






FAMILY WEEKLY MEMO





September 18 - 24, 2023

Monday • lundi Skixwíw's	Tuesday • mardi sʔasłásq̓t	Wednesday • mercredi skaʔłásq̓t	Thursday • jeudi smasq̓t	Friday • vendredi scłkstasq̓t
September 18 18 septembre	September 19 19 septembre	September 20 20 septembre	September 21 21 septembre	September 22 22 septembre
1234 Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing) Gr. 8 Gagne/Martinson Field Studies AM & PM (Knox Mountain Park) Discovery Day signup for Term 1 closes at 4 PM	5678  Hockey Academy 8:15-10:15 am Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)	2143  Meet the Teacher BBQ 6:00 - 7:00 pm KLO Front Breezeway Please join us 😊 PAC AGM 7:00 - 8:00 pm Library Learning Commons Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)	6587  MALICOUNDA TEAM BUILDING & EVENTS Malicounda Drumming (French Immersion 9 classes) Gr. 7 Pengilly / Williams Field Studies (Myra Canyon) Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)	3412 Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)



Please check the [KLO Calendar](#) on our website for the most updated information/events.
 Students and families are encouraged to subscribe to the online calendar on their personal devices.

Please go to the [Parents Tab](#) on our website for access to past Family Weekly Memos.

Other Upcoming Events...				
September 25 25 septembre	September 26 26 septembre	September 27 27 septembre	September 28 28 septembre	September 29 29 septembre
Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)	Terry Fox Run 	 Hockey Academy 1:15-3:15 pm Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)	Gr. 9 Bonnette/Bennett Field Studies (Gneiss Climbing)	Orange Shirt Day  Gr. 9 Bonnette/Bennett Field Studies (Gneiss Climbing)  Hockey Academy 8:15-10:15 am
October 2 2 octobre	October 3 3 octobre	October 4 4 octobre	October 5 5 octobre	October 6 6 octobre
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)	Gr. 9 Bonnette/Bennett Field Studies (Gneiss Climbing)			Administrative Implementation Day (No School)

SCHOOL BUS



Please review SD23's [School Bus Rider Rules](#) if your student is taking the school bus.

DISCOVERY DAYS

Students are now ready to sign up for their Discover Day courses! Families, please support your child in signing up for their Discovery Day courses in Term 1. There was an X-Block on Friday, September 15th to help students review their options and sign up in school. Please note, some courses require fees (will be added to SchoolCashOnline), so we ask that families discuss the options with their child.

- Selection Booklet: [KLO Term 1 Discovery selection booklet](#)

- Students will sign up using the Google Form (**student access only** using their SD23 Google account - first.lastname.stu@learn.sd23.bc.ca). The link is accessible from the KLO website [HERE](#).
- The sign up link is open until Monday, September 18th at 4:00 PM. If a student requires support with choices, please encourage them to discuss it with their X-block teacher or Admin.

ABSENCE / LATE / EARLY DISMISSAL REPORTING

All Absence / Late / Early Dismissal Reporting is recorded through SchoolMessenger which is School District 23's system for school attendance. Families now have 3 options on how they can report an absence, late or early departure to the school:

1. Use the "SchoolMessenger SafeArrival" App on your smartphone
2. Use the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival Website at go.schoolmessenger.ca
3. Phone the school and **push "1"** to report using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival automated system (note: be sure to wait for your confirmation code or the absence may not be reported properly)

Visit www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger for parent resources to help you get started with SchoolMessenger SafeArrival, and please contact the school if you have any trouble getting your account set up.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When your child is signing out for the day, they must check out at the office.

SCHOOL FEES



School Activity/Cultural Fees are \$30.00 per student for this school year. They have now been added to your child's student account by School District #23. All School District #23 fees are paid using [School Cash Online](#).

If you are having difficulties with School Cash Online, please contact the parent support line at 1-866-961-1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com. See more information about School Cash Online [HERE](#).

*At times, there may be additional Field Studies Fees for class trips. Please pay Field Studies Fees **before** the trip.*

You can contact tania.mchale@sd23.bc.ca if you have any questions about your child's school fees.

Please contact the KLO Admin team if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program so we can help with financial matters.

Grade 7 - laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca

Grade 8 - blake.smith@sd23.bc.ca

Grade 9 - ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca

STUDENT COURSE CHANGES



Students who submitted a course change request will be contacted over the next two weeks. All course changes need to be approved by our School Based Team* (SBT). Class size/composition are often the determining factor in these moves.

