



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School



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NEWSLETTER: MAY 2019

Important Dates

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| May 10..... | 6W5 Ends |
| May 13..... | 6W6 Starts |
| May 17 | No Classes – Pro-D Day |
| May 20 | School Closed - Victoria Day |
| May 21 | Interim Reports Issued |
| May 22..... | 4W7 Ends |
| May 23..... | 4W8 Starts |
| June 14..... | Commencements |
| June 19-20 | Double Blocks |
| June 20..... | Last Day of Classes |
| June 21, 24..... | Project Completion Days |
| June 21, 24..... | Numeracy Assessments |
| <i>June 21</i> | <i>AM/PM sessions</i> |
| <i>June 24</i> | <i>PM session only</i> |
| June 24-26 | Government Exams |
| <i>June 24</i> | <i>ENGLISH 12 (9am - 12 pm)</i> |
| <i>June 25</i> | <i>FRAL 12 (1 - 4pm)</i> |
| <i>June 26</i> | <i>COMM 12 (9am - 12pm)</i> |
| June 27..... | Report Cards |
| June 28..... | Admin Day |

Principal's Message...

As we enter the month of May, we are slowly seeing warmer weather and embarking upon that time of the year where our students will receive their 2019/20 timetables and much of our planning is focusing on the last 6 weeks of classes remaining!! As part of our collective staff planning, it is great to see the large number of field trips that are taking place off of our campus that is celebrating learning beyond the four walls of our school. These trips have included: the downtown museum, Biology trips to Vancouver, local habitats/lakes for research and local plays through WCTC. Thanks to all of our staff that are supporting these enrichment opportunities :)

This is also an exciting time for our SKSS Drama dept. under the leadership of Ms. Fonseca. Her collective group of amazing actors, actresses and technicians will be presenting, "The Outsiders", as their annual spring production. A classic novel that will be performed through the lens of our theatrical Titans :) With the current renovations to the Sagebrush Theater, Ms. Fonseca and her performers will be using the TRU drama facility from May 8-10th as their home base this spring. Thanks to TRU for supporting our spring production on their campus.

As we continue to move forward on our campus with our School Improvement Plan for 2017-2022, we are collectively designing, planning and implementing a variety of tasks, strategies and assessments that at their core are re-designing learning in our classrooms.

It is great to see that our SKSS learning environment is providing the necessary skills and tools for each of our students to explore the new curriculum with confidence and courage. To review, our 2017-2022 SKSS goals are:

- 1. SKSS students will demonstrate growth in the Thinking, Communication and Personal/Social Competencies**
- 2. SKSS students will increase their sense of pride and responsibility within our school and the wider community**

As we move forward at SKSS, we will continue to design, plan and offer a variety of tasks, activities and assessments that encourage student engagement with their learning and provide the most optimal learning environment for all of our students and staff to succeed within.

My "Titans" call out for May goes out to our **SKSS Yearbook Club** and the amazing job they did under the leadership of Ms. Rimmer with our 2018/19 yearbook. These students dedicated over 100+ hours afterschool to put this years yearbook together and I know when we see the final product that there will be lots to be proud of from all of their hardwork and dedication!!! A special thanks to: Ms. Rimmer, Kdst Asress, Jaida Barker (Editor), Sophia Bawn, Liam Betker, Katie Bunz, Lan Vy Cao, Annie Druskee, Maggie Jones, Sutton Langevin, Kianna Pellett and Morgan Watson. Delivery of this years yearbook, with the theme of "Horizons", is expected between June 12-19th. Thanks to all of you for your efforts :)

A friendly reminder to our community that our final PAC meeting for 2018/19 is on May 30th at 7:00 pm in our

library. At this meeting we will be looking for parents to support our 2019/20 PAC by taking on the vacant executive positions. In order to receive the \$20,000+ from the BC gaming commission that supports all of our Titans on campus, we must have a PAC executive in place. The work load and responsibilities are minimal and I would ask that if you have any questions about these positions to please call me personally and I can explain the role and responsibilities. As the principal of SKSS, I truly appreciate the time and support with all of the work that is done within our SKSS PAC. The conversations are always insightful and student centered.

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Kirschner - Principal

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The next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 30th at 7 pm** in the school Library. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings.

To contact PAC by

email: sksspac@gmail.com

COUNSELLING NEWS

Most district and school scholarships were due May 1st. Check the school website for specific deadlines at

<http://:skssscholarships.weebly.com>

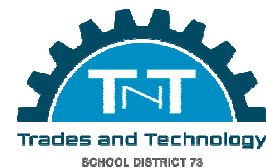
Grads that have been offered or informed that they will be receiving scholarships or awards are asked to please pass this information on to Miss Cavlek in the Counselling Office. This information will be announced at the Commencement Ceremony.

