



August 15, 2022

Dear Grade 9 & 10 Students and Families,

I hope you are enjoying these wonderful summer days and enjoying family times of fun and laughter. The start of the school year will be here before we know it, and I am excited to welcome students back to Meadowridge on September 6, 2022. This will be a great year with a return to our full Week Without Walls trips and other great out-of-class activities.

For some of you, this will be the first year that you have me as a principal, so I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a part of the Meadowridge community for 17 years—as a teacher, IB Coordinator, and High School Principal. Meadowridge is a community that I love, and I consider myself so privileged to be able to work with all our community members. When you see me in the hallways, please take a moment to introduce yourself. Grade 9's, I might need a few weeks to remember all your names; however, I promise I'll get there!

Our school continues to grow and with it, there are new teachers as well. I am excited to welcome new faculty members to our team:

- Ms. Emily Gish – Grade 9-10 French
- Ms. Deanne Nielsen – Grade 9-10 Science, Grade 11-12 Biology
- Ms. Isabel Pava – Grade 10-12 French
- Ms. Stella Sun – Grade 10-11 Language & Literature, Grade 11 Theory of Knowledge

Additionally, I am excited to welcome Mr. Jamie Marriott in a new role as Associate Principal of the High School. He is incredibly knowledgeable in DP and will be a great addition to our leadership team.

Please make sure that you purchase your books/texts early enough that they arrive before the beginning of school. The list of books can be found at <https://store.csbe.net/login/mead>. You can order the texts through here, or some families prefer to order through Amazon or another provider. If you choose to do this, please make sure you purchase the correct edition by using the ISBN number from the Canadian School Book Exchange website.

This year will be another exciting year. Some of the highlights include:

- Week Without Walls Trips
 - Grade 9 – Alouette Lake (September 14-16)
 - Grade 10 – Tofino (September 13-16)
- Classroom Without Walls
 - This exciting initiative helps us offer experiential learning opportunities to all grade levels. This will be a time when you can be engaged in laboratory experiments, presentations, field trips, etc.
- Spirit Day & House Activities
 - This is a time for fun competition and working together as a house to earn points for the House Cup.



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There are also a few important dates to be aware of as you head into next year:

- The Grade 9-12 Parent Social will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Banack on Wednesday, August 31, from 7:00 to 9:00pm:
[RSVP online: meadowridge.bc.ca/parent-socials](http://meadowridge.bc.ca/parent-socials)
- To help with the transition for new Meadowridge families, we will be holding a New Student and Family Orientation on September 1, 2022. More information regarding the time for your orientation will be sent to new families.
- The first full day of school is Tuesday, September 6. Please wear your uniform #1.
- The MYP Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday, September 8, from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

Please make the most of your year. Expect the best from yourself and know that you have a support system that will help you achieve it. Be kind. Smile and encourage others around you. This is what builds the amazing community that Meadowridge has become. I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year.

Sincerely,

Kristal Bereza
High School Principal



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