

ECOLE SALISH SECONDARY

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Ecole Salish, **Home of the Wolves!**

The month of November began with future Ecole Salish students voting on a mascot and school colours. After 2 weeks of visiting schools and casting ballots, it was overwhelmingly clear that students wanted to be the Wolves! The Aboriginal significance of the Wolf is they are known to be a great team player, show strength in relationships and they symbolize perseverance, intuition and success. It will be with great pride and honour that we will use the Wolf as our school logo and mascot.

Throughout the voting process, I asked students to identify school colours for Ecole Salish. Once again, with an overwhelming majority, students selected red, blue, black and white. In a previous newsletter, I referenced Jonathon Ralston Saul when I described Ecole Salish as 'A web of relationships between cultures, languages and identities'. The colours red, blue and white are the colours of the French flag and represents the French Immersion Program at Ecole Salish. The colours often used in Coast Salish Art are red, black and blue. The colours red and white are symbolic of our national colours and will unify all students from the Cloverdale and Clayton communities.

The naming of the school mascot and choosing of school colours allows us to create a school presence by designing school spirit wear, athletic uniforms and other school memorabilia. Students are encouraged to contact me with thoughts and suggestions that they would like to see for Ecole Salish Secondary.

What's coming up next?

Work continues to establish a school App. The initial work has been completed and now that we have a school logo, we can move closer to launching the App.

Course selection will begin in early December. I will be going to each elementary and high school that feeds into our school to do course selection with the Ecole Salish students.

Social Media

For the latest information and construction updates, follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Our website is also updated regularly www.surreyschools.ca/schools/salish

Timelines

- ❖ November 2017 – February 2018
 - ◆ Grades 8-11 Course Selection
 - ◆ Student Assemblies to introduce Principal
 - ◆ Parent Information Night
 - ◆ Student/parent and teacher participation in creating a school culture
- ❖ January – March 2018
 - ◆ Staff Hired
- ❖ Spring 2018
 - ◆ Timetable Built
 - ◆ School Tours
- ❖ Summer 2018
 - ◆ Moving In
 - ◆ Information Packages to Families
- ❖ September 2018
 - ◆ School Opens