

JAWS Bits 'N' Bites

September 9-13, 2019.



First Week at JAWS

This past week, we welcomed students for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Our Freshmen Grade 9s were shown to their classes, helped with lockers, and our first assembly reviewed expectations and encouraged them to get involved during their high school career as they march toward their graduation in 2023. All students reviewed school rules in block 2 on the first day, and we will send school calendars home to parents this week with complete school policies and important dates for the year.

Our student services team have completed all schedule changes for students who put their name on the list at the front and were in school this week. If a schedule change is still needed, meet with one of the JAWS administrators. We cannot guarantee desired changes as we must consider both class sizes and the best academic plan for your child's future aspirations.

The class of 2020 should be familiar with the expectations and requirements to walk the stage at convocation in June. Be sure to schedule a meeting with Mr. Collins to check credits if you haven't already done so. We typically hold a grad meeting by the first week of October, shortly after we host a grad parent meeting. Stay tuned and connected to School Messenger for details!

Get Involved!

This past week staff encouraged students to choose a school activity to get involved in extra-curricular life at JAWS. Not only does it keep our youth busy and out of trouble, many studies prove time and time again that involvement in school-related activities is connected to success in academics and in future endeavours. Students can make new friends, be surrounded by and grow into good role models, and develop skills necessary for success after high school, like increased confidence, social skills, leadership, public speaking skills, and so much more. Check out this article on the benefits of extra-curricular involvement: <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/ca/blog/benefits-of-extracurricular-activities> ! So what activities have started already?

Volleyball - practices Mondays/Wednesdays from 4-6pm. See Mr. Przybylski if you missed the meetings!

Golf - see Mr. Meyer to sign up! Enjoy the links before the snow flies!

Students' Union - build school spirit and plan the year's activities! See Mr. Donovan!

Interact Club - promote global citizenship each Wednesday at lunch in Room 184. See Mrs. Dribnenki!

Art Club - explore your talent and passion for the arts! See Mr. Swainson!

Yearbook - see Mr. Dyck or Mrs. Strom-Brocklesby!

JAWS of Life - interested in photography or journalism? See Ms. Dinn or Mr. Donovan

Peer Support, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Community Helpers, LGBTQ+ Alliance - see Student Services!

Cross-Country Running - see Mr. Meyer

Important Dates

Sept 9 - Picture Day

Sept 20 - IPP Day
(no classes)

Sept 24 - Parent
Council Meeting

Oct 21 - Systems
Day (no classes)



PAC Corner

The JAWS Parents' Advisory Council (and our School Council) typically meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month; our first meeting will be Tuesday September 24 at 6:30pm to find out how you can help support student success! Stop by and hear how you can contribute to your child's safe and caring learning environment! Find out more about the Sports Fields Development, and learn more about how the parents can support the mental health and wellness of our teens! Leadership positions available! JAWS PAC needs volunteers! Earn **\$50** toward school fees by working a BINGO! Contact Bonnie @ 780 404 5454 for details!