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Dear Parents:

The staff at Brookwood is looking forward to another successful year!! I want to extend my sincere welcome to all of our Brookwood families, both those returning and those who are new to the school. Our focus, as always, is on the academic achievement of our students. Our students do very well and they are offered a wide variety of opportunities in scholastics, athletics and performing and practical arts. We encourage all of our students to do their best and get involved in the school. We are a community of students, parents and staff and we believe in "Caring, Learning and Growing Together."

On Thursday, September 24th, we will have a "meet the teacher evening." Grade 8 parents should arrive to the school at 6:30 p.m. for an information meeting. The parents of grade 9 to 12 students will circulate through their son's/daughter's timetable, meeting the teachers. If you have questions, please contact the school.

This year we are implementing an Academic Success Watch Program for our Grade 8's. This program is designed to support our newest Bobcats that are having some difficulty transitioning to the school.

Please get involved. It is very important that you stay connected to your teen's education. If you want to come to the school for a tour or have any concerns, please contact any one of our administrators.

Above all, I want your communication with the school to be easy and effective. We have three formal reporting periods and two interim reports. These reports include a record of student achievement marks, work habits and attendance by subject.

There will be two parent-teacher evenings during the year. In addition, teachers and counsellors are encouraged to contact parents by telephone as the need arises. If you are concerned about your teen's performance at Brookwood, however, you do not have to wait for a report. Phone and ask for an administrator.

I am looking forward to working with you, our staff and students to improve our strong, positive learning environment.

Sincerely,
Mal Gill
Principal

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Dates on the Horizon

TUESDAY, September 8th

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Grade 8's

11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Grade 9 to 12 new students only in attendance

WEDNESDAY, September 9th

Home Rooms 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. for all grades; followed by periods 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4

THURSDAY, September 10th

Home Rooms 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.; followed by periods 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4

FRIDAY, September 11th

Home Rooms 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.; followed by periods 1-2, 1-1, 1-4, 1-3

MONDAY, September 14th

Home Room from 8:30 - 8:35 a.m. to receive student photo cards for student photographs.

WEDNESDAY, September 16th

Collaborative Meeting from 1:15 to 2:40 p.m. Classes will be held until 1:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 24th

Meet the Teacher Evening

MONDAY, September 28th

PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the library

If you have any questions, please contact transportation at 604-534-5510. Regular transportation hours will be in effect starting Wednesday, September 9th.

Departing Colleagues and New Faces

With a school the size of Brookwood, there are always changes to the staff. A number of teachers will not be with us this year. We say goodbye to Mr. Allen, Mr. T. Carson, Mr. Forchuk, Ms. Lavoie, Mrs. Mach, Mr. Munsie, Ms. Nazemi, Mr. Pawar; and, to Mr. Allingham and Mr. Jones who have retired.

A sincere thank you goes out to all of these people who have been doing a wonderful job working with Brookwood students.

We are welcoming Ms. Hibbs, who will replace Mrs. Teague while she is on maternity leave; Mme Loveridge, who will replace Ms. Nazemi; and, Ms. Ransom, who will replace Mr. T. Carson.

Student Fees

All students pay an \$18.00 student activity fee. This is used to subsidize extra-curricular activities, guest/cultural presentations, club activities and costs associated with the operation of the Students' Council. An invoice is enclosed. Please return invoice along with payment on the first day of school. Make cheques payable to Brookwood Secondary School as your cheque will be your receipt. Please refer to invoice for applicable costs.

Grade 8's and New Students Receive Special Attention

Grade 8 students will start school with an assembly in the small gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8th. New students in grades 9 to 12 are invited for a tour of the school. Please meet in the cafeteria at 11:00 a.m.

There will be a welcoming barbeque for new students and grade 8's. All students will begin school at 8:30 a.m. on September 9th.

Students should have cheques prepared to pay for school/course fees and they will need a pen for the first day.

Bus Transportation

We have contacted the bus garage and asked for grade 8's to be picked up for our 10:00 a.m. start on Tuesday, September 8th. Buses will be available to take students home at approximately 12:00 noon.

Students' Council

Students' Council is looking forward to an exciting year, with many activities planned. Watch for house team activities at lunch, barbeques and the first dance of the year. Students are reminded that they must provide their go-card and dance ticket at the door. Brookwood dances are closed to guests from other schools.

