

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2025



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VIDEO GAME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A UNIQUE GAME DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE
OPEN TO ALL SD33 GRADE 9 STUDENTS

WHAT IF...
INSTEAD OF JUST LEARNING ABOUT HISTORY...
YOU COULD **RE-CREATE** IT?

WHAT IF YOU COULD...

- MAKE NEW **FRIENDS**
- WORK AS PARTS OF A **TEAM**
- DEVELOP YOUR **CREATIVITY**
- MAKE **VIDEO GAMES**

WHAT IF...
INSTEAD OF MEMORIZING FORMULAS...
YOU COULD **BUILD** SIMULATIONS TO **TEST** THEM?

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LEARN VIDEO GAME DEVELOPMENT SKILLS
COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL
AT THE GAME TIME

CORE COURSES:
ENGLISH 9
MATH 9
CAREERS 9
SOCIAL SCIENCES
PHYS. ED. 9

ELECTIVE COURSES:
2D ART FOR VIDEO GAMES
COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
SONG WRITING & RECORDING FOR GAMES
FILM STUDIES

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FOR MORE INFO
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ENGLISH **JOURNAL STUDIES** **CAREERS** **PHYS. ED.** **FILM STUDIES**

IDEAL FOR:
ARTISTS
CODERS
MUSICIANS
CREATIVES
COLLABORATORS

VIDEO GAME DEVELOPMENT COHORT - NEW FOR GRADE 9 2025 - 2026

 **VGDEV PROGRAM TEACHERS:**
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Starting this fall, Imagine High is offering a unique Grade 9 Video Game Development Program open to all SD33 students. Students will learn core subjects—Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and Career Education—through the lens of video game design, alongside electives like Computer Studies, Digital Art, Animation, and Music & Film.

Learning is hands-on, project-based, and team-oriented, with opportunities to build everything from small “jam” games to a large collaborative final project. Students will develop skills in programming, design, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking while exploring topics such as AI, system design, storytelling, and world-building.

Assessment includes developer’s logs, design documents, self-reflection, and major projects, encouraging persistence, problem-solving, and creativity. Example projects range from a historical Point & Click Adventure to a science-based platformer or a student-driven “dream project.” This innovative program combines academic learning with real-world digital creation, preparing students with both subject knowledge and 21st-century competencies.



Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube for an inside view of life at Imagine! Connect with [@imaginesd33](https://www.instagram.com/imaginesd33)

BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

| EVENT | TIME | TOTAL MIN |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| School Begins | 8:30 am | |
| Integrated CORE/Electives | 8:30 - 9:51 | 81 |
| Break | 9:51 - 9:59 | 8 |
| Integrated CORE/Electives | 9:59 - 11:20 | 81 |
| Lunch | 11:20 - 12:00 | 40 |
| Integrated PAIRINGS/Electives | 12:00 - 1:21 | 81 |
| Break | 1:21 - 1:28 | 7 |
| Integrated PAIRINGS/Electives | 1:28 - 2:48 | 80 |
| School Ends | 2:48 pm | |

ATTENDANCE IS TAKEN IN BOTH AM/PM: **FAMILIES WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER SCHOOL IF STUDENTS WERE ABSENT.**

PLEASE REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO TEACHERS WITH LATE/ ATTENDANCE CONCERNS.



CLICK HERE FOR OUR:
STUDENT & FAMILY
HANDBOOK

OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 13 - THANKSGIVING (NO SCHOOL)

OCTOBER 16 - EARTHQUAKE DRILL (GREAT CANADIAN SHAKEOUT)

OCTOBER 17 - IE REPORTS TO FAMILIES

OCTOBER 22- LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (3-4:30 & 5-6:30) & PHOTO RETAKES (8:45 - 10:45)

OCTOBER 23 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:30, PAC MEETING @ 6:30

OCTOBER 24 - PRO-D DAY - NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 30 - HALLOWEEN DANCE

OCTOBER 31 - END OF QUARTER 1

CONTACT IMAGINE

- Visit our website imagine.sd33.bc.ca
- Follow on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram [@imaginesd33](https://www.instagram.com/imaginesd33)
- Email iss-alloffice@sd33.bc.ca
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STUDENT FEES

School Fees are due November 10th. Click on the 'SD33 Pay Online' link on the imagine.sd33.bc.ca website to pay fees online!

[Click here to pay online](#)

IMAGINE PAC

If you are interested in being part of the Parent Advisory Council at Imagine High, please email: iss-pac@sd33.bc.ca

PAC meetings will also be posted at: <https://imagine.sd33.bc.ca/imagine-pac>

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL & EARLY DISMISSAL DATES 2025-2026

Visit [SD33 website](#) for dates.



GRAD 2026

- CLICK [FOR GRAD HANDBOOK](#), AND [GRAD QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE](#).
- GRADE 12 STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY UP TO DATE ON GRADUATION EVENTS AND INFORMATION.
- **THE NEXT GRAD MEETING IS NOVEMBER 26 AT 6 PM.**



IMAGINE CAREER CENTRE

The Imagine Career Centre is your centralized spot for all things scholarships, post-secondary information and work experience. Make sure to swing by and utilize this resource. As students transition to the senior grades and beyond, staying up to date is important!

Please **follow us on Instagram** [@imagincareercentre](https://www.instagram.com/imagincareercentre) to stay informed about financial award opportunities as well as volunteer placements and enrichment opportunities.

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This is our third year at Imagine, and our Career Department is getting busier each year. We are pleased to offer numerous volunteer opportunities for students; however, these opportunities tend to fill up quickly!

