines there are no **course fees** but we still require a small **Student Activity Fee** to help with a number of things our students enjoy. Our Student Activity Fee has been maintained at \$25 and the Yearbook cost has been kept at \$40. We would like to collect the \$25 or \$65 as soon as possible so funds can be distributed to the appropriate areas. The fees will be collected through the Main Office.
8. **Student Pick-up and Drop-Off** - We are continuing to make efforts to deal with the volume of vehicle traffic at the beginning and end of the day in front of the Main Entrance to the school. Your cooperation is needed to ensure traffic keeps flowing in this area. We are asking parents to NOT PARK in this area. If you are dropping your son/daughter off, please move as far forward as you can in the zone and leave as quickly and safely as possible. If you are picking your son/daughter up after school then please do not stay parked in this area – we would prefer you arrange to have the students meet you up in the parking lot area to avoid grid-lock right in front. Parents should also be aware that there is a second pick-up/drop-off zone at the Bus Loop area at the back of the school. New lines have been painted there providing a number of parking stalls and a designated drive through area.

**9. Important Dates** –

Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – P.A.C. Meeting at 7 P.M. in the Library

Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – School Photos

Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run

Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Grad Parents Meeting at 7:00 P.M. (Multi-Purpose Room)

9. **Formal Release for Student Writing, Artwork and Images** – In order to comply with Canadian copyright law, the Comox Valley School District is requesting that all parents/guardians who object to having their child’s artwork, written work, or photographic images displayed or reproduced in any format register their objection with their child(ren)’s school(s). It is understood that by **not** registering such objection, the school, district, and/or other agencies may utilize children’s work or image for non-profit informational purposes only.