New grade 8 students interested in becoming grade 8 representatives on the Students' Council should see Ms. McLeod during the first week of school.

Bell Schedule

8:25 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:30 - 9:48 a.m.	1st Block
9:53 - 11:10 a.m.	2nd Block
11:10 - 11:53 a.m.	Lunch
11:58 - 1:15 p.m.	3rd Block
1:20 - 2:37 p.m.	4th Block

Counselling Department

Procedure for course changes for students with incomplete timetables and new registrants:

- Beginning Friday, August 28th students with incomplete timetables **must phone** the school to book an appointment with a counsellor. **No drop-ins** can be addressed during this time. Appointments will be 30 minutes or less.
- Counsellors will be available from Wednesday, September 2nd to Friday, September 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- An evening session will be held on Thursday, September 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- We will not be able to entertain any requests for course changes at this time.

Request for Homework

If your child is sick for more than one week, a homework package can be requested by calling Mrs. Brayfield, the counselling secretary. Packages will be ready for pick up after school on the day following the request.

For absences of less than one week, students should see their learning “buddy” or colleague in class first, and then confer with their teachers upon their return to school.

Medical Alert Information

We would like to update our medic-alert files on students. If your son or daughter has a life-threatening medical problem that we should be aware of, please have them bring home a form from the counselling office. Return the form to Mrs. Brayfield, our counselling secretary.

Students Leaving During School Hours

Students who need to leave school during the day because of an appointment must present a note to the office before they attend the first class of the day.

Closed Campus

This year, Brookwood continues to be a ‘closed campus’ for junior students (grades 8, 9 and 10). Junior students who wish to leave the grounds at lunch are required to bring a note from parents. This note will be photocopied and placed on file. The photocopy is to be carried with the student at lunch.

Lates

Students are expected to be on time for school in the morning, after lunch, as well as for each class period. Students who are late disrupt the instructional process in the classroom.

1. Lates are not acceptable.
2. A student who arrives late to school without an excuse from a parent, reports directly to class. The teacher will provide an appropriate consequence.
3. A student who arrives late to school and has been excused by a parent, reports to the office for a slip before going to class.
4. Lates between classes will be dealt with by teachers and frequent lates will result in administrative action.

Outstanding Textbooks and Library Books

Students who still have textbooks, library books, and student fees outstanding may experience delays receiving a locker assignment or other related school material. These students will have received an invoice with this opening package indicating that they still have materials and/or monies outstanding.

Student Photographs

Students are reminded that if they wish to order photos, they must have their order form and money or cheque made payable to Lifetouch Canada Inc. for photographs on Monday, September 14th.

Locks and Lockers

Students are assigned a locker on the first day of school. If they are not planning to buy a school lock, they must bring their own locks on the first day or lockers will not be assigned. Lockers must be secured with a combination lock. Because of varying quality of locks, we recommend the high quality locks purchased through the school. Still, we remind parents and students that all locks can be compromised. It is important that students do not leave valuables in their lockers. In order to provide security for personal belongings, students are advised not to give anyone their lock combination. Locks cost \$8.00.

The gymnasium change rooms are equipped with lockers for student use during the student’s P.E. block. Students are required to lock up clothing and personal items during P.E. and to empty the locker at the end of the class. The school does not have insurance to cover the cost of theft from lockers.

Please leave cellular phones, jewellery and electronic items at home. Brookwood cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. Sharing the lock combination with another student may mean that a new lock will have to be purchased, since experience has shown that those secret combinations are usually shared with others.

Great Short-Term Japanese Homestay Opportunity

This fall a group of forty girls from Kichijo High School in Tokyo, Japan will be visiting Brookwood Secondary for five days. The students will be with us from October 30th to November 4th.

We are currently looking for families with daughters at Brookwood that would like to act as homestays for the girls. This is an ideal opportunity for your family to learn about another fascinating culture on the Pacific Rim. Families who have participated in this program in the past have found it to be a tremendously enjoyable and positive experience. A homestay fee of \$200.00 per student is offered to cover room and board expenses.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mr. Whitley at 604-530-2141 (local 248).

