



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School

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NEWSLETTER: March 2020

Principal's Message...

Important Dates

March 24W5 Ends/Interims Issued
 March 3 4W6 Begins
 March 12Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
 March 12..... PAC Meeting
 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

The month of February was filled with many great activities including our winter season pep rally, our annual Anti-Bullying Awareness Day, our 2020/21 parent course selection meeting and several athletics teams that were very successful leading into the past weekend's provincial championships!!!

Starting with our spirited and energetic pep rally on Feb. 10th, this event always serves as an outstanding platform to celebrate student successes both in the classroom and in sport. On February 26th, our Titans also had an opportunity to show their school spirit and support our Anti-Bullying Awareness Day by wearing their best pink clothes with pride. Thanks to Mr. Ansley's Link Crew for all of your support and commitment with your planning and organizing of the many school activities that were done throughout the week.

We have already started our planning for 20/21 timetabling at SKSS. On February 4th, we had our annual parent course selection meeting in front of over 100+ parents. This meeting allowed for myself and our admin/counseling team to share and discuss the many new courses that will be available at SKSS this fall as we fully implement the entire Grade 8-12 new curriculum in BC. Course selections followed this meeting and we will now begin the process of collating all of the student requests and begin the long process of school timetabling over the next 2 months. Our collective goal will be to begin handing out draft student timetables, starting with the current grade 11's, by the second week of May.



Just a reminder to all of our parents that our second semester Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 12th from 2-4 and 5:30-7:30. For more information on scheduling an appt., please visit our SKSS website and all of the details will be on the main page. We hope to see you here next week to support your son/daughter's learning.

As mentioned at the start of my message, we also had many exciting athletic events in February highlighted by: our SKSS girls curling team winning the Okanagan Championship and now off to the provincials, our Grade 8 girls basketball team finishing 10th at provincials and our senior girls' basketball team having another excellent season finishing 5th at the provincial championships last week in Langley.

Congratulations to Kendra MacDonald for being selected as a 2nd team tournament All Star!!! We are all very proud of our student-athletes and their collective dedication to our athletic program. Thank you very much to all of our coaches and sponsors who provide these quality opportunities for our student-athletes at SKSS :)

My March "Titans" call-out is directed to all of our staff and community volunteers who support our students with such an amazing variety of extra-curricular activities on our campus. With over 20+ school clubs, fine arts and athletics at South Kam, there is truly no reason for our students not to be active and involved beyond their four classes each day. Thanks to all of our sponsors for allowing this to happen!!!

A friendly reminder to our parents that our next PAC meeting is on March 12th, 2020 at 7:00pm in our library. This is also the same time as our P/T interviews, so feel free to drop by and see us as part of your school visit. 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.

I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing spring break (March 16-20th) and we will resume our studies at SKSS on Monday, March 23rd.

Sincerely,

Mr. W Kirschner- Principal

SKSS PAC

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The next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 12th, 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

GRAD

CLASS
of
2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020

<i>Grad Ceremony Rehearsal</i>	<i>Friday June 12th</i>
<i>at 8:45 AM (loading buses at 8:30 at the school)</i>	
<i>Luncheon:</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Commencements:</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>

The Grad Newsletter is posted on the school website; Visit the website at www.skss.sd73.bc.ca and click on the “*Path To Graduation*” folder. Students can also see the Grad Bulletin Board outside the Library for more info. Mrs. Mattes (Vice Principal) is the school contact for Grad, although the Dry Grad Parent Committee is responsible for Dry Grad and the Prom.

At the Commencement Ceremony we show a slideshow as the grads cross the stage. This slideshow is a picture of the graduating student in their grad gown alongside a **baby picture**. We will have a copy of their grad gown picture but **we need your help in collecting baby pictures of the students**.

With approximately 200 graduates, this is a large undertaking. In order to streamline the process and help us make it as efficient as possible, we are asking the following:

Our best case scenario would be for you to email a high quality scanned image of your child between the ages of 0 to Pre-School as a JPG.

i. The image should be at minimum 500px by 500px (**LARGER IS BETTER**)

ii. The image should be saved as a JPEG or a PNG

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 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.

DRY GRAD/PROM

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

The Dry Grad parent email is:
Skssdrygrad2020@gmail.com



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

ATHLETICS

Rugby

Rugby season is upon us! The Jr. and Sr. boys teams will be having tryouts over the first two weeks of March, and the Grade 8 boys will likely be starting up after Spring Break. 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, for more information.

