



Penticton Secondary School

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Penticton Secondary School Core Values

To create the very best learning environment, members of our learning community will consistently strive to act with integrity, respect, compassion and commitment.

Integrity – practice exemplary behavior and take responsibility for what we say and do

Respect – respect all others no matter their differences

Compassion – demonstrate kindness and patience with others and graciousness when receiving assistance

Commitment – engage in meaningful learning and teaching that contributes to the development of self and others



Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff of Penticton Secondary School I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 school year and to extend a special warm welcome to all our new students, including our incoming Grade 9 students and our International student guests. We are so pleased to have you join our school community. This school year promises to be another excellent year at Pen High!

It is our intention to create the best learning environment we possibly can and you can help

with that – by acting with integrity, respect, compassion and commitment, you will be promoting our school's core values while also playing an important role in the development of a positive school culture. You will find that the staff are ready to help you in every way possible so that your time at Penticton Secondary School is both memorable and productive.

We are excited for what this year has in store, and we also know that the first few days back to school or at a new school can be a little intimidating. We encourage you to seek assistance if you have any questions and hope that your 2019-2020 school year is an incredibly memorable one for you all!

Mr. Van Bergeyk, Principal

Main Office Hours

August 19, 2019 to August 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 26, 2019 to August 30, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

250-770-7750



Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Grade 9 Students:

Welcome to Grade 9 at Penticton Secondary School!

We are excited that your child will be attending Penticton Secondary School and we look forward to meeting your student on the first day of school. We hope that your child's transition to secondary school will be as seamless as possible. Please find our student handbook on the Penticton Secondary School website at:

<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/school/pentictonsecondary>

The Student Handbook has the bell and block schedule, school calendar, names of counsellors and administrators, the school code of conduct, plus much more. Please take a moment to review the handbook as this will orientate you to the school.

The week prior to the first day of school all grade 9 students can expect to receive a phone call from one of our Senior Leadership students welcoming them and providing information about the organization of the first day as well as general orientation information. If he/she has not received a phone call by Tuesday, September 4th, please call the Main Office at 250-770-7750.

Grade 9 students will receive their timetable on Wednesday, September 5th, during their

orientation. There will be opportunity for questions and they will receive a tour of the school to identify key locations as well as their individual classrooms. Please note that minimal school supplies are required for the first day. A three-holed binder with paper and a pencil/pen will suffice as students will be given direction regarding school supplies from each of their individual teachers. Please do not buy school supplies in advance.

We look forward to meeting each of you!

Best regards,

Mr. Van Bergeyk - Principal

Mr. Boxall, Ms. Butler and Mrs. Richardson

Vice Principals



FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL FROM DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW



School Information for Parents and Students

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

DAY 1 – PERIODS 1, 3, 5, 7

ONLY GRADE 9'S ATTEND FROM

8:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Grade 9's meet in the GYM

ALL Grade 9 students are asked to report to the Gym at 8:40 a.m. Following a brief introductory assembly, students will be divided into smaller groups to begin their orientation. Senior Leadership students will escort the Grade 9 students to break out rooms, and will share valuable first day information and answer any questions the students may have. At this time, Senior Leadership students will distribute individual student schedules to the Grade 9 students. Following the information session, the senior students will take their Grade 9 groups on a tour of the school. Once the students are reasonably familiar with the school, they will be released to go to their first class.



9:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Grades 10 – 12 Timetables will be distributed by **ALPHA** in the Common Area:

A – B

C – D

E – F

G – H

I – J

K – L

M – N

O – P

R – S

T – V

W – Z

GRADES 9 – 12 start at 10:30 a.m.

Period 1 – 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - (30 minutes)

Period 2 – 11:05 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. - (15 minutes)

Period 3 – 11:25 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. - (15 minutes)

Period 4 – 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon - (15 minutes)

All Students on a Period 1 Study: *All students on a Period 1 Study* please see Ms. Sandham in the Library for your locker assignment.

All students in Period 1 Peer Tutors: Please report to Mrs. Shannon Reid in Room 100 for your locker assignment.

Incomplete Timetables: Any student with an incomplete timetable or a mistake in their timetable need to see their Alpha counsellor. For course changes, please complete a course change form in the Counselling Area a.s.a.p.



School Buses: The school bus pick-up & drop off area will continue to be the bus loop on Eckhardt Avenue East. Buses will run at regular times in the morning. **In the afternoon, buses will depart 3 hours earlier than the regular scheduled time.** The school bus schedule will be posted outside the main office.



COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT AT PEN-HIGH

Please see below for the distribution of alpha, by last name:

- A – G** Ms. Robyn Richter richter@summer.com
- H – O** Ms. Mhairi Dunnett mdunnett@summer.com
- P – Z** Mrs. Brandy Redford bredford@summer.com
- KISU/OHA**
Mr. Dave Nackoney dnackoney@summer.com

Career Programs

Mr. Trevor Knowlton tknowlton@summer.com

If you have concerns or questions, please contact the main office at 250-770-7750 or contact your counsellor. Counsellors will return to work on **August 26, 2019.**

COURSE CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE BETWEEN AUGUST 26, 2019 – AUGUST 29, 2019

Semester 1 course changes will no longer be made during the school year. Counsellors will be available to meet with new registrations and with students who wish to make course changes between **August 26, 2019 – August 29, 2019.**

Course changes will **not** be made after August **29, 2019**, so please ensure you come to the school during this week to make any changes that you need. Counsellors will be available between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the above dates and until 8:00 p.m. on **August 28, 2019**: students will be seen on a first come, first serve/drop in basis by their alpha counsellor in between new registration appointments.

Please note that written permission from a parent/guardian is required for any academic course change (i.e. dropping to a lower level in Math or Science, or dropping an academic class for an elective class).

Unfortunately, not all course change requests are possible and course changes based on teacher or friend combinations cannot be accommodated.

2019-20 POST-SECONDARY VISITS FOR GRADE 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

Throughout the school year, several post-secondary institutions send representatives to meet with students. Dates are published and advertised on our Pen High Scholarship and Post-Secondary Information Facebook page and in the daily school bulletin.

Institution	Date	Time	Location
PSI Night and Info. Session	Sept. 24	6 pm-9 pm	Pen High
Dalhousie University	Sept. 26	Lunch	Counselling Area
University of Calgary	Oct. 7	Lunch	Counselling Area
University of Alberta	Oct. 15	Lunch	Counselling Area
UVIC Gustavson School of Business	Oct. 16	Lunch	Counselling Area
Queens University	Nov 7	8:45 am	Counselling Area

PSI NIGHT: September 24, 2019

At 6:00 p.m. Pen High counsellors will deliver a presentation to Grade 12 students and their adults on applying for post-secondary admission and awards.

At 7:00 p.m. Grade 11 and 12 students and their adults are invited to attend information sessions and visit with representatives from the post-secondary institutions below.

UBC Trinity Western Northern Lights College

UVIC Selkirk College Quest University

SFU Kwantlen Polytechnic Capilano University

Thompson Rivers UNBC Okanagan College

Canadian Armed Forces-Royal Military College

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

*The list may change as we move closer to the date.

Pen High Website

Please visit the website at:

<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/school/pentictonsecondary>
to get up-to-date school information. If you have a school related event you would like posted to the website please contact the Main Office.

Student Fees Information and Policies

The Board of School Trustees has approved the following student charges for the 2019-2020 school year.

\$55.00	Annual Student Activity Charge
\$80.00	Graduation Charge (Grade 12's only)
\$100.00	Textbook Deposit Charge (New to Pen High students only)
\$20.00	Grade 9/10 PE – Optional
\$40.00	Grade 11/12 PE – Optional
\$50.00	Yearbook – Optional (the price increases to \$55.00 after December)
\$25.00	Woodworking - Optional
\$25.00	Metal Work - Optional
\$25.00	Foods - Optional
\$20.00	Textiles - Optional

Please be aware that all students must pay the textbook deposit in order to borrow school resources. This will be refunded upon leaving Penticton Secondary School providing no books or textbooks have been lost or damaged. The refund can be done by simply filling in the "Textbook Refund Request" found on our school website and sending it in. (NOTE: if you have found some textbook or library books over the summer, please drop them off any time after August 19th at the school office. Even if you no longer attend here, we would like those books back! (NOTE: Returning students will not be given their new resources until all missing books are returned or paid for)

Penticton Secondary School is pleased to offer School Cash Online, which provides you with the **convenience of paying online for school items** such as Team Fees, Trips, and Student Fees. School Cash Online is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques. (You can also just go in and view any fees owing for your student)

Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link: <https://sd67.schoolcashonline.com/>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login and add each of your children to your household account.

For those who would like to continue paying via Cash or Cheque, payments can be made at the Accounting Office Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the regular school year. Any unpaid fees assigned to a student are carried forward to the next school year. All fees must be paid in order to participate in Graduation Celebrations.

Please contact the Accounting Office at Local 6643 if you require further information.

Financial Hardship

In instances where a fee represents a financial hardship, requests for fee assistance can be made by completing the Confidential Fee Assistance application available in the accounting office or on our school website. The application will be reviewed by Administration. A decision will be made and the parent will be informed

Parking Lot Safety

Please be considerate when dropping off or picking up students at the school between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. **We ask that you please drop off students in the designated drop-off zone in front of the student/staff parking lot which runs parallel to Eckhardt Avenue. The driveway located immediately outside the front doors of the school is restricted to school vehicles and bus traffic only.** Please also be sensitive to the areas

designated as Disability Parking located in the front parking lot and behind the school on Jermyn Avenue. These spaces are intended for those parents and students who have this placard prominently displayed.



