



Imagine High

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



Imagine High is situated on the ancestral and unceded, shared territory of the Ts'elxwéyeqw, Semath and Pilalt Tribes. We are honoured to be in community on this land.

Integrated Art & Technology (IAT) 6-12 Transition Advisory Committee

Imagine High will become a Grades 6-12 school in September 2027, and planning for that transition is underway. The committee includes voices from students, staff, families, and our partner school communities. Our Transition Advisory Committee will meet four times this year to help us think carefully about what a strong Grades 6-12 experience should look like. The committee's focus is on how we can make it a smooth transition for our students. Some of the areas the committee will explore include:

- IAT identity and learning approach
- Grades 6-8 design
- Belonging and support
- Learning structures and opportunities
- Shared spaces and routines
- Student and family transitions
- Community communication



We want to hear from families about what matters most. Your ideas, questions, and hopes will help inform our planning and the work of the IAT Transition Advisory Committee. Tell us what you value most about Imagine, and any ideas, questions, or concerns you would like us to consider along the way.

Have ideas, questions, or feedback about the transition to Grades 6-12? Enter your thoughts here.

[HERE.](#)



Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube for an inside view of life at Imagine! Connect with [@imaginesd33](#)



KEY INFORMATION 2026-2027



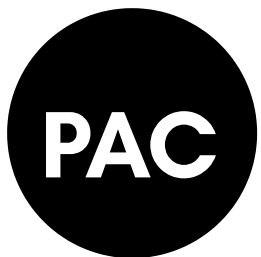
CONTACT IMAGINE

- Visit our website imagine.sd33.bc.ca or email iss-alloffice@sd33.bc.ca
- Phone: 604.792.0941
- Follow on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram [@imaginesd33](https://www.instagram.com/imaginesd33)



STUDENT FEES - QUICKPAY

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



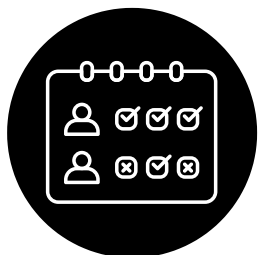
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

- 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 on our website



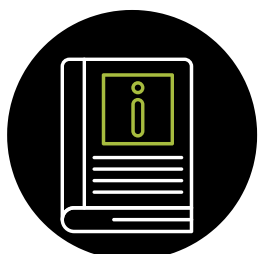
GRAD 2027

- Visit the Graduation Tab at imagine.sd33.bc.ca for the Grad Handbook and Guides
- Grade 12 students are expected to stay up to date on graduation events and information



ATTENDANCE

- ATTENDANCE IS TAKEN in BOTH AM/PM - families are notified AFTER SCHOOL if students were absent
- Reach out to teachers with attendance questions: <https://imagine.sd33.bc.ca/staff/teachers>



STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK

- Visit the Parent & Student Info Tab on imagine.sd33.bc.ca to view the handbook



FOLLOW US

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



KEY INFORMATION 2026-2027

NO-BELL SCHEDULE 2026-2027

Time	Bell
8:26PM	School Begins
8:26 - 9:49	AM Integrated Core/Pairings/Electives
9:49 - 9:57	Break
9:57 - 11:20	AM Integrated Core/Pairings/Electives
11:20 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 1:23	PM Integrated Core/Pairings/Electives
1:23 - 1:30	Break
1:30 - 2:52	AM Integrated Core/Pairings/Electives
2:52 PM	School Ends

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 1-30 - IEP Meetings (Round 1)

Oct. 9 - Non-Instructional Day

Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving (No School)

October 14: Cross Country, venue TBD

Oct. 20 - IE reports to Families, Cross Country @ Island 22

Oct. 21 - Learning Conversations

Oct. 22 - Early Dismissal at 11:26

Oct. 23 - Non-Instructional Day (No School)

October 27: Cross Country Championship

October 28: Photo Retakes

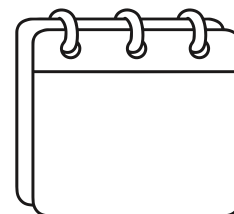
November 3: Last day of Quarter 1

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL & EARLY DISMISSAL DATES 2026-2027

Visit

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/school-calendar-20252026>

for dates.



