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Dear Parents,

To help promote engagement with families, the Chinook School Division strongly encourages in-person parent-teacher conferences. If in-person attendance is not possible, conferences can take place by Google Meet or by phone. These options are designed to meet the diverse needs of families.

The focus of these conferences is to provide families with the opportunity to have “Learning Conversations” with their child’s teacher and ask specific questions about their child’s learning and social development.

### **What are Parent Teacher Conferences?**

Parent Teacher Conferences are short conversations between you and your child’s teacher to learn about their progress and to find out how your child is getting along in school. Specific times are set aside for these conferences, but you are always welcome to arrange a meeting at any time during the school year.

### **Why are Parent Teacher Conferences important?**

By participating in the conference, you show your child that you value and are interested in their learning and school experience. The conferences also provide families with the opportunity to ask questions and learn additional ways that they can support their child’s learning and development at home and at school.

### **How can families prepare for Parent Teacher Conferences?**

Spend some time in advance thinking about what you want to know about your child’s learning and performance at school. Write questions down to get the most out of the conference.

- For families with children in grades 6-12 access your child’s online markbook to find marks and information

Speak with your child before the conference. Find out what they enjoy about school and if they have any worries or concerns that can be discussed at the conference.

Consider any special things you would like the teacher to know about your child, such as hobbies, interests, etc. This may be helpful for the teacher to spark your child’s interest.

*“Parent engagement is **one of the strongest** predictors of children's success in both school and life.”* Global Family Research Project