



# École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School



**Principal:** Mr. W. Kirschner **Vice Principals:** Mrs. M. Mattes, Mr. S. Simpson  
**PAC Chair:** Mrs. Julie Reimer  
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## NEWSLETTER: February 2020

## Principal's Message...

### Important Dates

February 5 .....	Grad Photos
February 6 .....	Report Cards/Grad Photos Retakes
February 7 .....	No Classes – Pro-D Day
February 14 .....	Valentine's Day
February 17 .....	Schools Closed - Family Day
March 2 .....	4W5 Ends/Interims Issued
March 3 .....	4W6 Begins
March 12 .....	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
March 16-20 .....	Spring Break
March 23 .....	School Re-opens
April 7 .....	Day of Suwentwecw
April 9 .....	Term 3/4W6 Ends
April 10 .....	Schools Closed – Good Friday
April 13 .....	Schools Closed – Easter Monday
April 14 .....	Term 4/4W7 Begins
April 16-17 .....	Assessments
April 23 .....	Report Cards Issued
April 27 .....	No Classes – Pro-D Day
May 15.....	No Classes – Pro-D Day
May 18.....	Schools Closed – Victoria Day
May 19.....	Interim Reports Issued
May 20.....	4W7 Ends
May 21.....	4W8 Begins
June 8.....	Aboriginal Grad
June 13.....	Grad Commencements
June 24-25 .....	Project Completion Days
June 25.....	Report Cards
June 26.....	Admin Day

As we complete the second week of semester 2 and the start of four new classes, we officially note the half way point of another great year on our campus!!! We had a successful completion to semester 1 with many presentations of learning that were highlighted by our inaugural Career Life Connections 12 Capstone Showcase that took place on January 15th. This evening event, which was attended by over 300 students and parents, highlighted the personal and authentic student work from all of our enrolled CLC 12 students from semester 1. It was an evening that at its core was student centered and student focused with a diversity of presentations that were symbolic of the personal learning journeys from all of our students. A big thanks to our teacher team: Ms. Yamaoka, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Rondinelli and Mr. MacDonald, that both taught and more importantly mentored their students over the past 4 months.

Our final report cards for semester 1 were sent home this past Thursday. We will be having our Honour Roll recognition on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The month of February will also be the start of our 2020/21 course selections at SKSS. This process started with our parent course selection meeting last week and will follow with our "My-Ed" on-line student course selections starting Feb.11th to Feb. 14th for all current grade 8-11 students. With so many changes happening within our new provincial graduation program, it is impressed upon both myself and our staff to support our students and our community during this important time of curricular change.

My February "Titans" call-out is directed to our SKSS Peer Tutors under the leadership of Ms. Dumbrell.





- iii. The image file name should use the following format: lastname\_firstname.jpg (ex. mattes\_michelle.jpg)
- iv. The image should be sent to: [skss-office@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:skss-office@sd73.bc.ca) OR

If you are unable to scan the image or have it scanned, we will do it for you. Have your Grad bring the image to the school office and we will scan the image immediately and return the image. In the event that we do need to hold onto the image, please ensure that your child's name is written on the back so that we can have it returned promptly.

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### DRY GRAD/PROM

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The date of the 2020 Dry Grad is Saturday, June 6, 2020 at McArthur Island.

The Dry Grad parent email is:  
[Skssdrygrad2020@gmail.com](mailto:Skssdrygrad2020@gmail.com)



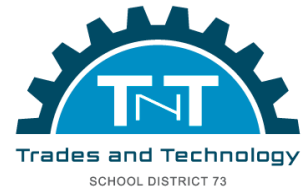
If you are interested in getting updates, please contact the email above to be added to the list.



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### TNT NEWS

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Deadlines are approaching for a variety of TNT opportunities.

For the following dual credit programs, applications are available in the Counselling office or on the website. These programs are open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12, (some variation depending on the program) and students earn graduation credits alongside specific skills and/or postsecondary certifications. Please contact Ms. Gillis at SKSS to enquire.

Finally, TRU Start Early Childhood Education or Health Care Assistant is also due in February. Applications will be available shortly for these grade 12 programs. Students should start preparing for these applications in grade 10 so that they can complete their grad requirement courses in their grade 11 year before going to TRU in their grade 12 year. Again, contact Ms. Gillis for more information.

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### ATHLETICS

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Boys Rugby will be starting in March. Informal training sessions will be happening near the end of February once basketball season wraps up. Whether you're brand new to the sport, or have been playing for years... any boys in Grades 8-12 interested in playing rugby this season, are asked to come talk to Mr. Barker.

Please check out the South Kamloops Titans Athletics website, [www.southkamathletics.ca](http://www.southkamathletics.ca), for more information.

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## EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR TEACHERS

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The link to teacher email addresses for Semester 2 is found [here](#), and on the SKSS website.



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## SKSS ART NEWS

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### SKSS 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Calendar Exhibition & Fundraiser



Paige Styles, Grade 11

Calendars \$12



Madi Young, Grade 11

Postcard sets \$10

*Mapping Kamloops* exhibition images were created by South Kamloops Secondary Art Students. Inspired by Becky Cooper's **Mapping Manhattan** collaborative project, students investigated maps as places to tell stories about our community and share their own stories as mapmakers. Through a personal artistic process, SKSS art students considered mapping their memories by creating meaningful images that share aspects of "Their Kamloops". In addition, a selection of images from our art exhibition are available as postcard sets and a full colour 2020 calendar available for purchase at the Kamloops Art Gallery, The Art We Are, Kamloops Museum & Archives, and South Kamloops Secondary School main office. All proceeds from this fundraiser contribute to future art students initiatives at SKSS. Thank you so much to the SKSS & Kamloops

Community for supporting our annual Fall exhibition: [Mapping Kamloops 2020](#).

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## SKSS ART NIGHT 2020

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## PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

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Henry Grube Education Centre is hosting two upcoming free parent engagement sessions:

[New Trends and Information on Vaping and Cannabis](#) Thursday, February 27

[Keeping Our Children Safe](#) March 3