IMAGINE CAREER CENTRE

The Imagine Career Centre is your centralized spot for all things scholarships, post-secondary information, and work experience. Please follow us on Instagram [@imagine_careercentre](https://www.instagram.com/imagine_careercentre) to stay informed about financial award opportunities as well as volunteer placements and enrichment opportunities.

Visit our CAREER ADVISOR, WORK EXPERIENCE FACILITATOR AND DUAL CREDIT & APPRENTICESHIP COORDINATORS IN ROOM 164 BY THE THEATRE LOBBY.



FOLLOW US

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



Bringing History to Life

CURRICULUM INTEGRATION - MATT SLYKHUIS

What if, instead of just learning about history, you could bring it to life?

That's exactly what we're doing in the Video Game Development program. This week, students have been researching life in 18th-century France and then recreating scenes from that world. Instead of simply memorizing names and dates, they have to imagine what it was actually like to live through them.

Bringing together art, history, and coding, students are creating Point-and-Click Adventure games filled with exploration and discovery. Rather than just learning about grain shortages and riots, players can talk to characters struggling with rising bread prices, crushing taxes, and an increasingly desperate situation.

It's history you can explore, interact with, and experience.

And this is only the first month of the year. As students build their programming skills, they'll be able to create increasingly sophisticated games. As their research skills grow, they'll also be able to build richer, more authentic worlds for players to explore.

It's an exciting journey—and it's only just begun!





Graduation 2027

IMPORTANT GRAD MEETING HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

Grad 2027 Student & Family Meeting: Wednesday, October 7 @ 5:00 PM (Imagine High Theatre)

All graduating students are expected to attend, and families are strongly encouraged to join us.

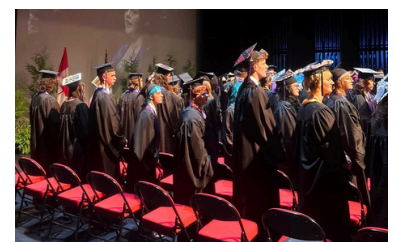
We'll be covering lots of important information to help students stay on track and make the most of their Grade 12 year, including:

- Graduation credits and student verification
- Scholarships, post-secondary applications, work experience, and volunteer opportunities
- Grad photos: November 30 to December 2
- Commencement eligibility, fees, and guest tickets
- Prom information, including eligibility and guest expectations
- Parent support opportunities and Dry Grad
- Grad hoodies
- Upcoming grad meeting dates

A few important reminders:

- Commencement and prom fees are now live on Rycor
- Some post-secondary applications are already open
- Our next grad meeting will be in December at 5:00 PM

There is a lot ahead between now and June, so this meeting is a great way for students and families to get the same information, ask questions, and know what is coming next.





Career Centre at Imagine

START PLANNING YOUR FUTURE TODAY

Grade 12 Post-Secondary Application Season is Here!

As we begin October, university and scholarship application season is officially underway for Grade 12 students! Families are encouraged to review application requirements, deadlines, and scholarship opportunities early to ensure students are well prepared!

- Most university applications open October 1, 2026
- Students planning to attend a post-secondary school after graduation can begin submitting applications through the appropriate provincial application portals:
 - British Columbia: Students applying to universities, colleges, and institutes in British Columbia can apply through [EducationPlannerBC](#) beginning October 1.
 - Alberta: Students interested in attending post-secondary institutions in Alberta can submit applications through [ApplyAlberta](#).
 - Ontario: Students applying to Ontario universities will use the [Ontario University Application Centre](#) to submit their applications.

We encourage students to research program requirements, admission averages, and application deadlines carefully. Some competitive programs may have additional supplemental application requirements. Your career advisor or school counsellor can help.

Scholarship Opportunities

- Loran Scholarship: The Loran Scholarship application deadline is approaching on October 15, 2026. This prestigious award recognizes students who demonstrate character, service, and leadership. Eligible students should review the application requirements as soon as possible and ensure that all materials are submitted before the deadline.
- TD Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples: The TD Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples opens on October 1. This scholarship supports First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students pursuing post-secondary education and recognizes leadership, academic achievement, and community involvement. Applications can be found on the [AFOA Canada Portal](#).

How Parents/Guardians Can Support

Parents and guardians play an important role in the application process by helping students:

- Keep track of application and scholarship deadlines.
- Research programs and institutions and review admission requirements.
- Gather required documents and reference information.

