



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School

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NEWSLETTER: November 2019

Principal's Message...

Important Dates

November 4-5	Assessments
November 6	Term 1/4W2 Ends
November 6	"Take your kids to work day"
November 7	Term 2/4W3 Begins
November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11	School Closed - Remembrance Day
November 21	Report Cards
November 29	6W2 Ends
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 Suwewtwecw
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

With the busy month of September now behind us, we can now settle into our regular routines at SKSS knowing that our students and staff are working hard towards a successful semester and overall school year. Our current enrollment is at 905 students which also includes 41 International students who have arrived on our campus from many different areas globally. It is indeed exciting to have them join our classes and contribute to the diverse learning that is taking place in our school.

It is at this time of the year that I always like to remind our school community, particularly our new grade 8 students, of the importance of being involved on our campus. Whether it be athletics, fine arts or the various clubs that we have at SKSS, it is important for students to be involved in more than just their four courses. Positive outcomes related to health, stress reduction and overall happiness at school can be attributed to extra-curricular participation. Get involved and be a proud "Titan".

As our students settle into their studies and our staff focus on our school goals for 2019/20, I want to once again share with you our two goals that are the framework for our five year SKSS School Learning Plan. Our goals are as follows:

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 a staff, we want to ensure the most optimal learning environment for all of our students and we believe these goals provide us with a strong foundation to accomplish this moving forward.

In addition, we have also posted, throughout our school, our SKSS Behaviour Matrix that was created with input from our students, staff and greater community. This co-



created document defines who and what we are as Titans both on our campus and within our community. I am very proud of the efforts from everyone who contributed to this school-wide implementation.

My October "Titans" call-out is an easy one. To our 905 students and 72 staff members, I want to thank you all for a smooth and easy start up for this school year. There were many logistical items that we needed to collectively work through to get our classes and school up and running where we wanted it to and I can't say enough nice things about our staff and students who made this happen in such an easy manner. It is another great example of the mutual respect and spirit of a "Titan" and I want our entire community to know how much it is appreciated and valued!!

It was nice to see so many of you at our Oct.17th Parent/Teacher interviews. We had over 500 appointments and we appreciate your support for your son/daughter's learning on our campus. Please note that our staff are also available via email if you have any further questions as we progress throughout semester 1. Please visit our school website at: www.skss.sd73.bc.ca for the list of our staff email addresses.

A friendly reminder to our parents that our next PAC meeting is on October 24th at 7:00pm in our library. This particular meeting will also involve the review of our staff applications for PAC funding for 2019/20. We had a fabulous meeting to start the year in September with several new families in attendance and I look forward to seeing more of you at the October meeting. 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.

Sincerely,

Mr. W Kirschner- Principal

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

ATTENTION: READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Ms. Schiller and students are putting together a school newspaper entitled: "*The Titan Tribune*". It will include the following sections: Sports, Fine Arts, Editorial, Teachers, Grade 12's, and Exchange Students, to name a few. The first publication will occur on **November 18**.



SKSS PAC

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The next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 5, 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



COUNSELLING NEWS

A reminder to all Grade 12 students, that most of the post-secondary institutions across Canada are now accepting applications for the fall of 2020. Students can apply using the EducationPlannerBC website, or by simply looking up the school online and registering under "Future Students". If you require any help with this process, please see your counsellor.

Parents of Grade 12 students, who plan to attend a post-secondary school in B.C., are invited to attend an informational session that is being attended by 15 B.C. post-secondary institutes. It will be held on **Thursday, November 14, from 7-9 p.m.** at the Henry Grube Education Centre. Representatives from the post-secondary schools will be there to answer any questions regarding their child's entry for the 2020-2021 school year.

GRAD



Saturday, June 13, 2020 **Commencements**

Grad Photo Sessions:

December 11-19

February 5-6

Retakes

Please note: The sign-up sheets will be available in the office approximately two weeks prior to session dates.

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

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Winter Plants is up and running!

Order online:

www.skss.growingsmilesfundraising.com, by paper (available at the office), or by pdf email attachment.

Order deadline: Wednesday, November 13

Cheques payable: SKSS prom/dry grad

**Cheques must be handed in at the SKSS office.

If ordering online, please make sure your cheque has your order # on it! (We want to mark you as paid!)**

Plant delivery to SKSS is Monday, November 25.

Plant pickup: 3-8 p.m. in the Support Room (main entrance by gym and go straight).

“TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY”

Take Our Kids to Work Day – Grade 9

Grade 9 students are encouraged to participate in “Take Our Kids to Work Day” on Wednesday, November 6.