Brookwood Newsletter

Parents can access the monthly newsletter on Brookwood Secondary's website or copies are available in the office if you want your son or daughter to pick one up.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

As it is every year, the car traffic at the end of the day is congested. Expect delays. If possible, pick up your teen in the student parking lot at the west of the building instead of attempting to get into the turnaround at the front doors. **Please do not park in front of the school.** This area must be kept free of vehicles to ensure student safety while boarding school buses.

Student Parking

Student parking is located to the west of the school. No parking is allowed in the drop-off lane. Cars will be barred from school property if they are used in an unsafe manner. Observe all traffic rules and display an 'N' or 'L' where required.

Smoking

Scientific evidence clearly indicates that cigarette smoking is a health hazard both for the smoker and for anyone in the vicinity of the smoke. Smoking is not permitted on the school grounds.

Insurance Application Forms

Insurance forms will be given to students to take home. If your child is injured at school, there is no insurance from the district. For a small fee, you can insure your teen for the year. Please read the information in the brochure.

Old Gym Equipment Needed

Has that old, hardly used treadmill of yours become a coat rack? Looking for a tax credit? Brookwood Secondary is looking for gently used cardio equipment for the new Weight Club beginning September, 2009. Stationary bikes, treadmills, cross-trainers, rowing machines and stairmasters would be greatly appreciated. Simple, usable equipment would be greatly appreciated! Tax credits can be issued for the value of the equipment. Delivery to the school is a must as our resources are limited. For further information or questions please call Ms. Lochbaum at 604-530-2141.

Aboriginal Program

Welcome back! The Aboriginal Program at Brookwood has over 100 students who have identified themselves as having Aboriginal ancestry. To participate in the program any students or families with Aboriginal Ancestry only have to identify themselves as having ancestry to the school. There is no need to have a card or show a card. Once a student is registered with the program, they will receive support from myself, Aboriginal Support Worker. Besides being in the school to support my students, I am also able to help them and their parents access many community and post-secondary supports available to people of Aboriginal Ancestry as well as keep everyone informed of many Aboriginal activities throughout the lower mainland.

Once again the Aboriginal Program is sponsoring an Aboriginal Carving class. This program is open to any grade 10 to 12 student in the Langley School District's Aboriginal Program. It is a ministry recognized course and all students who successfully complete it will receive four grade 12 credits. It is held on Thursdays, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. from, October to Spring Break, at Brookwood Secondary School. The first class starts October 8th.

If there are any families in the Langley area that would like the "Aboriginal Welcome Wagon" to come by with a few small gifts and loads of local information, please let me know here at the school and I will forward this information to the Aboriginal Community Greeters. Here are a few community events for families. The Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society will be hosting "Family Gatherings" again this year. These are catered dinners (desserts welcome), with a little entertainment, open to any families with Aboriginal ancestry.

If you would like further information about the Aboriginal Program or the above events, please feel free to contact me, Pam Goldsack, Aboriginal Support Worker, at 604-530-2141 (local 231) or by email pgoldsack@sd35.bc.ca

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Brookwood Athletes

Compete Over the Summer Holidays

This summer many of Brookwood's former and current students represented their province or their country in a number of sporting events. Here is a list of those students and where they competed.

Django Lovett

Team BC at Canada Games in PEI, also in Quebec for Canadian Youth Championships (Athletics), bronze medal at the World Youth Championships in Italy and set a Canadian Youth Record in the high jump at 2.17 Meters

Spencer Prince

Team BC (Athletics) silver medal in hammer throw and anchored the gold medal 4 X 100 Meter relay team in Quebec

Jared Heldman

Team BC at Canada Games in PEI (Athletics)

Chris Sutherland

Team BC Gold medal in the Medley Relay in the Youth Nationals in Quebec (Athletics)

Caroline Sutherland

Team BC participated in the Youth Nationals in Quebec (Athletics)

Corrine Doornberg

Now at the University of Mississippi. Won the gold medal with Team BC at the Canada Games in PEI (Softball)

Andrea Stevenson

Now at Towson University. Won the gold medal with Team BC at the Canada Games in PEI (Softball)

Jon Mihic

Now at Douglas College. Team BC at Canada games in PEI (Baseball)

Luca Schmidt

Team BC U-15 Provincial basketball team. Won a silver medal at National Championships in Kamloops. Also competed in tournaments in Washington State, Nevada and around BC

