



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School
 Principal: Mr. W. Kirschner Vice Principals: Mrs. L. Blais
 Mr. S. Simpson

PAC Chair: Cory Langevin
 School Website: <https://skss.sd73.bc.ca>

December 2020 Newsletter

Important Dates

Dec 7 Pro-D Day	Feb 4 9W3 Starts	Apr 22 9W4 / 4W7 Starts
Dec 9-17 Grad Photos	Feb 5 Pro-D Day	Apr 26 Pro-D Day
Dec 10-16 Interim Week	Feb 15 Family Day	May 6 Report Cards Issued
Dec 10 PAC Meeting	Feb 17 Report Cards Issued	May 19-26 Interim Week
Dec 17 Early Dismissal	Mar 4-10 Interim Week	May 21 Pro-D Day
..... P/T Interviews	Mar 11 P/T Interviews	May 24 Victoria Day
Dec 18 4W3 Ends	Mar 15-19 Spring Break	May 27 P/T Interviews
Dec 19 – Jan 3 Winter Break	Mar 22 Classes Begin 4W7 Ends
Jan 4 Classes Begin	Apr 2 Good Friday	May 28 4W8 Starts
Jan 4 4W4 Starts	Apr 5 Easter Monday	June 22-23 Prov. Assessments
Jan 25-29 Prov. Assessment	Apr 12-15 Prov. Assessment	June 29 9W4 / 4W8 Ends
Feb 3 9W2 Ends	Apr 21 9W3 Ends Project Completion Day
Feb 3 4W4 Ends Project Completion Day	June 30 Admin Day
Feb 3 Project Completion Day		

Principal's Message

I am always so proud and amazed by the spirit and enthusiasm of our students as it pertains to events on our campus and within our greater community. Our student's truly know the spirit and giving of a Titan :) The month of November provided opportunities for students at SKSS to reflect and share starting with an impactful Remembrance Day assembly that was organized and performed by Ms. Fonseca's drama students, Mrs McRae's music classes and Ms. Wright's First Nations student drummers. Even during Covid, these students did an outstanding job with their live/virtual performances. Thank you very much for all of your efforts during this reflective time as a school and community.

Yesterday, December 3rd, we issued our Quarter 1 report cards. Congratulations to all of our Titans' who displayed a level of excellence in the classroom and the associated efforts that were evident in all of your classes. It is very clear in reviewing our reports that our students are off to an excellent start with their 2020/21 academic programs. We will now prepare for the Q2 interim reports which will be sent out during the week of Dec.10-16th which will then lead into our scheduled P/T interviews from 5-7pm on Dec. 17th. There will be an early dismissal on this day as teachers prepare for their interviews. Please arrange for necessary transportation as the regular school bus times will still apply even though the students will be out by 1pm. School specials will be available at 1pm for students. These interviews will follow the same model as Q1 with a remote delivery and the on-line sign up platform. More sign-up information will be sent out to you from Mme Blais next week. I was very impressed by the grade by grade commitment on our campus and I thank all of our faculty, support staff and you for being an intricate part of these success stories!!!

We look forward to having our annual December Food Bank collection throughout our school. We will be following all Health and Safety measures with our collections. Please support our collections by sending non-perishable items with your son/daughter to school

once we have all of our collection bins in place. Our drive will end on December 17th with deliveries to the Kamloops Food Bank shortly after. At SKSS, we continue to stress the importance of using our education as a platform to make a difference in our greater community. These collective contributions are a perfect example of many Titans' making a difference. We are all very proud of your commitment to our community :)

My December "Titans" call-out is for all of our staff and students who continue to amaze me with their spirit and resilience during these challenging times. Our halls are filled with laughter and our classes are engaged with learning...a great combination to have on our campus ☺

A friendly reminder to our parents that our PAC meeting is next week on December 10th at 7pm via Zoom. Here is the link for your invite:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88546046441?pwd=WVBsVSsyTk1lalBSYjJiMjJMVGxodz09>

Meeting ID: 885 4604 6441
 Passcode: 324915

All interested parents are invited to attend these meetings to be a part of our collective planning which further supports all of our students at SKSS.

Finally, on behalf of all of our staff and students at SKSS, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!! We will see all of you upon our return to school on January 4th, 2021!!!

Sincerely,

Mr. W Kirschner- Principal





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Medical Alerts

There are students in school, with conditions that are physician diagnosed and potentially life threatening that may require emergency care by school staff.

Life Threatening Conditions Include:

- Diabetes
- Epilepsy/Seizure disorder
- Anaphylaxis and/or history of severe allergic reaction
- Severe asthma
- Blood clotting disorders such as hemophilia
- Other conditions which may require emergency care.

