

Sept 1, 2023

Dear Gladstone Families,

This letter is to provide you with additional information for your child's return to school Tuesday, September 5th.

- 1. Orientation Activities in 1-1 (formerly referred to as Homeroom).
- 2. MyEd Student family portal and Student Verification forms.
- 3. Health and Safety Practices
- 4. Indigenous Grad Requirement For students in grades 8-12.
- 5. School Website
- 6. Career Education 8 and 9

1. Orientation Activities in 1-1 (formerly referred to as Homeroom).

It is important that students attend Orientation. During Orientation we...

- Take attendance.
- Collect school fees if you are not paying online.

	Grad		irade 8	Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
School Fee	(required)	\$	24.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
Grad Fees	(required)		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	\$	120.00
Lock - strongly recommended	(optional)	X2\$	38.00	\$	19.00	\$	19.00	\$	19.00	\$	19.00
Yearbook	(optional)	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
Other (listed on back):											
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TOTAL FEES (required +	+ optional)	\$	112.00	\$	94.00	\$	94.00	\$	94.00	\$	214.00
TOTAL FEES (required only)		\$	24.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	145.00

- Collect the pink reunification form and white MyEd Verification forms (Grade 8 and new students only) that need to be signed by parents and guardians.
- Distribute student agendas.
- Sign up for lockers.

• NEW! In previous years, several paper forms were sent home with students after homeroom. Parents/guardians are now asked to complete and sign off on several forms online at; https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/ Please visit our website for more information.

2. MyEd Student Family Portal /Student Verification forms/Teams

MyEd Student Family Portal is open. Please log onto the MyEd family portal to look at your schedule and ensure that you are in the correct courses. If you have forgotten your password, please use the "I forgot my password" link on the MyEd loginpage. For assistance, please see <u>Password Reset Help.</u>

• **Grade 8s** Instructions for how to log on to MyEd can be found on the <u>MyEd Family Portal page</u>. Click on the instructions for First Time Logging In. Please note your first time logging in must be from a desktop computer and NOT a mobile device. If you do not have access to a desktop computer, then you will need to <u>switch to a desktop view on your mobile device</u>.

All new accounts will have the password: Dist\$2024 (case sensitive)

New! "MyEd Student Verification" form is now online. This form is critical to ensuring we have the most current and updated information about your child (emergency contacts, current email, current phone number etc)

Please take a few minutes to do the following.

-log in to <u>MyEd</u>.

-there will be a PDF icon under the heading, WELCOME to MYEDUCATION BC PRODUCTION on the right hand side of the page

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-open the PDF "Student Information Verification Form" and ensure all information is correct. If all information is correct, you do not need to do anything further. If we do not hear from you, we will assume all information is correct.

-to update information, please print the form and make changes directly on the form and email to cvangeertruyde@vsb.bc.ca or a hand in a paper copy to the office. Paper copies must be signed at the bottom by a parent/guardian.

Note: If your information has changed, you may be contacted to provide further documentation.

Ex. Citizenship, Address change, Legal Name Change, Custody, etc.

Again, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of having accurate information so the school can contact parents/guardians and emergency contacts.

Microsoft Teams

In preparation for September, we ask that all students update their Microsoft Office 365 accounts before the start of the school year – reset passwords at <u>https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/.</u> All students will use Microsoft Teams in classes.

If you have not logged in to Office 365 or Teams, you must update your password at https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/

- a. Enter Personal Education Number (PEN) & Date of Birth
- b. Create a new password (make sure you follow the instructions for creatinga new password)
- c. Go to <u>office.com</u> and click Sign in. Your username is: *studentID@learn.vsb.bc.ca*
- d. Use your newly created password.

3. Health and Safety Practices for September 2023 in the VSB

<u>Specific mandates are no longer in place including the wearing of masks</u>; however, guidelines require us to be sensitive and respectful to the needs, choices and comfort levels of those around us. Masks are not required but are fully respected.

If you are sick

Staff, parents, caregivers, visitors and students should NOT come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities.

Here is the link to the Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 School Settings: <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf</u>

4. Indigenous Grad requirement

a. The Ministry of Education has added a 4-credit requirement for students graduating starting in the 2023-2024 school year.: "As part of the provincial government's commitment to truth, reconciliation and anti-racism, the Ministry of Education is implementing a mandatory course or bundle of credits related to First Peoples as part of graduation requirements in British Columbia." More information regarding this can be found at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/indigenous-focused-grad-requirements/indigenous-grad-req-parent-brochure.pdf

b. How will this be implemented at Gladstone Secondary?

i. At this point, we will be providing these requirements through our English and Social Studies departments' course offerings.

ii. This year, we are offering three courses: English First Peoples 12, English First Peoples 10 (Literary Studies/Writing), and Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12.

School Website - https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/gladstone/Pages/default.aspx

On our school website you will find

- a. <u>Our Calendar with holidays, pro-d days, collaborative days and information on start and end</u> <u>times.</u>
- b. <u>School contact information</u>
- c. Our code of conduct

6. Career Education 8 and 9:

The Career Education curriculum supports students in becoming successful, educated citizens by helping them learn how to effectively manage their life journey toward preferred future possibilities. Students reflect on learning experiences in school and community, build confidence through their contributions, and explore multiple career-life roles and choices. Students in grade 8 and 9 will be enrolled in Career Education 8 or 9. This is an off-timetable course that will meet at specified times throughout the year via assemblies. Notice of the assemblies will be on Microsoft Teams and on a PA announcement. Assignments will be on myBluePrint and/or Microsoft Teams.

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