As has been our past practice, please be aware that we have requested the RCMP Integrated Road Sense Safety Unit to provide spontaneous spot checks of our parking facilities over the ensuing weeks and months before ensuring your children and our students remain safe during school hours. Due to a shortage of available parking space, **Student Parking will be processed by applying for a parking permit this year and will only be available to Grade 12 students.**

More information will be found in the Pen High Daily Bulletin. Absolutely no parking is allowed on the grass. Your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Contact Information

Please remember to keep the school office informed with ALL changes to demographics for your student throughout the school year, from phone numbers to mailing addresses and email addresses. This helps us keep the flow of information running smoothly. Any questions please contact Mrs. Rigby at brigby@summer.com or 250-770-7750 ext. 6276.



Medical Alerts

Please advise the school office if your student has a medical condition (diabetes, asthma, etc.) that should be made aware to teachers and support staff. Any questions please feel free to contact the Mrs. Rigby, at brigby@summer.com or 250-770-7750 ext. 6276.



Consent For Student Access/ Parental Consent Forms

If you are a new student to Pen High you must fill out this form. These consent forms can be picked up from the Main Office. They must be filled out and signed by student and parent. (front/back). Please take the time to fill this form and returned it completed to the Main Office.

Student/Parent Dress Code Reminder

As the warmer weather continues throughout our valley, we would like to remind students and parents that Penticton Secondary School is a public, professional building. We are asking students to exercise common sense and good judgement in what they choose to wear to school. Teachers may refer students to a school administrator if there is a question as to whether attire is appropriate or not.



Junior and Senior Leadership

Pen High offers a vibrant Leadership Program for grades 9-12 designed to empower to students to be the change the want to see. Our initiatives span from building a healthy, supportive and inclusive school community, to facilitating local volunteerism and global humanitarianism. Our Junior program is designed for grade 9 students, while our Senior program combines the grade 10, 11, and 12 students. Senior Leadership meets weekly on 7:30 a.m. Monday mornings and Junior Leadership meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Please direct any questions to our Leadership teachers, Mr. Boxall bboxall@summer.com or Mrs. Richardson, srichardson@summer.com . We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!



CHALLENGE YOUR MIND.



HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS...
OR MEET NEW ONES!

Pen High
GAMES CLUB

Board Games, Card Games, Solitaire, Logic, Strategy and Puzzle Games



KEEP CALM AND PLAY BOARD GAMES

We meet in room 301, Fridays @ lunch

Diversity Club

The Pen High Diversity Club continues to meet regularly at lunch on Thursdays in Room 138. Recently, club members were pleased to provide feedback on the draft version of our school district's *Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Policy*. Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursdays. See Ms. Richer for more information. Link to the SOGI policy - <http://www.sd67.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Pages/default.aspx>



Global Awareness Club

The Global Awareness Club has had a very busy year, supporting issues both at a local level as well as globally. This club is open to everyone and meets once a week during lunch to tackle issues such as poverty, access to education in developing nations, clean water, environmental sustainability, women's issues, mental health, and politics. This year, we really expanded our connections with the local community, doing lots of volunteer work, and had several fundraisers. Some of our activities included:

- Working with the community group First Things First to organize the Alternative Energy Symposium during Earth Week: Guest speakers from organizations like the David Suzuki Foundation presented to classes on topics ranging from solar and wind energy to environmentally conscious architecture design. We also led a panel discussion with local government reps who spoke on regional environmental challenges. The Symposium was open to the public on its final day.
- Volunteering at 10,000 Tonight canned food drive
- Volunteered at the annual 24 Hour Fast
- Attending We Day leadership conference in Vancouver
- Battery recycling and pen recycling programs within the school
- Raising funds for We villages in Ecuador and India
- Glow in the Dark yoga fundraiser for SOWINS
- Supporting Kiva microloans in Africa and South America
- Volunteering in the Shafford Centre. community garden

We look forward to continuing the energy and enthusiasm next year. New members always welcome!!



Homestay Families Needed

**School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
REQUIRES HOMESTAY FAMILIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019
FAMILIES COMPENSATED \$800 / MONTH**

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) is looking for prospective homestay families in Penticton and Summerland to host international students for one year, one semester, three months, and/or on a short term (respite) basis. Placements are needed for both male and female students from Germany, Mexico, Spain, Japan, China and Korea who will be attending one of our local secondary or middle schools. Host families must be English-speaking and have a desire to welcome the student into their home as part of the family. Close proximity to a secondary or middle school is an asset.

Host families are expected to provide:

- o a fully furnished private bedroom for each student;
- o a clean, safe, caring environment conducive to student studies;
- o meals;
- o the opportunity to participate in Canadian family life; and
- o a completed criminal record search for all adult members residing in the home.

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) will provide:

- o support and guidance by a homestay coordinator who will monitor the student/homestay experience;
- o monthly compensation of up to \$800; and
- o temporary placement/respite homes for host families, if required, for holidays and emergencies.

If you are interested in this great opportunity to exchange cultural experiences with an international student, please pick up an application form at the School Board Office, 425 Jermyn Avenue in Penticton, download the form from the District website at www.sd67.bc.ca, or contact either of our Homestay Coordinators Mr. Nathan Rock, nrock@summer.com or Ms. Gina Rogers, grogers@summer.com.



