



BICS THIS WEEK: September 19-23, 2022

| The Week Ahead | |
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| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Not in Session - K-12 Schools in British Columbia closed in honour of the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12:20 PM, Grades 3-7 Cross Country Meeting ▪ 3:30-4:30 PM, Cross Country Meet at Ambleside |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12:20 PM, Cross Country Running Practice ▪ 12:45 PM, Band |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12:20 PM, Cross Country Running Practice ▪ 12:45 PM, Band |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Not in Session - District-Wide Professional Development Day |

| Information, Requests, Reminders | |
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| Forms | <p>Thank you to families who have already completed the School Startup forms and online e-Forms sent out last week.</p> <p>The forms include emergency contact information as well as everyday permissions for things like walking field trips and participation in the Fruit and Vegetable Program. Thank you for completing them as soon as possible. The e-Forms are accessible here.</p> |
| <i>Reminder</i> Parent-Teacher Interviews | Families were emailed a link to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences last Friday. You can also find it here . As the Conferences are this week, please sign up soon. |
| Terry Fox Run | We originally had scheduled our Terry Fox Run for this Thursday but will move it to the following week as this week is a very short one. |
| <i>Reminder</i> Volunteering at BICS | Not only do volunteers at BICS help children, they also get a better feel for the school. If you would like to volunteer at BICS, please complete this survey . Thank you! |

| Help prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases |
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| <p>Staff, other adults entering the school, parents, caregivers, and students should not come to school if they are sick.</p> <p>Click here for information about Health Checks including symptoms of illness. Click here to access the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.</p> |

Vaccine safety

Health Canada has a thorough approval process to make sure all the vaccines and medicines we take are safe.

- Vaccines are tested extensively before being approved for use
- Health Canada continues to monitor for vaccine safety
- No major safety concerns have been identified in the data Health Canada reviewed

Review Health Canada guidance on [COVID-19 vaccine safety and side effects](#). To date, 6 vaccines have been approved for use by Health Canada.



[Click on the image above to learn more about Immunizations.](#)

The document below was shared with families at the end of the last school year but might still be helpful.

Preparing for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dear BICS Families,

1. K-7 School Calendar

Our Base Calendar (detailing Professional Development Days, Holidays, etc.) [is here](#). We are in the process of updating our [online calendar](#) as well.

2. K-7 Busing

Please refer to the [School District Transportation website](#) for updated information regarding Registering for Bus Transportation for the next school year. [Registering](#) each school year is required for all users.

3. K-7 School Supplies

All school supplies are available on our [School Website here](#).

4. Grades 4-7 Bring Your Own Device

Students in Grades 4-7 are encouraged to bring in a digital device, ideally a laptop or Chromebook. [Please click here](#) to learn more about why we encourage students to bring in their own device.

5. Grades 6-7 Band

Grades 6-7 students are eligible to participate in band! We have a terrific program, and you can learn about Elementary School Band, including how to register, [here](#).

If you have questions not answered in the documents above or on our school website, please feel free to reach out to our [Administrative Assistant Carmen Lane](#) or me.

Warm regards,

Scott Slater