

# Questions About Caledonia Secondary School

## What Will High School Look Like?

How many blocks are in a day?

**WE ARE OPERATING IN THE QUARTER SYSTEM AGAIN THIS YEAR. UNDER QUARTERS, YOU TAKE TWO COURSES AT A TIME FOR 9 WEEKS. THERE WILL BE TWO BLOCKS PER DAY. THERE ARE 4 QUARTERS IN A SCHOOL YEAR. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT MOVING BACK TO SEMESTERS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR. IN A SEMESTER, STUDENTS TAKE 4 COURSES FOR 18 WEEKS, THEN GET 4 NEW COURSES IN THE SECOND SEMESTER.**

How long is lunch? Where do the students eat?

**LUNCH IS 40 MINUTES LONG. STUDENTS CAN EAT AT TABLES IN THE CANTEEN OR LOCKER BAY AREAS. IF COVID-19 IS STILL A HEALTH CONCERN, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GO HOME FOR LUNCH, THIS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DECREASE STUDENT DENSITY IN THE BUILDING.**

How will breaks in the day occur besides lunch?

**IN A SEMESTER, THERE IS A BREAK BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND BLOCK IN THE MORNING. IN A QUARTER, THERE ARE STAGGERED BREAKS IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON DUE TO LONGER BLOCKS.**

What happens when a student fails a course?

**IF THE COURSE IS A REQUIRED COURSE THEN THE COURSE IS REPEATED THE NEXT QUARTER, SEMESTER, OR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.**

How much homework can a student expect?

**THE AMOUNT CAN VARY DEPENDING ON HOW MANY ACADEMIC COURSES YOU ARE TAKING, AND HOW WELL YOU USE YOUR CLASS TIME. LAST YEAR, STUDENTS WHO USED THEIR CLASS TIME PRODUCTIVELY HAD LESS HOMEWORK IN THE QUARTER SYSTEM THAN THE SEMESTER SYSTEM. YOU CAN EXPECT TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE HOMEWORK IN A SEMESTER, AS YOU ARE TAKING 4 COURSES AT ONCE.**

Who can give a student extra help if they need it?

**ALL TEACHERS OFFER EXTRA HELP SESSIONS FOR THEIR STUDENTS.**

What time does school start?

**THE FIRST BELL RINGS AT 8:40 AM**

What is the policy on electronics?

**CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER FOR PERMISSION DURING CLASS TIME.**

Is there wifi?

**YES BUT ACCESS CAN BE LIMITED AT TIMES.**

Can students wear hats?

**CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHERS FOR PERMISSION.**

Can students chew gum?

**CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHERS FOR PERMISSION.**

Is there advisory at Caledonia?

**THERE IS NO ADVISORY OR HOMEROOM THIS YEAR. IF WE RETURN TO SEMESTERS NEXT YEAR, THERE WILL LIKELY BE A HOMEROOM FOR STUDENTS.**

Where does a student get food if they are hungry?

**THERE IS A BREAKFAST CLUB IN THE CANTEEN AREA EVERY MORNING FROM 8:20 -8:40 AM. THERE IS SOUP AT LUNCH ON TUESDAY IN THE CONNECTIONS ROOM AND RESOURCE ROOM. THESE SERVICES ARE FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS. WE ALSO RUN A CANTEEN DAILY AT LUNCH WITH ITEMS THAT STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE FOR LUNCH.**

Are there healthy options for food like salad, fruit, or vegetables?

**ONCE A MONTH FRUIT OR VEGETABLES ARE DELIVERED TO THE CLASSROOMS. WE ALSO HAVE HEALTHY MENU OPTIONS IN OUR CANTEEN THAT ARE NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS TO PURCHASE. FOOD OPTIONS MAY BE REDUCED OR CHANGED IF COVID-19 REMAINS A HEALTH CONCERN.**

Is there a school nurse?

**NO, BUT WE HAVE FIRST AID ATTENDANTS THAT DEAL WITH INJURIES AND HEALTH CONCERNS.**

How many counselors are there?

**TWO. MRS. MULDER IS THE COUNSELLOR FOR STUDENTS WHOSE LAST NAMES BEGIN WITH A – K. MRS. CHANT IS THE COUNSELLOR FOR STUDENTS WHOSE LAST NAME BEGINS WITH L – Z.**

Can a student see a counselor whenever they want?

**COUNSELLORS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS, AT LUNCH AND AFTER SCHOOL. LEAVE THEM A NOTE IN THEIR DOOR BASKET AND THEY WILL CONNECT WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Are there X blocks at Caledonia?

**NO**

If a student is in the Trades 10 class, how do they get to the college?

**THERE IS A BUS THAT PICKS UP THE STUDENTS IN THE MORNING AND BRINGS THEM BACK TO CALEDONIA AT THE END OF THE DAY.**

Why is French immersion an elective?

**FRENCH IMMERSION IS A CHOICE SO IT IS AN ELECTIVE.**

What extra-curricular activities/clubs are at Caledonia? (besides musical, choir and band)

**DRAMA CLUB, STUDENTS' COUNCIL, ATHLETICS, PHYSICS CLUB, INTERACT, BC YOUTH PARLAIMENT, ROBOTICS ETC.**

If a student wants to change their timetable, do they get to choose where and when the class is or is it up to the counselor?

**THE STUDENT GIVE THEIR COUNSELLOR THEIR REQUEST FOR A CHANGE AND THE COUNSELLOR CHECKS TO SEE IF THE CHANGE CAN HAPPEN AND IF IT CAN THEN A NEW TIMETABLE IS GIVEN TO THE STUDENT. COURSE CHANGE REQUEST FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE POSTED ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE: [HTTP://:CALEDONIA.CMSD.BC.CA](http://caledonia.cmsd.bc.ca)**

What is the layout of the school?