Participation in volunteer activities is highly advantageous for students, as it enhances their resumes and supports scholarship applications. We encourage students to start volunteering as early as grade 9 to maximize these benefits and to contribute positively to our community. We advertise volunteer opportunities through our Instagram page, [imagincareercentre](https://www.instagram.com/imagincareercentre), as well as on the school TVs and through announcements.

We also facilitate the Work Experience Course, designed for Grade 11 and 12 students, as well as Grade 10 students starting May 1st of their Grade 10 year. This course is intended for students who are currently employed or planning to obtain employment, as well as those interested in volunteering or exploring potential careers through job shadowing and work experience.

Opportunities have included placements in fields such as welding, carpentry, baking, education, law, architecture, and more. Students are required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of paid work, volunteer activities, or a combination of these experiences. Successful completion of the course will earn students four credits toward graduation.



SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Public health regularly checks immunization records for students in Grades 6-12 to help make sure they are up to date on vaccines. Fraser Health offer all routine vaccines needed for students in Grades 6-12 when students are in school.

Families can check their child's immunization records online to see if they need any vaccines by logging into immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/ then looking at "Immunization forecast".

This year, students, parents, or caregivers of students in Grades 6-12 have the option to provide consent for vaccines online. You can fill out consent now or any time before the school clinic. To give online consent for immunizations, scan this QR code or go to immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/.

Parents, students or caregivers who complete the online consent, will receive a letter closer to the time of school immunizations so you are aware of when the school clinic is occurring. If consent is not completed online, students will receive a letter and paper consent form from the school close to the time of immunization. The letter will let you know when the consent needs to be returned by.

INCLUSIVE DESIGN TEAM AT IMAGINE HIGH



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SONJA WYKPIS, JENN ANGLEHART, ROBYN PAGE, SCOTT HEWITSON & DAN KATZ

At Imagine, we follow an Inclusive Design Framework, which means we are committed to creating classrooms and school environments where all students feel a sense of belonging: socially, emotionally, and intellectually. It's all about recognizing the diverse strengths and needs of each learner and designing learning opportunities that allow everyone to thrive. Our goal as the Inclusive Design Team is to connect with students, determine their strengths and stretches, and collaborate with teachers to support planning with an inclusive mindset that centers the needs of students. This is specially made possible by the openness and willingness of our staff to allow us into their space and work with us to reflect on practices, make thoughtful adjustments, and ensure that every student feels seen, supported, and included.

One essential way that we work to understand the needs of our students is through IEP meetings and Learning Conversations! If your student has an Individual Education Plan and you haven't signed up for IEP meeting, please reach out to your student's case manager. If your student does not require an IEP, please connect with classroom teachers to meet at our upcoming Learning Conversation night on October 22. We deeply value hearing from our students and families, as your input helps us shape meaningful learning experiences that meet each student's unique needs.

NEW STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

Mr. Katz is joining us as the new school counsellor here at Imagine High. He is available to support you with anything academic, social-emotional, or career-related. Whether you need help solving a problem, planning your future, or just want someone to talk to, his door is always open.

Ms. Welsh is also new to Imagine this year and is joining us as our Child Youth Care Worker. She will be leading the Starfish program and supporting all students in a variety of ways.

Ms. Desilets joins us as our Indigenous Education Assistant and works closely with Mr. McKerchar who has returned as our Indigenous Graduation Coach.

These four lovely humans are accessed just off the Welcome Centre.

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OUTSIDE SERVICES AT IMAGINE

Chilliwack School District is partnered with several not-for-profit community partners to offer specialized services to students. Some of these providers work within our schools. Here is a list of partners that work within our school: Pacific Community Resource Society, Ann Davis Transition Society, Chilliwack Youth Health Centre, Child and Youth Mental Health, Indigenous Child and Youth Mental Health, Chilliwack Hospice Society, the START Program (Fraser Heath).

Your child may seek support from these agencies while they are at school. Parent consent is not required for mature minors to access these supports, however if your preference is that your student does not access these services, please contact your students' school counsellor or PVP team.



ATHLETICS AT IMAGINE HIGH: SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - MAKING HISTORY AT IMAGINE HIGH!



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
KRISTEN LOW

What a way to kick off the season! Our Senior Girls Volleyball team came out strong and earned their first victory of the year, a huge milestone for Imagine High Athletics. The gym was buzzing with energy as the team battled point for point, showing grit, hustle, and true team spirit.

This win is only the beginning of what's shaping up to be a big season ahead. The squad is hungry, determined, and ready to make their mark against tough competition. An honourable mention goes to our Grade 12 athletes, whose leadership and composure have been instrumental in guiding the team. Their example sets the tone for everyone, demonstrating heart, resilience, and the pride of wearing Imagine High on their jerseys. Let's pack the stands, cheer loud, and keep this momentum rolling. Go Imagine!





Parents as Education & Career Coaches



EducationPlannerBC

EducationPlannerBC, in collaboration with school district partners, invites parents and supporters to join our virtual presentation: Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Learn about post-secondary education in B.C. Did you know there are 25 public post-secondary institutions with over 4,000 programs across the province? Come explore all your opportunities at EducationPlannerBC. We'll show you how to use EducationPlannerBC's website to search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.

Have a student that attends a Fraser Valley Region school?

[Register using the QR code or by clicking here.](#)



For more information, contact [**support@educationplannerbc.ca**](mailto:support@educationplannerbc.ca)