*Please note, our SBT includes our administrative team, school counselors, learning assistance teachers, resource teachers, students support teachers and our Indigenous advocates.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ



The “Meet the Teacher” BBQ is on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the KLO Front Breezeway. Please join us for a complimentary hot dog meal (limited gluten free and veggie dogs available). Some teachers will not be available that evening, so if you are hoping to connect with certain teachers, please email them to open lines of communication. All emails are firstname.lastname@sd23.bc.ca.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The purpose of the KLO PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at KLO Middle School. **All parents/guardians welcome!**

What does the PAC do? Our PAC helps decide where to allocate the gaming funds to specific needs within our school. They also run school events and fundraisers to help improve the KLO community.

The first PAC meeting is on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00PM after the September Meet the Teacher BBQ. All KLO parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend!

The KLO PAC usually meets the last Monday of the month at 6:30-7:30pm in the KLO Library Learning Commons.

FUNDRAISERS:



KLO PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with **Return-It Express**. Please consider supporting your PAC when returning your cans/bottles. See more information [HERE](#).

LEARNING DEVICES



Did you know your student is allowed to bring their own laptop/chromebook to school for the purpose of learning? This is completely optional and based on student preference. Please note, the school is not liable if student property is missing or damaged.

Please note that laptops/chromebooks brought from home are for the purpose of in-class learning. Access may be revoked at admin discretion if a student is misusing their laptop/chromebook.

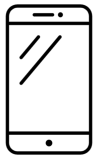
Families without technology access at home who would like support to borrow a device, please call (250) 870-5106 ext. 8359 or email laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students may possess cell phones / electronic devices, but they must be placed in lockers during instructional time unless requested specifically by the teacher for instructional purposes. Students will have access to personal devices during non-instructional time.

Our reasoning is:

To support students in maintaining their focus on their learning
To minimize distractions associated with social media
To control hallways and bathroom visits



Plan:

- Teachers will initiate a classroom discussion for the use of technology at the beginning of the school year
- Students are expected to leave devices in their lockers during class time
- If needed for certain activities, each classroom will still have a Cell Phone Holding Box

The use of Personal Technology Devices, School Technology, and District Networks is a privilege and usage may be revoked at any time for inappropriate conduct. Schools will not be held responsible for any misplaced, lost, stolen, or broken items brought to school by students. Use of network services and digital technologies which violate the terms outlined in policy and/or the School's Code of Conduct may result in serious consequences including definite or indefinite suspensions and/or RCMP intervention.

TERRY FOX DONATIONS

Our Grade 9 Leadership classes are fundraising for Terry Fox. Donations can be done online at the Terry Fox Foundation [HERE](#).



CLAWSCO, KLO'S SCHOOL LUNCH STORE

Clawasco is open for students to purchase food and snacks at lunch time in the Cougar Den. Payments accepted include debit or cash.



Students who use our Brown Bag Lunch and Breakfast Program, please note that this is beginning on **Monday, September 18th**. If you need food support for your child, please contact Laura Wiemken (250-870-5106 ext. 8359 or laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca).

E-SCOOTERS

Students are not permitted to ride E-Scooters on school property. This is due to BC Transportation laws.

You must be 16, or older



You must wear a helmet



You do not need a driver's licence



For more information, please see BC Transportation's website [HERE](#).

STUDENT ATHLETICS:

Current KLO Sports at a Glance

For detailed athletics information, please see the [KLO Athletics Website](#)

Rugby - Grade 7/8

Contact: Mr. Bennett (paul.bennett@sd23.bc.ca)

Cross Country Running

Contact: Mr. Williams (james.williams@sd23.bc.ca)

Volleyball - Girls Grade 9

Contact: Ms. Goutier (michole.goutier@sd23.bc.ca)

Volleyball - Boys Grade 9

Contact: Mr. Ragoonaden (ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca)

Volleyball (Gr 7/8) - Gr 7 & 8 coaches TBD

Any interested volunteers can contact our Athletic Director at garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS NEEDED



We are hiring Noon Hour Supervisors to help students during our daily lunch break. If you are committed to working one hour per day and ensuring KLO students are safe and well taken care of, please contact laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca for more information.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Principal	Ashley Ragoonaden	ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca
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Sports Academy	Michael Szalay (hockey) Mike Sodaro (basketball)	michael.szalay@sd23.bc.ca michael.sodaro@sd23.bc.ca
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DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL



EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
dsc@sd23.bc.ca

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HELP BUILD A BETTER
STUDENT LIFE!

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE
AN IMPACT BEYOND YOUR
SCHOOL.

TO APPLY FILL OUT
THE GOOGLE FORM



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