



CHARLES BLOOM SECONDARY SCHOOL

1894 Glencaird St.
Lumby, BC V0E 2G0
Phone: 250.547.2191

School Website: <https://charlesbloom.sd22.bc.ca/>

Principal: Josh Gutknecht Vice-Principal: Tyler Hansen Counselor: Christina Fenn Counselor: Ray Wolsey

March Review

It was another successful “March Madness” week at Bloom! We kicked off the festivities by hosting our latest school dance, “Glow Crazy” on March 5th. We had over 100 students participate, and it was a lot of fun. Special thanks to DJ Dance on Arrival, Ms. Lenglet, and the Senior Leadership class for putting this together!

March Madness occurred the last week before we all departed for a much-deserved Spring Break. Dress-up days, numerous competitions at lunch, and of course...Fear Factor and Storm the Wall! Congratulations to this year’s ‘Storm the Wall’ winners: Zander Gardner, Jaxon Wadsworth, Maddox Lishman, and Cole Burns (Gr. 12 Guru’s).

CBSS 75th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars! We cordially invite you to CBSS’s 75th Anniversary party on Tuesday, April 29th @ 4:00pm-7:00pm. Join us for light refreshments and drinks, school tours, a short formal presentation, and information booths on numerous departments involved within our school. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating 75 wonderful years of our school’s existence!

Important April/May Events

March 31 – School Re-Opens

April 7 – Masonry Trailer @ CBSS

April 8 – RCMP Presentation

(Healthy Relationships & Consent)

April 10 – STEM Activity (Gr. 7/8)

April 16 – BC Lions Presentation

(“Be More Than a Bystander”)

April 17 – Staff Collaboration #3

(Early Dismissal @ 1:40 pm – Busses still run at 3:00 pm).

April 18 – NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

April 21 – NO SCHOOL (Easter Monday)

April 24 – Spring Conferences, 4pm - 8pm

April 25 – Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

April 29 – Bloom’s 75th Anniversary!

May 1/2 – District Project Scholarships

May 7 – Health Fair (Gr. 7/8)

May 12 – NO SCHOOL (Pro-D Day)

May 19 – NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)

May 27 – District Indigenous Grad (Hosted at Charles Bloom)

May 29 – ICBC Road Safe Presentation

Graduation Assessments

Many of our students in Grade 10 and 12 who are currently enrolled in Math 10, English 10, and/or English 12 completed their literacy and numeracy assessments in November. However, students enrolled in these courses this semester will be writing these assessments during the week of April 7th – 11th. These assessments are a graduation requirement, and some post-secondary institutions do look at these results.

Mid-Semester Written Learning Updates

The next written learning updates (report cards) for all Senior High students (Gr. 10-12) in semester-based courses will be released via MyEd on Thursday, April 17th.

All Middle Years students (Gr. 7-9) will receive their Summary of Learning reports (report card) at the end of June. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding their progress in class.

Spring Conferences

Our next student/parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, April 24th from 4pm – 8pm. We strongly encourage you to book time to meet with each of your child’s teacher. A Microsoft Booking link will be sent out during the second weekend of April.

GRAD 2025

Our next Grad Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16th @ 7:00pm in our school library.

GRADUATION 2025

The Bloom Graduation will be on Friday, June 6th @ 6:00 pm in our school gymnasium.

GRAD TRIP 2025

Rockridge Canyon, June 10th – 12th, 2025

School Fees

We would like to remind families that unpaid student fees are due. This includes grad fees, athletic fees (team sports), or any other school-related fees that are past due. Student fees can be paid by credit card through your MyEd parent login or by cash or cheque at the school office. If you have any questions about school fees, please contact our school office.

Athletics

Grade 8 Boys Rugby, Senior Boys Rugby, and Senior Girls Soccer are all underway to kick-start the spring athletic season! Stay tuned for updates or check out our Bloom Athletics updates on Facebook "Charles Bloom Athletics." A special thanks to our coaches this spring season:

Grade 8 Boys Rugby – Brian Krog/Justin Bennet
Senior Boys Rugby – Justin Bennet/Ben Jackson
Senior Girls Soccer – Amber Maltman



Upcoming Grad Fundraiser

Bottle Drive! Sunday, April 6th @ 9am-1pm. Drop off at CBSS parking lot or leave out for the committee/grads when they go out for their rounds in both Lumby and Cherryville.

THANK YOU for your support! 😊



PAC Information

The next PAC meeting is on April 16th @ 5:30 pm in our school library. You can follow our PAC on Facebook "CBSS PAC." Email our PAC President, Rose Derry, for any questions or inquiries: rderry@sd22.bc.ca.



RCMP Street Smart Safety Tips

With the spring season now in full swing and everyone excited to be outside more often, it is a good time for families to talk about street smarts and safety. Please see the following link to access the RCMP Street Smart safety tips: <https://rcmp.ca/en/bc/safety-tips/children-and-youth/street-proofing-safety-tips>

LATES & ABSENCES

If your child is late or absent from school, please notify our office to excuse the absence.

Please call us at (250) 547-2191 or email Denise at: doquinn@sd22.bc.ca



Measles Prevention: What You Need to Know

Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent measles. Measles vaccines are tested and are effective at protecting your children and others from serious illness.

Having two doses of a measles-containing vaccine greatly reduces the risk of catching the disease. These two doses are nearly 100% effective and are recommended for children and teens.

<p>To book an appointment to update your child's immunization visit interiorhealth.ca or scan this QR code to find the closest Community Health Centre.</p>	<p>Book an Appt.</p> 	<p>If you are not sure if your child is fully protected against Measles, or other preventable diseases visit Health Gateway, or scan this QR code.</p>	<p>Check a Record</p> 
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Increased Measles Around the World

As you may have seen in the news, there is an increase in the number of measles cases being reported around the world, including in Canada and in B.C.

We would like to remind you to [check your child's vaccination records](#) before travelling during Spring Break and to ensure they are protected.

If you are planning to travel internationally:

- Babies between the age of 6 months and 1 year should get immunized against measles before travelling. This dose is not included in the routine two doses but will add to the protection against measles while travelling.
- Children between age 1 and 4 years can get their second dose early if they are travelling internationally before they are due at age 4-6yrs.

If your child has not yet had their vaccines, please make an appointment with your local public health unit. Children 4 years or older, as well as adults, can also be vaccinated at community pharmacies.

Measles is a serious illness caused by the measles virus. It is very contagious.

- It can spread easily through air.
- Measles can cause complications like inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), which can lead to seizures, deafness or brain damage. Other complications can include ear infection, diarrhea, pneumonia and death. This is why protection by vaccination is so important.

If you have immunization records for your child that are not recorded in their Health Gateway profile, you can submit those records online by sending them to immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca

March 2025

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dākelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, syilx, and Tšilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.