Students with questions about university applications, scholarships, or post-secondary planning are encouraged to contact the Career Centre for support.

The best advice? Start early! Completing applications and scholarship submissions well before deadlines helps reduce stress and ensures students have time to prepare strong applications.



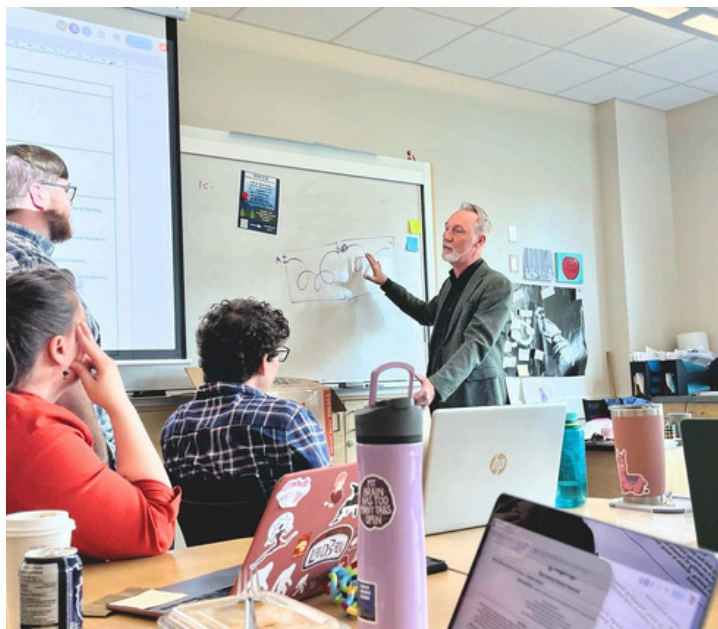
What Collaboration Looks Like Behind the Scenes

INCLUSIVE DESIGN TEAM: SONJA WYKPIS, JENN ANGLEHART, ROBYN PAGE, SCOTT HEWITTSON, DAN KATZ

Welcome back to a new school year at Imagine High! As we settle into another exciting year of learning, we wanted to take a moment to highlight the collaboration, creativity, and thoughtful planning that happen behind the scenes to make meaningful learning experiences possible for all students.

Inclusive Education is not a separate program, but a collaborative model that brings teachers together to design learning opportunities that recognize and respond to the diverse strengths and needs of our students. This year, we have three Grade 9 cohorts, two Grade 10 cohorts, and two semester pairings in Grades 11 and 12, most of which involve entirely new teacher partnerships. Building these partnerships takes time, communication, and a shared commitment to student success. A big part of this work happens during collaborative prep, where classroom teachers and our Inclusive Design Team come together to share ideas, plan learning experiences, and problem-solve. From adapting assignments and exploring new strategies to identifying student strengths and finding creative ways to support participation, these conversations help bring learning to life in the classroom.

At the heart of our school model are teachers who believe in Inclusive Design and are willing to invest the time, creativity, and collaboration needed to make it work. Through this shared commitment, we strive to ensure that the supports students receive are purposeful, consistent, and responsive to their individual needs. We are so excited to see these new partnerships grow throughout the year and look forward to another year of creative, inclusive, and engaging learning at Imagine High!





Athletics Update

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR - KRISTEN LOW

Our fall season of athletics is in full swing at Imagine High with swimming, volleyball and cross-country. All athletes should connect with their coaches regarding schedules or see the master calendar in the gym.

Swimming: Please connect with Mrs. Gorelova for more details (Practice Wed/Friday 6:30-7:30am)

- October 25 EVAA Zone Championships at Agassiz

Cross-Country: We have already attended cross-country meets at Twin Rinks and the Aldergrove Bowl with a top 15 performance. Upcoming races:

- October 14 at Campbell Valley Park
- October 20 at Island 22
- October 27 EVAA Zone Championships at Clearbrook Park
- November 7th Provincial Championships at Clearbrook Park

Volleyball: This year due to a lack of numbers, our girls and boys teams have combined and started out the season strong with a 3rd set win over the Sardis Falcons senior boys team. We look forward to seeing some spectacular hits and digs this season!