Joel Lutz

Team BC U-14 Provincial Basketball team. Participated in tournaments in Washington State and around BC

Sydney Williams

BC U-14 Provincial Basketball team. Participated in tournaments in Washington State and around BC

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Megan Pauley

Team BC U-15 Provincial Basketball team. Placed 5th at National Championships in Kamloops. Also competed in tournaments in Washington State and around BC

Amber Kavanagh

Team BC U-15 Provincial Basketball team. Placed 5th at National Championships in Kamloops. Also competed in tournaments in Washington State and around BC

Zoey Haramboure

Team BC U-16 Provincial Basketball team. Also competed in tournaments in Washington State, Nevada and around BC

Chelsea Wand

Now at Trinity Western University. Team BC U-18 won the gold medal and she was chosen as a first team all-star at event in Toronto (Volleyball)

Danielle Lawrie

Now at the University of Washington. After winning NCAA title and being chosen MVP, she went on to play for Team Canada in the Canada Cup in White Rock, then on to the Pan American Championships in Venezuela where they won a silver medal (softball)

Kelsey Adrian

Now at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Played for Team Canada's Senior Women's basketball team. Exhibition games in China, Cuba, and Canada in preparation for the World Championship North American Qualifying Tournament in Brazil this September

As the Athletic Director at Brookwood, I am extremely proud of all these athletes' accomplishments. Our coaches and their teammates on our school teams, who have challenged and helped them get to this level, should also be recognized. To have this many Brookwood athletes compete at such a high level is something the entire school and community can take pride in. Unfortunately, not all of the results of their events were available at this time but I will keep you posted. I also apologize if we missed someone, please contact the school at 604-530-2141 or email iadrian@sd35.bc.ca so that we can include them in our next newsletter.

A reminder to all students that tryouts begin the first two weeks of school for the fall sports. Traditionally, Brookwood offers swimming, cross-country, volleyball and boys soccer for all age groups in the fall (girls soccer is a spring sport). Announcements placed on the gym doors and over the PA will direct students to the time and location of these tryouts. Any person in the community wanting to assist by coaching a sport should also contact me so that we can field a full complement of teams.

Ivan Adrian, Athletic Director

Brookwood Secondary School 2009/10 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Month	Dates	Variation
September	September 7 (M)	Labour Day
	September 8 (T)	Schools Open
	September 16 (W)	Collaborative Day (early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.)
	September 28 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
October	October 12 (M)	Thanksgiving Day
	October 21 (W)	Interim Reports issued
	October 23 (F)	Pro D Day (Provincial)
	October 26 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
	October 29 (Th)	Early dismissal at 1:15 p.m. for Parent-Teacher Interviews
	October 30 (F)	Early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.
November	November 4 (W)	Collaborative Day (early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.)
	November 11 (W)	Remembrance Day
	November 19 (Th)	Term 1 ends
	November 20 (F)	Design & Assessment Day/Report Card Prep
	November 30 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
December	December 4 (F)	First Formal Report Card issued
	December 14 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
	December 18 (F)	Last school day prior to Christmas Vacation
January	January 4 (M)	Schools Re-open
	January 13 (W)	Collaborative Day (early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.)
	January 19 (T)	Interim reports issued
	January 25 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
	January 28 (Th)	Early dismissal at 1:15 p.m. for Parent-Teacher Interviews
	January 29 (F)	Early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.
February	February 19 (F)	Pro D Day (District Wide)
	February 22 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
	February 25 (Th)	Term 2 ends
	February 26 (F)	Design & Assessment Day/Report Card Prep
March	March 5 (F)	Last school day prior to Spring Vacation
	March 15 (M)	Schools Re-open
	March 19 (F)	Second Formal Report Card issued
	March 29 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
April	April 2 (F)	Good Friday
	April 5 (M)	Easter Monday
	April 14 (W)	Collaborative Day (early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.)
	April 26 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
	April 30 (F)	Pro D Day (District Wide)
May	May 24 (M)	Victoria Day
	May 31 (M)	PAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library
June	June 18 (F)	Term 3 ends
	June 21 (M)	Provincial Examinations begin for Secondary Schools
	June 29 (T)	Final Report Card (Last School Day for students prior to Summer Vacation)
	June 30 (W)	Administrative Day