



Lake City Secondary

April 2021 Newsletter

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Important Dates

Apr 2	Good Friday (no school)
Apr 5	Easter Monday (no school)
Apr 12-16	Provincial Exam/Assessments
Apr 16	Quarter 3 Ends
Apr 19	PAC Meeting 6:00pm Col (ZOOM)
Apr 19	Quarter 4 Begins
Apr 23	Pro-D Day (no-school)
Apr 27	Grade 8-12 Report Cards Go Home

(NEW) - Safe Arrival / Automatic Home Callout

The School District has purchased School Messenger along with the Safe Arrival module. The product itself is linked to MyEducation BC and sends out emails, phone messages, and messages via phone apps to parents whose children are not in school for that day (unexcused absence), and the parents can respond in kind to the message indicating that the child is ill etc. The system also allows parents to indicate that their child will be away for the day by using a 1-800 number, phone app, or website login. Overall, the intent is to be proactive with an automated Safe Arrival program to inform parents of their child's unexcused absence (and conversely the parent easily inform the school if the child will be away). Starting this week and into next week a pilot will occur at Marie Sharpe and Lake City Secondary to begin using Safe Arrival. Given our success at these two schools, Safe Arrival's further implementation will occur at other schools in the district.

More specific information and FAQ at the end of this newsletter.

Grade 12 - Career Life Connections (CLC) is a course requirement that must be completed outside of the timetable. Grade 12 students will receive a letter grade for this course. If Grade 12 students do not complete the 3 component requirements they will not graduate. The 3 components are: online course work, work experience and a Capstone project.



2021 Graduates! Ensure that you check in with Mrs. Thomson at the Career Centre to ensure that all your Grad Transition requirements are being met, as well as your work experience.



Graduates, please ensure that your mailing address is correct as this is where your diploma and convocation photo will be sent from the Ministry of Education. **Grad Ceremonies are Thursday and Friday, June 10th and 11th from 4:00-8:00pm each day.**

Grad Fees – The school is asking for all graduates to pay their grad fees (\$60) by April 30, 2021. Grad fees pay for: grad gowns, grad caps, grad ceremony photos, decorations and a diploma folder.



Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Exams – Before graduating all Grade 10 and 11 students are required to write a Provincial Numeracy and Literacy Assessment, all Grade 12 students must write the Numeracy Assessment. Please confirm with Mr. Brown to ensure that you are scheduled.

School Clothing

Lake City Secondary has a large selection of school clothing ranging from; hoodies, T-shirts, sweat pants, toques, golf-shirts and athletic shorts. Contact the office for available selection and sizes. Order forms will be available as well.



Dry Grad

The Dry Grad Committee is organizing a **TENTATIVE** reverse parade and Grad Dinner pending the lifting of restrictions. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions please email them to wldrygrad2021@gmail.com.

You can also join the facebook page at [williamslakedrygrad2021](https://www.facebook.com/williamslakedrygrad2021) to find out what is happening with Dry Grad 2021.

SafeArrival Letter to Parents

March 30, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27 one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing **a new, more efficient** student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1 (833) 582-6944 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Starting **April 8, 2021** please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

If you have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system.

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).
3. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select **Report an Absence**.

Web and Mobile Web: go.schoolmessenger.com

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Go to the website.
3. Click **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, then select **Report an Absence**

Interactive Toll-free Phone

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. 1 (833) 582-6944
3. Follow the instructions to report an absence.

Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence.

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using your communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text messages, or phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If an absence is not explained within approximately 20 minutes of the time that the school starts the notification process, school staff will follow up to make sure that your child is safe. If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance.

If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the methods listed above or during the phone call notification itself.

Why do I need a SchoolMessenger app account?

A SchoolMessenger app account is not required to use the toll-free phone line to report absences. However, we strongly recommend that you provide your email address to the school and set up your SchoolMessenger app account. This allows you to review and update absences, review your contact information and communication preferences and more.

Please see related SchoolMessenger app documentation for setting up your account, resetting your password, reviewing contact information, and specifying communication preferences. Once you have set up your account, choose ATTENDANCE from the menu.

If you cannot set up your account, you do not see the ATTENDANCE option, or you do not see your child(ren) listed in your account, please contact the school directly to check that your correct email address is associated with your child(ren).

How do I use the toll-free phone line?

When you call the toll-free phone line, follow the instructions for reporting an absence.

If the phone number you are calling from matches a phone number on file with the school for your student(s), you will hear your student'(s) name(s). If the system doesn't recognize your caller ID, you will be asked to enter the student's home phone number.

If you have difficulty using the toll-free phone line, please consider using the SchoolMessenger mobile app or website. Otherwise, contact the school directly.