If your child has been diagnosed with any of the above conditions, please ensure you have completed a Medical Alert Planning Form or an Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan Form. If you have not completed a form for the 2020-21 school year, please do so as quickly as possible. Forms are available from the office or download here: [Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan Form](#) [Medical Alert Planning Form](#) and [Administering Medication Form](#).

Transportation Assistance

Transportation Assistance may be granted in accordance with the Public School Act to parents/legal guardians whose situation qualifies as follows:

- Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.8 km; or
- Distance to bus route is more than 3.2 km

Application forms are available at the school office or download here [Transportation Assistance Form](#). A reminder to all students who are eligible for School District #73 Transportation Assistance that **a new application form must be completed each year.**

Parent Advisory Councils

SKSS PAC invites you to our upcoming Zoom meeting on **December 10th at 7pm**. The School Act gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools

The SKSS PAC Executive this year is made up of Cory Langevin (Chairman), Julie Reimer (Past-Chair), Tanya Pawliuk (Vice-Chair) and Erin Mitchell (Secretary/Treasurer).

SKSS PAC Meeting with a presentation on the MyEd Portal for Parents
Time: Dec 10, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Application forms are now available for TNT programmes for next year! Please see Ms Gillis in Student Services for the application package and information about attachments and requirements. Grade 10 students interested in Youth Train foundations programmes at TRU can also apply for early admission for their grade 12 year. Programmes include the NorKam/TRU Trades Samplers, full certification Hairstyling, and a wide variety of trades foundations programmes at TRU.

Trades Sampler Programmes:

The Samplers provide students with tangible skills related to daily work in each of the four trades they study, as well as developing their understanding of the professionalism of a tradesperson. The program instills safe workplace practices, student skill development and encourages design, planning, production and evaluation of various techniques and projects.

The Samplers are a one semester program (16 credits) offered at the Trades and Technology Centre at the NorKam Senior Secondary School Campus. All grade 10-12 students from SD73 are eligible. Students spend the entire semester at the Trades and Technology Centre, remaining students of their home school and returning to their home school at the end of their Sampler. Samplers are offered in Mechanical Trades, Construction Trades, and Industrial Trades. For more information, contact Ms Gillis or see the SD73 website: <https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/trades-sampler-program.aspx>

Trades Foundation Programmes:

Foundation programs provide the knowledge and skills needed for entry into an industry occupation, and the technical training component of an apprenticeship programme. This is an innovative partnership between Thompson Rivers University and School District No. 73, bridging secondary and post-secondary education and training while enhancing transition to the workforce. These programs allow grade 10 or 11 students to apply for a Youth Train in Trades Program at TRU in their grade 12 year. For each programme, the school district pays the tuition and students pay the ancillary fees - a considerable cost savings compared to an adult entering a foundation programme! For more information contact Ms Gillis or see the SD73 website: <https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/youth-train-in-trades.aspx>

Hairstyling Certification Programme:

This one year program is designed to enable students to attain their Certificate of Qualification in Hairstyling while also earning high school elective credit.

Under the tutelage of our Red Seal stylist, who is also a certified teacher, students will experience:

- **Theory of hairdressing fundamentals**
- **Anatomy and physiology**
- **Establishing a professional image**
- **Salon ecology (hygiene, bacteriology and sanitation)**
- **Advanced hair services (cutting, hair colouring and permanent waving)**
- **Retail sales and marketing**
- **Salon management**

All district students can apply in grade 10 or 11, program commencing second semester of their grade 11 year. The programme runs February 2022 to January 2023 (second semester of school year, 300 work experience hours over the summer and first semester of the following year) next year, or February 2022 to January 2023 (second semester of school year, 300 work experience hours over the summer and first semester of the following year) the following year. Again, students remain SKSS students and return to SKSS for their final semester. For more information, see Ms Gillis or check the SD73 website: <https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/hairstyling.aspx>

Deadline for applications is early February 2021, but applications are considered as soon as they are submitted. They are comprehensive application packages and do require supporting documentation, so it's best to start early.

