



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School

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NEWSLETTER: January 2020

Principal's Message...

Important Dates

January 23-24 Project Completion Days
 January 24..... Sem. 1/Term 2 Ends/4W4 Ends/6W3
Begins
 January 27.....Sem. 2/Term 3 Begins/4W5 Begins
 February 5..... Grad Photos
 February 6..... Report Cards/Grad Photos Retakes
 February 7.....No Classes – Pro-D Day
 February 17.....Schools Closed - Family Day
 March 2..... 4W5 Ends/Interims Issued
 March 3.....4W6 Begins
 March 12..... Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
 March 16-20Spring 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

Welcome back to a new year, and I hope that everyone had a relaxing break and are ready for our stretch run to finish semester 1!!! As we start the month of January, we are working at a brisk pace to put closure to all of our semester one classes and the work still necessary to complete. Students and parents are reminded to keep in touch with your son/daughter's teachers to ensure that all work and tests are completed in a timely manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a personal invitation to each of our grade 12 parents/guardians who have a son/daughter currently enrolled in CLC 12 to attend our inaugural CLC 12 Capstone presentation showcase on January 15th from 6-7:30 pm at South Kam.

This event is an opportunity for our students to illustrate their educational journeys, interests, values and passions summarized from all of their diverse experiences on our campus from over the past 5 years.

We are all very excited with this evening as we are currently piloting CLC 12 through the teaching and learning lens of hybrid courses in: Art, Foods and Photography. This is on top of our stand alone face to face classes as well.

The diversity of presentations will be extensive, and our showcase model with community engagement and interaction throughout the evening will provide for an outstanding platform for our students to share their work. We look forward to seeing you next week.



We indeed have a very busy month upcoming on our campus. Our January calendar will have the last day of regular scheduled classes on January 20th. Double blocks of AA and BB will commence on January 21st and double blocks of CC and DD on the 22nd. This will be followed by our "project completion days" on January 23rd and the 24th. **Students are able to attend SKSS on the project completion days to complete any missing tasks, projects or tests that are required for final semester 1 grades.** Semester 2 is scheduled to start on Monday, January 27th with the blocks EFGH.

Students who are participating with their re-write for either the Literacy 10 assessment or the Numeracy 10 assessment are reminded to confirm dates and times for their specific exams- this can be done with their individual counsellor or by looking on our SKSS website.

My January 2020 "Titans" call-out is for all of our students who continue to use their education as a platform to better our community throughout Kamloops. Of note in December were our students who were directly involved with the Kamloops Food Bank drive, Shoe Box initiative, Snow Angel team and our Christmas Amalgamated donations. Your collective commitment and participation is a true reflection of a Titan and all of the positive values that we stand for on our amazing campus. I know I speak on behalf of our entire staff and community when I say how proud we are of you and your efforts :):):)

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, staff and extra-curricular programs on our campus.

Sincerely,

Mr. W Kirschner- Principal

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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! This is a 10-day trip covering Greece and Italy! Highlights include: Athens, Olympic Stadium, Delphi, Meteora region, Igoumenitsa, Ancona, Florence, Rome, and Vatican City. This is a great opportunity for safe, chaperoned travel for your child. Sign up soon as spots are limited.

For more information, please contact Mr. Yamaoka: cyamaoka@sd73.bc.ca

QUEBEC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Are you a grade 9 or 10 French immersion student interested in participating in 2020-2021 Québec exchange program? There will be a meeting in Mr. Laprade's room (220) on Thursday, January 16 at 1 p.m. for students interested in participating.



Saturday, June 13, 2020

*Commencements
at 1:00 p.m.*

*Grad Photo Sessions:
December 11-19*

February 5-6

Retakes

Grad proofs are here and ready to be picked up in the office. Please return your order form, with payment, back to the office by Monday, February 3.

2020 SKSS Grad clothing orders closed on January 9. Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

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.

Creative Pie Design in Food Studies

That’s a good looking pie! Students first canned apples and then used their jarred filling to make some very tasty and visually appealing pies. (Left to right: Calla Hunter, Morgan Androlick, Maddie Boutry-Klingbeil & Derek Buemann)





Congratulations to Victoria W., who has completed more than 980 hours with a certified tradesperson through the Youth Work in Trades program. As a result, Victoria has earned 16 credits toward graduation, and is eligible for the automatic \$1000 Youth Work in Trades Award. **Congratulations Victoria!**

If your student has a job working with a certified tradesperson, please see Ms. Gillis to sign up for YWIT.

Deadlines are approaching for a variety of TNT opportunities:

RCMP Youth Academy (14-19 March 2020) - Due 15 January to SKSS

Heavy Metal Rocks (March 2020) - Due 15 January to SKSS

Junior Fire Crew (1-4 April 2020) - Due 6 February to SKSS

The events above are open to students ages 16-18 and applications are available at the Counselling office or on the School District 73 TNT website.

For the following dual credit programs, applications are also 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.

Youth Train in Trades, NorKam Sampler Programmes, Digipen, and NorKam Hairstylist Certificates (2020-21 school year) - Due 11 February to SKSS

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.

The Winter season is off to a fast start in January with many teams at tournaments, bonspiels, and playing league games.

A few quick congratulations to the **Senior Girls** (ranked in the top 10 in the province) and the **Gold Boys** (Fulton Cup Champions)!

Please check out the South Kamloops Titans Athletics website, www.southkamathletics.ca, for more information.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!**

The next exciting edition of the newspaper "*The Titan Tribune*" will be published on Monday, January 27. Copies will be available in the office and on the SKSS school website.



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](#).



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Thank you SKSS for supporting our Bannock Days! We have successfully raised \$343.00, which will go to "[Away home Kamloops](#)". A society working towards preventing, reducing, and ending youth homelessness in Kamloops and British Columbia! We worked with Ms. St. Louis's grade 8 English class and our wonderful International students. We filled ten backpacks with some winter necessities such as: toques, scarves, hot mitts, foot warmers, hot chocolate, travel mugs, water bottles, socks, mittens, chocolate, candy, ect. We also teamed up with the Kamloops Friendship Society, Smile Dentistry, and various community members to bring all the backpacks and supplies together!

Our next Bannock Day will be January 17, 2020. We will be working with some of the Aboriginal and International students, making and selling bannock, and sharing information about each other's culture and food.

To view our full Aboriginal Education January Newsletter, you can click [here](#), or go to the SKSS website.