

the SILVER STAR News

2025 OCTOBER EDITION



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❖ The Fall Season is Here! ❖

Message From the Office

It has been a great start to the school year. Classes are settled and students are making connections in their new environments. Most recently our staff and students have been taking time to learn why we wear an **orange shirt** and the importance of Truth and Reconciliation. We acknowledge those who have been affected by residential schools. We would like to thank you for your support in all that we do. Silver Star is a great place to learn. **When we work together, it benefits the whole community.**

Our mission: “is to inspire and develop a community of lifelong learners who can communicate, think creatively, problem-solve, collaborate, and understand their personal and social responsibilities.”

Great BC Shake Out

October 16, 10:20 a.m.

Silver Star will practice and be prepared.

“Drop, Cover, Hold On”: Drop to the ground, take cover under a table or desk and hold on as if a real earthquake were occurring. **Learn what you should do if you have a disability or physical limitation.**

While taking cover, look around and imagine what would happen in a major earthquake. What would fall? What would be damaged? What steps can be taken to make your environment safer? Consider what to do after the shaking stops.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Silver Star Book Fair will be back in action later on this month. The Book Fair will run from October 21-23. Classes will be scheduled for times to come in to purchase books during the school day, on Mon-Wed. It will also be open until 7pm during the parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday the 22nd. We'll see you there!



Drop off and pick up routines
School start time 8:25 – End time 2:29

We encourage student drop off AFTER 8:10. Supervision begins at 8:10. For safety we ask that you **hold off on dropping off** until supervision starts.

For those parents who need to park in the morning, we ask that you park on the road. **We do not have enough parking stalls for our staff so please avoid parking in the back stalls.** Please avoid **using the front staff parking lot** as there have been some safety concerns. We strongly encourage active travel with biking and walking to school.

No Dogs on the Playground

A reminder to please refrain from bringing your dogs on the school grounds. We have many signs and would appreciate your cooperation.

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Communicating Student Learning

Student/Parent /Teacher Conferences October 22nd!

October is one of the 5 reporting periods for the school year. Notices will go home with information on how to schedule your time for Student/Parent/Teacher conferences. We will be hosting conferences on Wednesday afternoon and into the evening, starting at 12:30 going to 7:00. Some teachers may have to schedule a few conferences on alternate days. Look for more information to come.

If you have a conflict with your scheduled times please contact your student's teacher to rearrange this conference.

Early Dismissal

Students will be dismissed on
October 22nd and **October 23rd**
at 11:30.

Busses will run 3 hours early

Staying Home when Sick

We ask parents to continue to ensure their children are in good health before coming to school. Students who are experiencing any cold and flu symptoms are asked to remain at home. If a student is experiencing symptoms at school, you will be contacted and asked to come and pick up your child.

Non-Instructional Day
Friday October 24th
No school for students.

School Supplies



Thank you to all the parents who paid their school fees. A **reminder letter** will come home to the families who have not paid yet. Please send your

money to the office or pay online.

Kindergarten to Grades 7: \$70
(includes agendas and cultural activity fees)

Next PAC Meeting Monday, October 20th at 6:00 in person or on Zoom

Thank you to all that were able to make it our first meeting. The executive this year is very excited to make Silver Star the best it can be. If you are interested in helping us out or if you have any questions regarding our up and coming fundraisers please email the PAC executive at silverstarpac@gmail.com



Hot Lunch register and order now!
<http://silverstar.hotlunches.net>

Place orders via the online system. All NEW and RETURNING families must register. Access Code is STAR (all caps).

Spirit Wear - There will be a Silver Star T-Shirt sale coming soon. You will be able to order a T-shirt, and other items, from the Hot Lunch link.

PAC is collecting Nature's Fare & Butcher Boys receipts - Please send them in an envelope to the office. The businesses will give a percent back to our school.

Fall Apple Juice fundraiser. Locally grown juice and sparkling apple juice. Please see link below to order.

<https://okanaganbeverageco.com/sselementary/>

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Terry Fox Run:



All Silver Star students participated in the Terry Fox run. Teachers spent time recognizing and honouring Terry Fox as a Canadian hero. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Lockhart for organizing the run. We will be donating over \$1200 to Cancer Research. Way to go Wolfpack!

Student Demographic Sheets:

Student information should be up to date at the office. Please review the information on MyEd and check to ensure the information is correct if you have not already done so. Please email the updated information to the office at mskillnik@sd22.bc.ca. We request your email address as well. This will ensure that you are receiving all notices.



Late Arrival

Please call the school if your child is going to be sick or absent. Please note that we do have an answering machine that will allow you to phone at any hour 250-549-4409. We appreciate your attention with this. It takes our secretary **well over an hour to call all those that are sick** and haven't let us know as we want to ensure your children are safe at home. Please help us out by phoning if your child is going to be away.

Photo Day!

Photo day will take place on Thursday, October 16th. Please remember to wear your best and avoid wearing green. Photos take place in the morning starting with our primary classes first.

Upcoming Events

Oct

08	X Country Run - JW Inglis
13	Thanksgiving Holiday
16	Photo Day
20	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm
21/23	Book Fair
22/23	Early Dismissal 11:30
22	Student/ Parent/Teacher Conferences
24	Pro - D Day
31	Primary Halloween Parade

Nov

05	Photo Retakes
07	Remembrance Day Assembly
10	Pro - D Day - No school
11	Remembrance Day - No school

Orange Shirt Day - Taking a giant step to Truth and Reconciliation.





Halloween Costume guidelines - What Not to Wear

School District 22 – (Vernon) reminds students to keep it fun, not offensive

Halloween is just around the corner and many schools throughout **School District 22 – (Vernon)** will be hosting activities, costume parades and extra-curricular events.

It is also an opportune time to remind parents and students about inappropriate costume wear and that sometimes, even with good intent, or without even fully realizing it, people wear costumes that can make others feel upset, insulted or humiliated.

While the District does not have an official policy regarding Halloween costumes, they ask that everyone be respectful and that costumes should not cross the line that might promote sexism, racism, or appropriating culture.

Here are some guidelines to consider when selecting costumes that will be worn at school:

- Students need to be identifiable and visible to ensure safety.
- Costumes that are provocative, revealing, sexual in nature or employ questionable props will not be permitted on school grounds.
- Costumes that depict violence, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate. Fake weapons should not be brought to school.
- Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion are not permitted. A resource to help better clarify this concern is the #IAmNotACostume Campaign which can be found at:
<http://www.lspirg.org/costumes>

Another important reminder for older students that attend schools with younger grades, it is everyone's responsibility to create a safe environment for all students and to set a good example and think about how costume choice may impact others in the building.

With so many creative minds at work, there are a limitless number of costumes that don't offend, so why not pick one of those this year!

Happy Halloween and safe trick-or-treating.