- September 24 – 6:00 PM – CSS
- October 1 – 7:30 PM – CSS
- October 6 – 7:30 PM – Imagine
- October 13 – 7:30 PM – CSS
- October 15 – 6:00 PM – Aldergrove
- October 21 – 7:30 PM – Mission
- October 27 – 7:30 PM – Imagine
- October 29 – 7:30 PM – Aldergrove





Indigenous Enhancement & Education Support

INDIGENOUS EA - ALEXANDREA DESILETS

September has been a strong start for Indigenous Education at Imagine High! We have been connecting with our new Grade 9 Indigenous students including a September 29 Meet & Greet, featuring treats, games, activities, prizes, and a chance to build connections.

We also held our first Indigenous Student Voice and Agency (ISVA) meeting on Friday, September 25, with an amazing 20 students in attendance, including many new faces. In connection with Truth and Reconciliation, we welcomed Indigenous authors Peggy Janicki and Nicola Campbell on September 18 to share their children's books about residential schools. Their signed books will be given to students through our "What Does Reconciliation Mean to You?" contest, where students can express their thoughts through art, poetry, photography, video, or another creative format.



Child & Youth Care Worker Update

VISIT OUR NEW SPACE!

Hi everyone! My name is Tracie, and I'm the Child and Youth Care Worker (CYCW) at Imagine High. I'm here to support students with their social, emotional, and everyday well-being. Whether students need someone to talk to, help navigating challenges, or support accessing resources, my door is always open. Students at Imagine High have access to a caring support team. I work closely with Mr. Katz, School Counsellor, Alex Desilets, Indigenous Education Assistant, and Mr. McKerchar, Indigenous Grad Coach, to help students feel connected, supported, and successful at school. I also coordinate the Starfish Backpack Program, which provides supplemental food support on weekends and school breaks. Starfish food bags will begin being distributed on October 6, and I'll be connecting with students participating in the program throughout the year.

My office is now located upstairs in Room 212, near The Hub. Students are always welcome to stop by, check in, ask questions, or reach out for support. Wishing everyone a successful and rewarding school year. I look forward to connecting with and supporting students throughout the year!



Imagine Library

TEACHER LIBRARIAN - STEPHEN WYLIE

Welcome back, everyone! As we begin a new year, it is a good time to remind ourselves of everything the library can do for you. The library is a great, quiet spot to spend your lunch or a break; we only ask that you take your garbage with you when you leave. Our collection of books keeps growing, and we want your help to make it better, so please pass along any titles you love or think others would enjoy. Audio books are also available through SORA, and you can browse the full collection on the Imagine High website.

The library is also the place to go for research and tech support. Mr. Wylie is happy to help with research questions, finding good resources, searching the web, and solving any tech problem you run into, so please don't hesitate to ask. A few students have started a Minecraft club that meets at lunch, and new members are welcome. We are also hoping to begin a lunchtime book club this year; stop by if you would like to be part of it.

As always, please do not hesitate to email Mr. Wylie (stephen_wylie@sd33.bc.ca) or visit the library to chat books, ask questions, or just to see the space! We look forward to seeing you soon!



Chilliwack Youth Health Centre (CYHC)

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR - DAN KATZ

Just a reminder as we head into fall season that the Chilliwack Youth Health Centre (CYHC) provides free, confidential, low-barrier health and wellness services for youth and young adults ages 12-26. No referral is required, and youth can access support on a drop-in basis, either in person or virtually. Services include counselling and mental health support, medical services, and connections/referrals to other community resources.

Counselling hours: Neighbourhood Learning Centre (46361 Yale Rd): Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 1:00–7:00 p.m. (last drop-in at 5:30 p.m.)

Contact CYHC:



604-819-4603



chilliwackyhgc@gmail.com



chilliwackyhgc.com



All is Bright

HOLIDAY HAMPER 2026

Families can now register for the All is Bright 2026 holiday hamper and gift program for school-aged children. There is no cost to participate, but families must complete the registration form to qualify. The registration deadline is October 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Please scan the QR code below to apply. I would also like to wish all students and families a successful and positive start to the school year!



LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

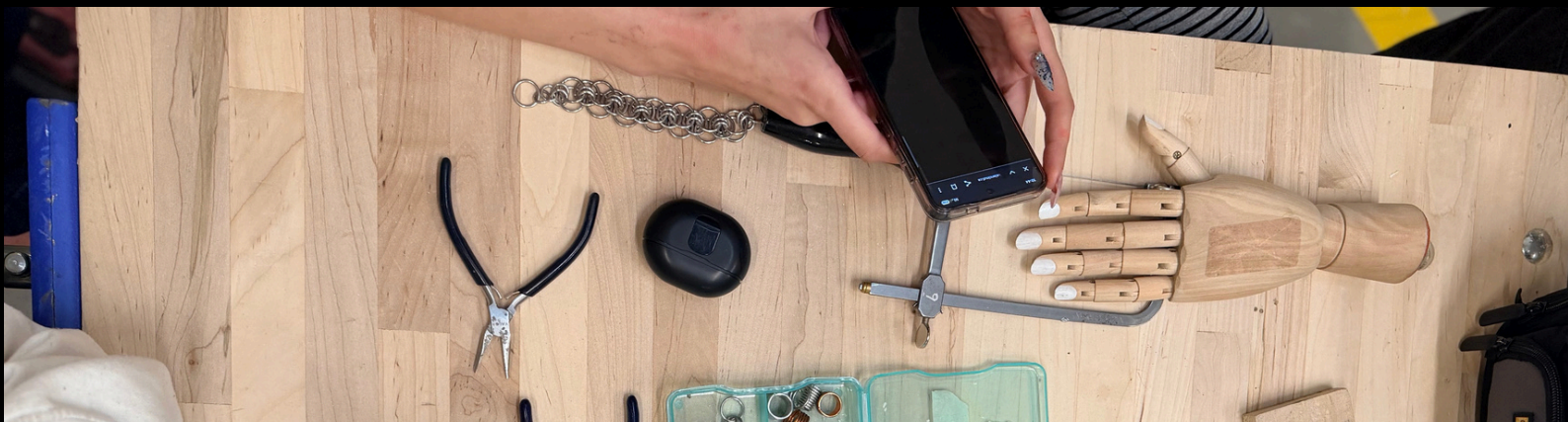
Imagine High

FAMILY, STUDENT AND TEACHER CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21
3-4:30 pm and 5-6:30 PM

Email your child's teacher to book a time, or drop in!

Visit <https://imagine.sd33.bc.ca/staff/teachers> for contact emails.



Community Resources in Chilliwack, BC

Indigenous-Specific Resources

Health & Wellness

- Stò:lo Service Agency 604-858-3366
- Mémìyelh̓tel Youth Services Chilliwack 604-824-3200
- Xyólheméylh – 604-858-0113
- Aboriginal Outreach Mental Health Nurse – 604-702-4860

Employment

- Stò:lo Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training (SASET) – 604-858-3691

Justice & Crisis (24/7)

- KUU-US Crisis Response Service – 1-800-KUU-US17 (1-800-588-8717)
Culturally sensitive help, available 24/7.
First Nations helping First Nations.
- Métis Crisis Line – 1-833-MÉTISBC (1-833-638-4722)
Available 24/7.
A place where you can talk, trust, trust, and feel safe.
- National Indian Residential School (IRS) Crisis Line – 1-866-925-4419
Support for former IRS students and their families.
Available 24/7.

Culture & Community

- Sqwa First Nation – 604-792-9204
- Chilliwack Métis Association – 236-522-2461
- Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre – 604-858-9431

Resources for All Students & Families

Mental Health & Medical

- Chilliwack General Hospital – 604-795-4141
- New Hope Health & Wellness Clinic – 604-798-2183
- Chilliwack Gender Care Clinic – 604-798-2183
- Chilliwack Division of Family Practice – 604-795-0034

Substance Use

- Chilliwack Addiction and Prevention Services – 604-795-5994
- Substance Use Access Team – 604-814-5542

Housing & Shelter

- Cyrus Centre (Youth) – 604-795-5773
- Wilma's Transition Society – 604-858-0468
- Ann Davis Transition Society – 604-792-2760
- Ruth & Naomi's Mission – 604-795-2322
- Salvation Army – 604-792-4466

Food & Basic Needs

- Ruth & Naomi's Mission – Meals & Hampers
- Salvation Army – Food Bank & Showers
- New Horizons – 604-308-9085

Income & Employment

- WorkBC – 778-860-5452
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction – 1-866-866-0800