



Pleasant Valley Secondary School

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Dear students and families,

Welcome back to school! My name is Mr. Steve Drapala, and it's my privilege to be the Principal of Pleasant Valley Secondary. I live in the community, am a graduate of PVSS and spent many years teaching at the school. I truly feel like I am at home at PVSS. On behalf of myself, Vice Principal, Mr. Clint Maltais, and our entire staff, we are excited for you to be joining our learning community this September.

The privilege of teaching, caring, and supporting children requires a great deal of time, energy, passion, and conviction. After a much-deserved summer break, our staff is gearing up for another successful school year. At PVSS, we work hard to live up to our mission statement that states, **"Together we aspire to provide a safe learning environment which fosters the development of self-esteem, social responsibility, intellectual growth and lifelong learning"**.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 3** and will be a half day, starting at 9:10am with dismissal at 12:25pm. Thursday, September 4 will be a full day of school, starting at 9:10am with dismissal at 3:25pm.

Students should come to school on the first day with some basic supplies for the day:

- A three-ring binder (2")
- Lined loose-leaf paper, dividers (4+)
- Pens (Blue & Black)/pencils/ Highlighters (2 colours), eraser/white-out
- Pencil crayons, ruler, scientific calculator (for math) will also be helpful but not necessary for the first day.

When students arrive, there will be **Block-A Class Lists** posted in the main foyer. **Students are to double check these lists to ensure they know which location to go to for Block A.**



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During Block A, students will be provided with plenty of information about our school, including locker assignments, and student schedules. Students will then rotate through their remaining first semester courses, meeting each of their teachers, and finding out more information about their classes (*including additional supplies that may be required*).

9:15 – 10:15am	Block A (<i>longer block to take care of startup administrative needs</i>)
10:20 – 10:50am	Block B
10:50 – 11:20am	<i>Break</i>
11:20 – 11:50am	Block C
11:55 – 12:25pm	Block D / Dismissal
12:35pm	Buses begin to transport students home

STUDENT SCHEDULES & COURSE CHANGES

We have been busy over the summer working on the school timetable and hiring fantastic teachers. Due to the evolving nature of this work, some student schedules may have changed. Students should have received a paper copy of their schedule in the spring but they will also receive a final schedule of their courses on the first day of school.

If you require assistance regarding schedule change requests, **please email Mr. Doug Brown at dobrown@sd83.bc.ca**.

SCHOOL TOURS

On August 28, from 10am to 2pm, we would like to give new students the opportunity to come and have a tour of PVSS. Feel free to come any time during those 4 hours and we will have some of our returning students giving the tours.

Enjoy the remaining summer days, and please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Steve Drapala

Clint Maltais

Principal, Pleasant Valley Secondary

Vice Principal, Pleasant Valley Secondary

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