



ÉCOLE SALISH

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Principal's Message

Welcome to École Salish Secondary School. We are pleased to bring you the school's first newsletter. Although the school's opening is just under a year away, this newsletter will be an important means of communication to the communities involved in building the culture of the school. The newsletter will be updated often and posted online. We invite you check back regularly for the latest news related to the school's opening.

École Salish Secondary will be a modern, new facility, designed on what we know about student learning. Among other features, it will have digital and traditional art studios, a fully-equipped theatre, a music room, dance studio, two gyms, a fitness lab, nutrition and lifestyle rooms, a learning commons, makerspaces, and full technology education facilities (metalwork, woodwork, design and drafting/engineering, robotics, and electronics). The school will be surrounded by beautiful grounds, a full size playing field and a practice field.

Canadian author, John Ralston Saul defines Canada as "a web of relationships between cultures, languages and identities". This phrase aptly describes the building of École Salish as the school will draw students from French Immersion, Aboriginal, Cloverdale and Clayton Communities. It will be important that we understand and appreciate the history that each of these communities bring to the school so that every student, teacher and parent feels like they belong to our rich and vibrant learning community.

A significant aspect of creating a school culture is the identifying and naming of the school mascot. The naming of the school mascot and designing of the logo will be done in consultation with the French Immersion, Aboriginal and Cloverdale and Clayton communities. The consultation process will begin soon and we will unveil the logo later this Fall.

This past August we opened a temporary office for École Salish Secondary at Martha Currie Elementary School. Joining me in the office is Mrs. Carol Goodwin to the position of Head Secretary at École Salish Secondary. On behalf of Carol and I, we welcome you to our school and look forward to working with students and parents in building our new school community.

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Quick Facts

- In naming Ecole Salish Secondary the School District worked in consultation with the four Band Councils of the Semiahmoo, Qay Qayt, Kwantlen and Katzie First Nations and asked for permission in naming the school after the Coast Salish people. The School District acknowledges the Coast Salish People on whose traditional territories the school is located.
- Construction of Ecole Salish Secondary was announced in March 2014 and is scheduled to be opened in September 2018.
- The school will open to Grades 8-11 and welcome students from Clayton Secondary and Lord Tweedsmuir.
- We also welcome the French Immersion Students moving from Lord Tweedsmuir.
- Grade 7 students from Adams Road Elementary, Port Kells Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary and Clayton Elementary will make up the first Grade 8 class along with the French Immersion students from Martha Currie Elementary and Sunrise Ridge Elementary.
- Grade 12 will be added at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.
- Upon opening, the school will be a member of BC School Sports and the SSSAA (Surrey Secondary Schools Athletic Association) and will run a wide variety of sports teams for both boys and girls.
- The school will have a variety of extra curricular activities for students to join, starting in the Fall of 2018.

Catchment Schools

Adams Road Elementary
Clayton Elementary
Hillcrest Elementary
Martha Currie Elementary – French Immersion
Port Kells Elementary
Sunrise Ridge Elementary – French Immersion

Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary – Grade 8-11 French Immersion & from catchment Elementary Schools

Clayton Heights Secondary – students from Catchment Elementary Schools

Building Update

The dry summer weather allowed construction to move forward with work being done to connect the site to the utilities. The nice weather also allowed for the seeding of the grass fields and the pouring of concrete around the school. Work on the interior continues to progress with dry wall, painting and flooring starting throughout the school.

Timelines

- ❖ September – October 2017
 - ◆ Ecole Salish website launched
 - ◆ Meetings with students regarding mascot, school colours & logo
- ❖ 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

Historical Aspects of Ecole Salish Secondary

“A web of relationships between cultures, languages and identities” John Ralston Saul “A Fair Country”

Outlined below is a brief history of the Communities that come together to create Ecole Salish Secondary.

History of Coast Salish

The area surrounding Ecole Salish Secondary would have been used as a hunting area, with both First Nations getting bear and deer and possibly elk. It is the wrong side of the river for a village site as it is the shadowed side of the riverbank.

Significant cultural traditions

- Witnessing is akin to learning
- Wool weaving blanket
- Blanketing is an important tradition for the Coast Salish
- Language spoken is Henkeminem and/or Halq'emeyle

History of Cloverdale:

Cloverdale was established as a farming community around 1870 by the Shannon brothers, Joseph, William and Thomas.

William gave name to the area after the wild clover that grew in the area.

The first settlement was in Surrey Centre which is about 1 mile west of the present downtown Cloverdale.

Cloverdale is the home to the first high school in Surrey established in 1919 but moved to a new location in 1922.

From 1921 to 1940 the school was called Surrey High School. The school was located on Highway #10 which is now the sight of Cloverdale Traditional School.

In 1940 Surrey High School was renamed Lord Tweedsmuir High School.

In 1957 the site became Cloverdale Junior High School with Lord Tweedsmuir moving to it's current location on 180th Street.

Cloverdale Junior High School was then built in 1965 up the hill on 184th Street (the current location of Martha Currie Elementary School)

In 1993, Cloverdale Junior and Lord Tweedsmuir amalgamated when the new Lord Tweedsmuir building was built.

History of Clayton/Port Kells

The Township of Port Kells was founded in 1889 by two Irish pioneers both with the last name Kells.

In the early 1960s, Hwy #1 was built through Port Kells that divided the area into an industrial area to the north and rural area to the south.

The first school in Port Kells was opened in 1909 and was established on its present site, 19076-88th Avenue.

The Clayton community is situated between Cloverdale and Port Kells.

The Clayton community was established around 1890 and consisted of homesteaders and farmers.

Clayton's first school was a log cabin that was opened in 1891 and the first teacher was unpaid. The log cabin was replaced by the current Clayton Elementary in 1921.

Clayton Heights Secondary was opened in 1999 with 1000 students. The school was built to reduce the over crowding at Lord Tweedsmuir.