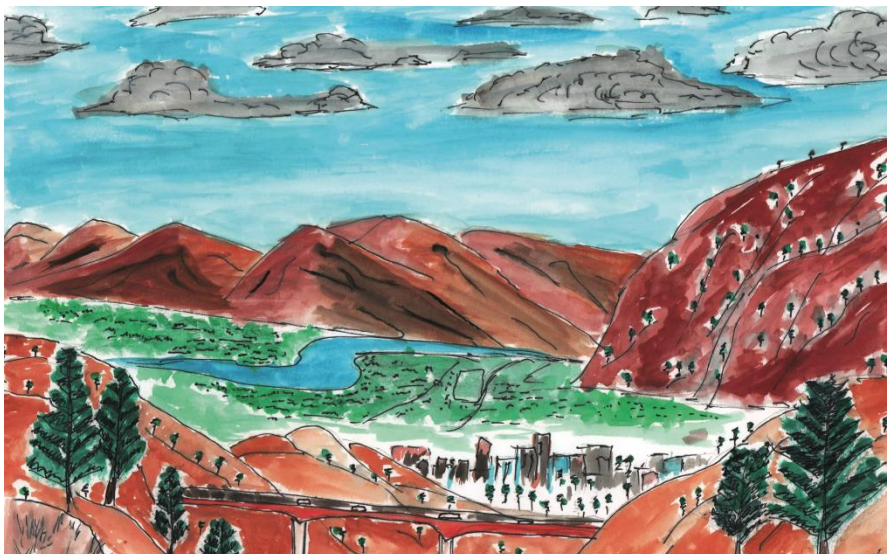
From the Classroom

Our SKSS Jazz Band and Grade 8 Concert Band students are currently working on selections for their Christmas show. Recording will take place December 11th during C block for Grade 8's and directly after school for Jazz Band. Students must be dressed in their concert clothing. (black tops and bottoms with a splash of a Christmas please) Parents, students, and SKSS staff will be sent the link to our show once it has been edited and is ready to go. We are ready to bring on some Christmas cheer.



Mrs. Babin's Foods 10 class:

Larsen Dunn with his dessert nachos ~ cinnamon sugar tortillas crisped up in the oven and served with a fruit salsa & freshly made whip cream.



An Illustrated Journey | KAMLOOPS 2021
SOUTH KAMLOOPS SECONDARY SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS FUNDRAISER

An Illustrated Journey | Kamloops 2021
South Kamloops Secondary School
Visual Arts Fundraiser

An Illustrated Journey | Kamloops 2021 calendars were created by South Kamloops Secondary Art Students. Inspired by nature drawing and journaling, students investigated imagery and information as a way to connect to our community and share their own research as visual artists. Our theme focuses on observing and recording our surroundings or personal experience about Kamloops.

Calendars (\$15) and postcards (\$10) are for sale at the Kamloops Art Gallery, The Art We Are, and SKSS Main Office. Proceeds support future SKSS Visual Arts students initiatives.



[Click here to view more artwork.](#)



P/T Interview – Early Dismissal Bell Schedule

8:30am	Warning Bell
8:35am – 10:36am	First Block
9:20am – 9:35am	Break – Jr's (grades 8 & 9)
9:35am – 9:50am	Break – Sr's (grades 10-12)
10:36am – 10:56am	Transition Break (warning bell – 10:45am)
10:56am – 12:56pm	Second Block
11:30am – 11:45am	Break – Jr's (grades 8 & 9)
11:45am – 12:00pm	Break – Sr's (grades 10-12)
12:56pm	Dismissal

MyEdBC – Helpful Hints

Parent Portal:

[MyEdBC Password Reset Video](#)

[MyEdBC Help PDF](#)

[MyEdBC Forgotten Password](#)

Student Portal:

HELP! I can't get into MyEdBC!
Frequent problems and their solutions.

Have you ever been in MyEdBC before?

- No. → See Miss Rimmer.
- Yes → See below.

Are you using the right login? Did you check for typos?

firstlegalname.lastlegalname@student.sd73.bc.ca

Are you on the proper login page?

www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do

Have you forgotten your password? Did you click the "I forgot my password" button?

- No. → Oops! I forgot about that!
- Yes, but... → keep reading.

Did you use your login ID as your primary email?

- No. → Go use your login ID in the primary email space.
- Yes, but... → keep reading.

Did you forget the answer to your security question?

- Yes. → Go see Miss Rimmer.
- No, but... → It gave me a window with a red bar and a message to see my system administrator. → go see Miss Rimmer.
- No. → I got a window with a green bar that said that a temporary password had been sent to me. Great! **Log in to Student Zimbra to get your new password.**

Do you know how to get into Student Zimbra?

- Yes. → Fantastic! Go to it.
- No. → Go to <https://student.sd73.bc.ca/> (googling "Zimbra" won't work!)

Do you know your Zimbra login information?

- Yes. → You're a rockstar!
- No. → Use **firstname.lastname** and your **gedu password**.



MyEd pdf



MyEd Video



Zimbra pdf



Zimbra video

All of the above files can be found in: <http://bit.ly/sksshhelp>

