



USS' Grand Opening



# USS September Bulletin\_2023-24

## Welcome Back & Our First Week

It has been a pleasure having our halls full of excited chatter and reconnecting with both students and staff this past week. While we have had the normal busyness around the office with adjusting schedules and finding space for our 256 students the general atmosphere has been energetic and positive which demonstrates USS' incredible school community.

Please take a moment to read through this bulletin to familiarize with the goings on at our school. As always, if you have any questions feel free to email me at [dryan@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:dryan@sd70.bc.ca).

Take care.

Drew Ryan USS Principal



Hanging out in  
the learning  
commons.

## Truth and Reconciliation

USS has partnered for the third year with the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and the Legacy of Hope Foundation bringing in a museum quality presentation which will be an anchor for students' learning throughout the course of this month.

The presentation will be supported with learning showcases from students from nuu chah nult' 8 & 11, English 10 & 12, BC First Peoples 12, Psychology 11, Anatomy 12, and Art 8-12. During September we will have knowledge holders into our building working with students and staff on the realities and legacy of residential schools, language, and culture.

We will be utilizing our USS Mental Health Team and outside Counselling supports to balance everyone's wellbeing while engaging with these learnings. Our goal is to have a school community luncheon on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> to recognize our journey through these teachings and ground us moving forward.

## Lunch Program

As with last year, School District 70 is still searching for a purveyor to run USS' lunch program. In the meantime, our school has been purchasing sandwiches through the Ucluelet CO-OP and supplementing these with fruits, veggies, and granola bars, muffins, etc. We will continue to operate this program until a purveyor is hired. While we have successfully been able to tap into some grant funding and work with the BC Fruit & Veggie program the expenses of the lunch program and running a breakfast program Monday-Friday adds up.



EA Karen Mudge making breakfast wraps.

If you would like to donate funds to our lunch and/or breakfast program please connect with our Administrative Assistant Corrine Corlazzoli at 250-726-7796 (charitable tax receipts can be provided upon request).

## Homework Hall

Homework hall will begin running Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with the late bus leaving the school at 5pm. Homework hall is provided for students who would like to use some additional time to work on their schooling and/or participate in one of our extra-curricular activities.

Students who are not in a sanctioned USS after school program will not be permitted to ride the late bus. If a student is registered for a community-based program and would like to take the late bus home the student and family need to speak to school administration for approval.

## Extra-curricular Calendar & Expectations ([please click on link to our website](#))

Coach/Sponsor Teacher	Activity	Day of the Week	Start and End Dates
Chapman	Girls Volleyball	Mon & Wed	Sept – Late October
Hendry/Robbie	Boys Volleyball	Tues & Thur	Sept-Late October
Cirella	Boys Soccer	Mon & Wed	Sept – Late October
Sylvester, Reynolds, Maxwell	Jr. & Sr. Boys B-Ball	Mon & Wed	Nov-Mar
Cirella, Collins, Burden	Girsl B-Ball	Tues & Thur	Nov-Mar
Rhodes	Boys/ Girls Wrestling	TBA	TBA



Chapman & Henderson	Ultimate Frisbee	TBA	TBA
Davis & Burden	Trach & Field	TBA	TBA
Cirella	Girls Fitness	Tuesdays	Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> -year
McWhinney	Art Club	Thursday	All year?????
Davis, Cirella, all staff to some degree	Photography/year book	TBA	TBA
Hendry	Writing/Publishing	TBA	TBA
Henderson	Music	TBA	TBA
Hagar	Theatre Arts	Monday	TBA

**Dates for September:**

- Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Lunch program begins – envelopes can be picked-up at the office
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – First day of homework hall and late buses Tues-Thursday
- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – CI pro-day for staff no school for students
- Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Truth and Reconciliation Flag raising
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – School Open from 10am to 3:00pm for community to go through our Truth and Reconciliation exhibit



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Feel free to contact Homestay Manager, Deb Hallworth @ 250-720-2780 if you have any questions.