Winter Athletics Season

The Winter Athletic Season has been a busy one. We have had a lot of teams participating this year. Keep listening to announcements for Spring Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Track & Field, Senior Girls Soccer, Junior Girls Soccer, Grade 8 Boys Rugby, Junior Boys Rugby, Girls Rugby, Mountain Biking).

Grade 8 Boys Basketball

Went all the way to the West Zone Semi Finals. Thank you to Coach McKay.

Grade 8 Girls Basketball

West Zone Champions and are in the Provincials Tournament. Thank you to Coach Gurnsey.

Tier 2 Boys Basketball

Went all the way to the West Zone Finals finishing second. Thank you to Coach Long.

Tier 2 Girls Basketball

Went all the way to the West Zone Finals and won. Thank you to Coach Robinson.

Tier 1 Boys Basketball

Came third in the West Zone. Thank you to Coach Barker.

Tier 1 Girls Basketball

Came third in the West Zone. Thank you to Coach Karpluk.

Senior Boys Basketball

Finished third in the Okanagan.

Senior Girls Basketball

Second in the Okanagans and on their way to the Provincials as the 5th ranked team in AAA.

Boys Curling

A great season. Thank you to Mr. Epp and Mrs. Thompson.

Girls Curling

Okanagan Champions and on their way to the Provincial Championships. Thank you to Mr. Epp and Mrs. Thompson.

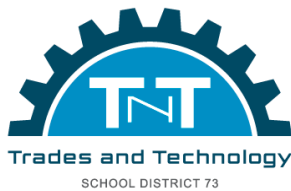
TITAN TRIBUNE



READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

The next exciting edition of the Titan Tribune will be published on **March 30**. Copies will be available in the office or on the SKSS website.

TNT NEWS



SKSS ART NEWS

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 ART NIGHT 2020



EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR TEACHERS

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

MATH SEMINAR

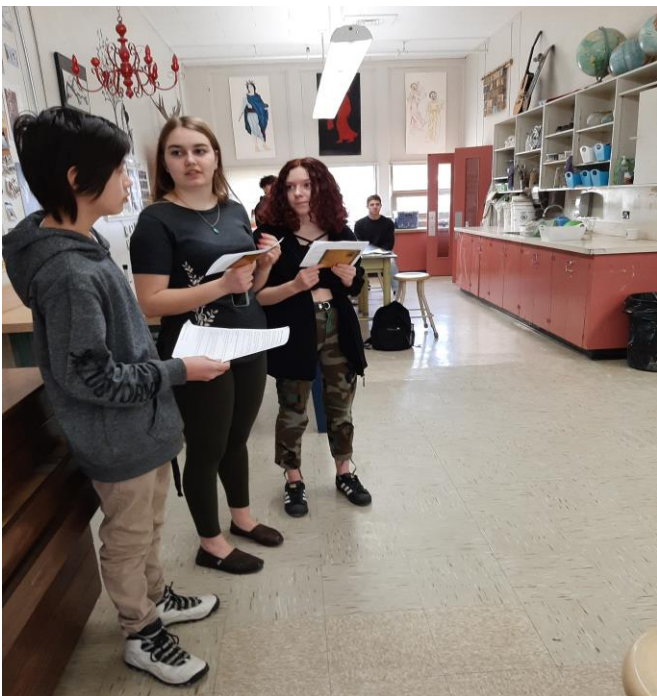
Triangles with Interior Sums of 0 or 540 degrees?

On February 25, TRU's Dr. Rahmati held a seminar with our Calculus students on Euclidean geometry in comparison to spherical and hyperbolic geometry. He presented the notion that the interior angles in a triangle ranges from 0 to 540 degrees, depending on the surface the triangle is constructed on. Students made connections, for example, that the flight paths from Toronto to Munich to Australia does not create a traditional triangle but rather creates a triangle with curved sides as the surface of our planet is curved. We are looking forward to having Dr. Rahmati at SKSS throughout the spring for additional seminars.

ABORIGINAL NEWS

Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children.

On Thursday, February 20, Aboriginal students Riley Friesen, Semiah Latrans, and Kaya Pires (pictured below) shared the purpose of the Moose Hide Campaign with the entire school. They received lots of positive responses and were well received by all.



MRS BABIN'S HOME EC CLASS

Grade 8 Pizza Lab



Picture 1 Steph Tynan



Picture 2 Brooklyn Ned & Tayven Parent