



Cataline Elementary School

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Welcome Back Cataline Families!

We are back! Our Cataline Elementary School community is excited to welcome students and families for the 2026-2027 school year. A special welcome to all of our new families joining the Cataline community. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you throughout the year.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

We look forward to welcoming new and returning students on **Wednesday, September 9th**.

This is an early dismissal day and students will be dismissed at 11:20am. Buses will run as usual on this early dismissal schedule beginning at **11:27am**.

We are honoured to start our 2026-2027 school year in a good way, with an opening

Student Class Placement: Staff will assist and direct students their new 2026-2027 class. Teacher/class signage will be posted around the blacktop area and students will remain with their new teacher in this area during the welcoming.

Class lists will also be posted on the exterior doors for reference. A master copy of all lists will be posted on the office window.

Please be aware that students changing classrooms after the first day may occur due to registration and enrollment, and with the discretion of the administration. Parents and caregivers may not request classroom changes during the first 10 days of the school year. After this point, a formal request in writing is required explaining the reason followed by an appointment with a school administrator.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

What to Bring: Grades 1 – 6 children need to only bring their indoor shoes, snack and water bottle for the first day of classes. Teachers will be distributing student supplies throughout the school year.

Note: **Kindergarten** students follow a graduated entry schedule as communicated by the Kindergarten teachers. If you need a reminder about your Kindergartener's schedule, please contact the school directly.

Bell Schedule:

Start Time: 8:55am
Recess: 10:25 – 10:40am
Lunch: 12:10 – 1:00pm
Dismissal: 2:55pm



Student Pick-up / Drop-off

Parents are required to remain in their vehicle in the pick-up line. Pulling ahead reduces congestion on the streets above Cataline. **Please turn off your engines.** The left lane will be left open so you can pull out once your child is safely in the car. Students will not be released to their parent's vehicle until the vehicle is alongside the barriers. Students wait next to the gymnasium entrance for parents to arrive. Parking for student pick up is located in the lower lot adjacent the field.

Bus Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year:

New and returning bus students all must be registered for their school bus route in order to ride the bus.

Link: <https://www.sd27.bc.ca/bus-registration-1738864401643>

Newsletters:

Monthly school newsletters and calendars will be posted to the Cataline Elementary School website:

[Newsletters - Cataline Elementary](#)

We also have a school Facebook page that I would encourage you to join as it is used regularly and has very timely news, shares about learning, and celebrations ([Cataline Elementary School](#)).

Code of Conduct Review

Our School Code of Conduct is a living document that we continually amend and adapt to ensure our school is safe and student expectations are clear. We encourage feedback from parents to ensure our Code of Conduct is clear and helps guide student behaviour. Please become familiar with our Code of Conduct and contact school administration with any questions or comments.

[Cataline- Code of Conduct](#)

Student Verification Forms

Student Verification forms will be coming home the first week of school. Please ensure your information is correct. This is very important for our records. We want to make sure we have the most up to date contact information.

Media Consent:

A media consent form will come home with your child the first week of September. Please note that if you give authorization to the school to share images of your child, they may appear on our website or Facebook page. Please consider this when signing and returning forms.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council):

A strong relationship between the school and parents is very important in a child's education, and one way of being involved with the school is to be a member of the PAC. This is a great way to be part of our school community. We strongly encourage your involvement as all parents are invited to attend Cataline PAC meetings.

Safe Arrival Program:

We will continue to use the School Messenger safe arrival program/app. It is a downloadable and free app in the Apple or Google Play store. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call:

1-833-582-6944 and follow the prompts. **Please do not call the school to report an absence.**

School Supplies:

School supply fees are \$45 and can be paid at the office anytime or you can e-transfer

(Please ensure your child's name is included in the memo line)

cat.finance@sd27.bc.ca

Strong Start

Parents interested in attending Strong Start with Mrs. Norma Schindle are invited to register at the office. We are offering Strong Start 5 days a week from 9am – noon. Strong Start is a parent/tot learning opportunity.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Tuesday September 8 - No School for Students, District Day
- Wednesday September 9 - First Day for Students (in grades 1-6) **Early Dismissal 11:20am**
- Thursday September 10 - First full day for Students (in grades 1-6)
- Monday September 14 - First day of school breakfast and lunch program (more info in the September newsletter)
- Monday, September 14 – PAC Meeting (5:30pm – library)
- Monday September 21 - No School for Students, **Pro-D Day**
- Friday September 25 - Cataline Terry Fox Run
- Tuesday, September 29 – Orange Shirt Day Assembly
- Wednesday, September 30 - No School, **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**
- Tuesday, October 7 – School Photos
- Monday, October 12 – No School, **Thanksgiving**
- Friday, October 23 – No School for Students, **Pro-D Day**
- Tues. Oct. 27 & Wed. Oct. 28 – **Early Dismissal**

We look forward to starting off the year in a good way. Please reach out if you have questions, updates, or concerns.

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We acknowledge that Cataline Elementary is situated on the unceded, traditional territory of the Secwepemc People.