**THERE ARE TWO FLOORS. THE FIRST FLOOR IS A RECTANGLE WITH A GYM, MUSIC FLOOR, LIBRARY AND TRADES SHOPS. THE SECOND FLOOR IS SHAPED LIKE A "U" WITH A LECTURE THEATRE AND RESOURCE SUPPORT ROOMS.**

Who are the grade 10 teachers?

**THE LIST CHANGES FROM YEAR TO YEAR. SOME TEACHERS WORK WITH STUDENTS IN SEVERAL GRADE LEVELS.**

We are afraid of getting lost in the school.

**DON'T WORRY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE ADULTS AND STUDENTS IN THE HALLWAYS OFFERING YOU ASSISTANCE.**

What is the difference between WORKPLACE math and FOUNDATIONS/PRECALCULUS math?

**WORKPLACE MATH 10 IS FOR STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE WITH MATH. FOUNDATIONS PRECALCULUS MATH 10 IS RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO EARN 65% OR HIGHER IN GRADE 9 MATH.**

Are the classes going to be bigger?

**THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE IS 25 STUDENTS.**

Does a student have to take gym in grade 10?

**YES. PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 IS A REQUIRED COURSE FOR EARNING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.**

How many electives does a student get in each grade?

**GRADE 10 STUDENTS GET 2 ELECTIVES. GRADE 11 STUDENTS GET 4 ELECTIVES. GRADE 12 STUDENTS GET 7 ELECTIVES**

If a student takes basketball superfit, do they still need to have regular gym class?

**YES, IF THEY ARE IN GRADE 10.**

If there is a homework club, what time would it be and which days would it take place on?

**THERE IS NO HOMEWORK CLUB BUT SOME STUDENTS GO TO THE LIBRARY BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS OR DURING LUNCH. THE CONNECTIONS ROOM IS ALSO OPEN FOR STUDENTS TO GET HELP WITH HOMEWORK.**

When do the doors open/close in the morning/afternoon?

**THE DOORS ARE UNLOCKED AT 7AM. THE DOORS ARE LOCKED AT 3:45PM**

If a student is sick, is it possible for someone to pick up the missed work if it is only for a day? If not, this will be an issue as students can get heavy workloads.

**REQUESTS FOR WORK MISSED AT SCHOOL ARE DONE WHEN A STUDENT IS ABSENT FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND PARENTS PHONE THE SCHOOL TO REQUEST A PACKAGE AND THEN PICK UP THE PACKAGE.**

If there are any problems with work and the student doesn't feel comfortable explaining, can they email the teacher?

**CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER TO SEE IF THIS IS AN OPTION.**

If students get a timetable, can something else be provided to help with knowing where the rooms are? (to avoid getting lost)

**THE TIMETABLE SHOWS THE ROOM NUMBER FOR EACH COURSE. UPSTAIRS ROOMS HAVE ROOM NUMBERS ABOVE 100 AND DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS HAVE NUMBERS BELOW 100.**

If a student is going to be away for a trip, if the teachers have the work ahead of time, are they able to give it to the student missing school?

**CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MISSED WORK.**

What kind of sports are offered?

**THE SCHOOL TEAMS ARE SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, RUGBY, CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING, GOLF AND TRACK AND FIELD.**

Does taking the trades 10 program at the college affect a student's other classes?

**NO. HOWEVER, BEING IN THE TRADES 10 PROGRAM WILL USE UP ONE OF YOUR TWO ELECTIVE COURSES IN GRADE 10.**

Is the first day scary?

**IT IS EXCITING.**

What if a student is late to class because they don't know where to go?

**TEACHERS GIVE THE STUDENTS A FEW DAYS TO GET FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCATION OF THEIR FOUR CLASSROOMS.**

How does a student graduate early?

**THEY NEED TO MEET WITH THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR TO PLAN FOR AN EARLY GRADUATION.**

What does a student do about missed work?

**CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER TO MAKE A PLAN.**

How easy is it to navigate around the school?

**THERE ARE ADULTS AND STUDENTS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU. ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT, IT IS REALLY EASY.**

What kind of math would a student take for a trades type of job?

**IT DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF TRADE THE STUDENT WANTS TO EXPLORE.**

Can a student retake a final exam? If so is there some sort of repercussion?

**THAT WOULD BE UP TO YOUR TEACHER, IF THIS IS POSSIBLE OR NOT.**

If a student leaves on a trip that is not school related, can they take homework or do they get zeros? (I've heard it depends on the teacher?)

**CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER. THERE IS AN EXTENDED LEAVE FORM IN THE MAIN OFFICE THAT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT AND THE TEACHER.**

Are the phone rules the same at Caledonia as Skeena?

**STUDENTS CAN USE THEIR CELLPHONES BEFORE SCHOOL, AT BREAK, DURING LUNCH AND AFTER SCHOOL.**

Does a student have any say in which teacher they receive for each subject?

**STUDENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO CHOOSE THEIR TEACHERS.**

How long is Intro to Trades 10 and what happens to those students in grade 11?

**IT IS AN ELECTIVE COURSE SO IT LASTS FROM FEBRUARY TO JUNE. STUDENTS SPEND ONE WEEK AT THE COLLEGE DOING THEIR TRADES COURSE AND THE NEXT WEEK THEY ARE AT CALDEONIA DOING THEIR ENGLISH, SOCIALS AND PLANNING COURSES.**

Is band linear and if so what is it paired with?

**CONCERT BAND IS IN THE REGULAR TIMETABLE DURING THE DAY. JAZZ BAND RUNS ALL YEAR, BUT HAPPENS OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR TIMETABLE.**