



Inter A Newsletter September 2021

from Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, current home of the Inter-A Program

Dear parents, guardians, supporters and friends of Inter-A: welcome to a new school year!

School Opening:

School will begin the morning of Tuesday, September 7. All Inter-A students will attend from 10-11 am. Please check the school website for any possible changes:

Home - Queen Elizabeth Secondary (surreyschools.ca)

Please also watch for an email letter from the school.

Normally the first day of a new school year is a shortened day. ALL Inter-A students should expect to be in session for an hour. Students should bring a pen/pencil and a notebook: a three-ringed binder with lined paper is ideal. Phone and other electronic devices are not required and are brought to school **AT YOUR OWN RISK**. Neither the teacher or the school will be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged electronic equipment.

New Parent Information Night: Wednesday September 15 at 6:30 pm.

This is a good opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about the Inter-A Program. Learn how your student and your family can make the best of their time in Inter-A.

Our expectations around assignments, homework, community service, group activities, gym wear, and field trips will be explained. This is a must for parents new to the program.

Contacting Inter-A Teachers:

Please contact teachers via email (teacher's email addresses are below). We will be happy to schedule a meeting time with you and your child to discuss their progress and/or any concerns that you have.

If you are trying to reach your son or daughter during the school day, please call the office at 604 588 1258 and leave a message. The office staff pages students to pick up messages at lunch and at the end of the day. Please remember that cell phones are not permitted to be used during class time.

Inter-A Student Society:

The Inter-A Student Society is a great way to get involved with your child's education. Attend monthly meetings to get an update on what's been happening in Inter-A. The Society is a registered charity and carries out fundraisers to support field activities and educational experiences for students.

Inter-A Retreat:

Although there will be no over-night retreat this fall, there will be an in school "Retreat." This year's theme is Northern (Day) Lights. The retreat will feature a variety of team building and skill-based activities. Time will also be devoted to physical fitness, arts and crafts, inter-personal skills and mental-health, and the ever-popular talent showcase.

Mandatory School Supplies:

These supplies are required for each student to support their learning:

3-ring Binders (three or four)	Pencils and erasers	Glue stick
Lined paper, three-hole punched	Pencil crayons	Scissors
Pens – blue or black preferable	Scientific calculator	Pencil case
Backpack	Ruler (15 or 30 cm)	

Fees 2021-2022:

Due to the group nature of the Inter-A program, there are supplies required that go beyond the regular individual student school supplies. We bulk purchase supplies for the program and the cost is \$30 per student. There is also a \$15 field trip fee. Fees will be paid through Cash Online. Further details will be provided on the first day of school.

Student Absences:

If your child is going to be absent for any amount of time, please call the QE office to let them know. If your child will be absent for an extended period of time, there is an extended absence form at the office that will need to be filled out. While we realize that absences will occur from time to time due to illness and a variety of other reasons, it is important for students and families to understand that due to the group and cooperative nature of our program, it can be very difficult to make up missed work. Students may miss opportunities to demonstrate curricular competencies.

Student Accountability:

The Inter-A program strives to promote a sense of accountability, responsibility and personal organization. One of the ways that students can demonstrate these qualities is by submitting their work in a timely manner. In order to facilitate the learning of accountability and organization, as well as providing timely feedback, Inter-A teachers expect that all work is handed in on the due date and we hope that parents will support us in this expectation. If a student is away for a test, we ask that parents support student accountability by providing us with a doctor's note so that the student may make up the test at the earliest convenient time. We recognize that there may be one or two exceptional situations where a student has difficulty in meeting a deadline. In these situations, we encourage the student to speak to the appropriate teacher(s) as soon as possible.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, September 7: School Reopens

Wednesday September 15, 6:30 pm: New Parent Information Night

Monday September 27: Non-instructional Day. Students not in session.

Thursday September 30: Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Monday October 11: Thanksgiving Day.

Friday October 22: Non-instructional Day.

Thursday November 11: Remembrance Day. Statutory Holiday

November 12: Non-instructional Day.

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Wishing you all the best for the last few days of summer!

The Inter-A Teaching Team:

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