



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School

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NEWSLETTER: December 2019

Principal's Message...

Important Dates

December 2	No Classes/Pro-D Day
December 3	6W3 Starts
December 9	Interim Reports Issued
December 10	4W3 Ends
December 11	4W4 Begins
December 11-19	Grad Photos
December 23-January 3	Winter Break
January 6	School Re-opens
January 23-24	Project Completion Days
January 24	Semester 1/Term 2 Ends/4W4 Ends/6W3 Starts
January 27	Semester 2/Term 3 Starts/4W5 Begins
February 5	Grad Photos
February 6	Report Cards Issued/Grad Photos Retakes
February 7	No Classes – Pro-D Day
February 17	School Closed - Family Day
March 2	4W5 Ends/Interims Issued
March 3	4W6 Starts
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	School Closed – Good Friday
April 13	School 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	School Closed – Victoria Day
May 19	Interim Reports Issued
May 20	4W7 Ends
May 21	4W8 Starts
June 8	Aboriginal Grad
June 13	Grad Commencements
June 24-25	Project Completion Days
June 25	Report Cards

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 and our student drummers. We were also proud to listen to Lt. Col. Vecchio proudly speak of his service to our Canadian military and his vast experiences to date. Thank you very much for all of your efforts during this reflective time as a school and community.

We are currently having our annual Food Bank collection throughout our school. Please support our collections by sending non-perishable items with your son/daughter to school. Our drive will end on December 16th with deliveries to the Kamloops Food Bank shortly after. Also during this holiday season, our Link Crew is encouraging classes around the school to consider creating a Shoebox present for local women impacted by homelessness. This would consist of a decorated shoebox containing approximately \$50 worth of well-thought gifts. 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 :)



On November 21st we issued our term 1 report cards. Congratulations to all of our Titans' who displayed a level of excellence in the classroom as it pertains to your Honours standing. We will be having our Honour Roll grade recognition assemblies on December 13th which will allow me to personally congratulate all of our students and present them with their certificates :). 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!!!

My December "Titans" call-out is for Coach Lancaster and his Interior Conference All-Stars from the Sr Football team. Congratulations to All-Stars: Eric Crawford, Mike MacDonald, Kayden Crawford, Luc Gaudreau, Sheldon Gerlib, Coran McCole, Jacob Bond and Cohen Freeze. These all-star players and the collective team had an outstanding season and we are all very proud of your efforts and dedication to our Titans' football program.

A friendly reminder to our parents that our next PAC meeting is on January 30th, 2020 at 7:00pm in our library. 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 6th, 2020!!!

Sincerely,

Mr. W Kirschner- Principal



SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

ATTENTION: READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Ms. Schiller and students have put together a school newspaper entitled: "*The Titan Tribune*". It includes the following sections: Sports, Fine Arts, Editorial, Teachers, Grade 12's, and Exchange Students, to name a few. The first publication came out **November 18**. Copies are available in the office and on the SKSS website.



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

To contact PAC by email: sksspac@gmail.com

SPRING BREAK 2021

Student Travel Opportunity Spring Break 2021

Student travel opportunity for Spring Break 2021! The Grand Tour of Italy! Some of the destinations include: Venice, Verona, Florence, Pisa, Assisi, Pompeii, Capri, Sorrento region, and Rome. This is a great opportunity for safe, chaperoned travel for your child.

For more information, please contact Mr. Dhaliwal: kdhaliwal@sd73.bc.ca





Saturday, June 13, 2020 *Commencements*

Grad Photo Sessions:

December 11-19

February 5-6

Retakes

Please note: The sign-up sheets are posted in the office, and students should have their date and time arranged.

The first Grad Newsletter has been published to the school website. Visit the website at www.skss.sd73.bc.ca and click on the “**Graduation News and Info**” folder. Students can also see the Grad bulletin Board outside the Library for more info. 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; although, the Dry Grad Parent Committee is responsible for Dry Grad and the Prom. This year’s Grad Parent Committee is established. Their email is skssdrygrad2020@gmail.com.

DRY GRAD BOTTLE DRIVE

Heads up Parents! You can drop off your bottles at General Grant’s Sahali from **January 18-19**. All proceeds will go the SKSS Dry Grad. This is a great way to declutter after the holidays, and also support our SKSS Grad students.



Applications for Heavy Metal Rocks are now available on the school district website at <https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/resources/Trades-Programs/2020-HMR-Student-Application.pdf>, or in the Counselling office. Applications are due back to the Counselling office January 15, but earlier applications are welcome! Anyone in Grades 11 and 12 with an interest in operating equipment and/or workplace training in certifications should check it out. More information is available from Ms. Gillis at the Counselling office or on the SD73 website: <https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/heavy-metal-rocks.aspx#>

MRS BABIN’S HOME EC CLASS



Who doesn’t love fresh pasta!? Senior students used pasta machines to make a fresh egg noodle pasta which is typical of Northern Italy. They then proceeded to make meatballs and a tomato sauce to go with their dish. Students needed to cook their pasta al dente which means to the tooth (Essentially, pasta has a bit of a chew but it’s still cooked!). They also have to be careful not to burn their meatballs. The students did a great job!

SKSS 14th 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](#).



SKSS will be hosting a **Winter Music Concert** on **Thursday, December 19**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sagebrush Theatre. Admission is free! Come out and see our students perform seasonal favourites!

*From the Staff of SKSS,
we wish you all a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!!*