WOOD SHOP NEWS

Are you taking down trees, or do you know someone who is? Please do not let them go to firewood! The wood program at SKSS uses this wood in our classes. We can take anything from about 10" in diameter and over 4 feet long. We can also arrange to come and get the wood. If you have any questions, please email Sue Scallon at sscallon@sd73.bc.ca. Thank you for your support!



TNT NEWS



SKSS Titans have earned impressive achievements at some district TNT programmes. Here is a brief summary.

Four SKSS students attended RCMP Youth Academy in March, where Arisson Jyrkkanen was named Valedictorian and Blythe Paetkau was recognized as Top Cadet.

In April, four SKSS students attended and successfully completed all components of Heavy Metal Rocks: Cameron Brown, Tristin Collins, Garrett Grubisa, and Eric Thibault.

At the Regional Skills Competition in March, three SKSS students participated in the Cabinet Making competition, with Markus Abraham placing first and Eric Thibault placing third. SKSS students completing Foundations Trades Programmes through Youth Train in Trades also competed successfully with Jordan Brown winning the Piping competition and Olivia Wilson winning the Culinary division. Markus, Jordan, and Olivia went on to compete in the Provincial Skills Canada competition in Abbotsford in April where Markus placed third in Cabinet Making and Jordan won the Piping competition. Jordan will go on to represent BC at the National Skills Competition in Halifax. Congratulations to these students and to their SKSS shop and foods teachers over the years, including Ms. Scallon, Mr. Ilic, and Ms. Babin!

Congratulations to these ambitious and accomplished Titans!

GRAD

Friday, June 14th, 2019

Commencements

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| Rehearsal | 11:45 AM |
| Grad Banquet | 5:15 PM |
| Commencement Ceremony | 7:00 PM |

A May Grad Newsletter will be posted on the school website soon. Visit the school website at www.skss.sd73.bc.ca and click on Path To Graduation. If you are a Grad who isn't registered in regular classes at the school (i.e. attending ACEIT programs) please contact the school with your e-mail address so we can forward information to you. Mrs. Mattes (Vice Principal) is the school contact for Grad.

GRAD DINNER & COMMENCEMENT

CEREMONY:

Both the Grad Dinner and Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 14th at the McArthur Island Sports Centre.

• *A rehearsal will be held at 11:45 am on Friday, June 14th. Students will be bused from SKSS to McArthur Island at 11:30 am.* All students are required to ride the bus to the rehearsal.

- The Grad Dinner will begin at 5:15 pm in the Curling Arena. **This function is for Grads and SKSS faculty only.**
- The Commencement Ceremony will follow dinner in the Ice Arena area at 7:00 pm.
- Tickets are required for family and friends to attend the Commencement Ceremony. Each Grad will receive **10 tickets. Tickets will be distributed the week of Monday, June 3rd. If you require extra tickets please contact Mrs. Robinson with requests at skss-office@sd73.bc.ca or call the office at (250)374-1405.**

Grad Fees Information:

The school grad fee of \$120.00 covers the following:

-All commencement costs including the venue rental and decorations, grad gown and v-stole rental, souvenir grad cap and tassel, ceremonial diploma, class composite photo and individual commencement photo.

-All banquet costs including the meal and decorations at McArthur Island Sports Center.



DRY GRAD/PROM

Dry Grad is Saturday, June 15th, 2019

Please refer to the [Dry Grad/Prom](#) folder on the SKSS website for more info or email the dry grad committee at:

skss2019drygrad@gmail.com

Dry Grad Update - Upcoming Fundraiser - Pizza Day!

We have a Pizza Sales Day coming up on May 16th - slices are \$2.50 each - come and support Dry Grad Fundraising! Served in the main hall at lunch time.

Reminder that all Dry Grad Registrations are now overdue - please make sure that your forms and cheque made payable to SKSS Prom/Dry Grad for \$160 if you haven't registered yet!! We need all the funds in ASAP so that we can finalize the budget for the event!!

CAR WASH A THON - this is another Dry Grad Fundraiser coming up - Saturday, May 18th at Beattie Elementary from 10 am to 2 pm- we need 40 Grads to sign up to help with this event!!

Please refer to the Dry Grad FB page for the details on this fundraiser. Grads go out and get pledges for the number of cars they wash, encourage your friends and family to come and get their cars washed that day!



SKSS PLAY

From the Board Meeting of: April 29th, 2019

<https://conta.cc/2GNG8f5>

Happy May Long Weekend!



Titans Theatre Arts Company presents

THE OUTSIDERS

Adapted by Christopher Sergel, from the book by S. E. Hinton

Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois

MAY 8-10, 2019

Tickets for sale at the office.

Adult \$10

Student/Senior \$7

Performances at 7 PM May 8, 9 and 10th at TRU,
the Actor's Workshop Theatre, Old Main Building.

BOARD NOTES

From the Board Meeting of: April 8th, 2019

Here is the link to the digital copy.

<https://conta.cc/2Kvhk0s>