The purpose of this day is to show children what “work” looks like and to explore career opportunities.

Students in Grade 9 can attend work (with the permission of the workplace) with a family member.

For more information, see the TNT website at

<https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/take-our-kids-to-work-day.aspx>

Permission forms will be distributed to Grade 9 classes, available in the counselling office, and also on the

website at...\[Take-Our-Kids-to-Work-Consent.pdf](#)

TNT NEWS

Heavy Metal Rocks applications will be available in November. Grade 11 & 12 students interested in this highly competitive and popular program of hands-on equipment operations should see Ms. Gillis in Counselling. There may be some spots in the Semester II Sampler and Hairstylist program at NorKam. For more information about all these and all Trades & Transition opportunities, please see Ms. Gillis.

Thanks to Liam Betker (SouthKam) and Colby Arychuk (NorKam). They are currently in the Mechanical Sampler, where they just finished the Welding module. They created a beautiful sculpture, which is on display in the NorKam Trades Center entrance.



DELF EXAMS

We had 50 students sign-up to write the French DELF exam this November!

Exams will take place on the following dates:

A1 – November 28

A2 – November 27

B1 – November 26

B2 – November 25

Times and locations will be made available soon. Please also note that students will also have an oral exam component the same week, and must make note of that time as well.

If you are interested in DELF and missed the sign-up for the November exam, there is also the option to write in April. Stay tuned to the announcements in March!

RCMP YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND YOUTH ACADEMY

The **RCMP Youth Advisory Committee** will meet **December 11** at the Henry Grube Education Centre. Applications from students, aged 15-18 who would like to serve on this committee, are available at the SKSS counselling office or on the SD73 Trades & Transitions website at [..\RCMP-YAC-Application-with-Consent-Form.docx.pdf](#)

The **RCMP Youth Academy** takes place over **Spring Break in March of 2020**. Students ages 16-18 can earn school credits and are trained by RCMP officers and trainers. Application are available at the SKSS counselling office, or online at the SD73 Trades & Transitions website at [..\Full-RCMP-Youth-Academy-Application-2020.pdf](#)



SKSS ART CALENDAR

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SKSS 2020
Art Calendar

Save the Date:
November
20th 6:30pm
Sagebrush
Lobby Gallery

14th Annual Art Exhibit
& Fundraiser

Be creative

SKSS ART NIGHT

Open to all SKSS students

WEDNESDAY → **SEPTEMBER 25**
OCTOBER 16
NOVEMBER 13
NOVEMBER 27
DECEMBER 4

ROOM 117, 6-8PM
SEE MRS YAMAOKA

SKSS ATHLETICS

It has been a busy start to the Fall season:

Sr. Boys Football is in second place in their conference and are heading into Provincials in a few weeks.

Sr. Girls Volleyball won the Spike tournament and are heading into playoffs.

Sr. Girls Field Hockey is at the Okanagan Championships.

Sr. Boys Soccer won the West Zone Championships and are heading to the Okanagan, and hopefully Provincials.

Sr. Boys Volleyball is second in the West Zone and are heading to the Okanagan.

Sr. Cross Country qualified four runners for Provincials.

Jr. Boys Soccer went undefeated this year.

Jr. Boys Football is in second place in their conference and are heading into Provincials in a few weeks.

Gold Girls Volleyball are doing well in the league and are heading into West Zone Playoffs.

Silver Girls Volleyball are doing well in the league are are heading into West Zone Playoffs.

Grade 8 Girls Volleyball is doing well in the league and are heading into West Zone Playoffs.

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball is doing well in the league and are also heading into West Zone Playoffs.

Way to go Sr. Girls Volleyball!



PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

Interior Health's "[Public Health News – Information for Schools](#)" is a collection of health related information that you may find useful throughout the school year.

This information can also be found posted on the School District's section of the [Interior Health website](#) under: IH services to schools.

DOUBLE BLOCKS BELL SCHEDULE

ASSESSMENTS – NOV 4-5

<i>Warning Bell</i>	8:40
BLOCK 1	8:45 to 11:20
<i>Lunch</i>	11:20 to 12:25
<i>Warning Bell</i>	12:20
BLOCK 2	12:25 to 3:00

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

A reminder that the Remembrance Day Observation is done TWICE to accommodate our numbers in the Sagebrush Theatre. The observation will take place **Friday, November 8**. We will run a DAY 4, 5 Block Day Schedule, and the Blocks will be **DAABC**.

*Teachers whose **LAST NAMES begin A-L** will bring their classes for the "first" A Block at 9:32 a.m.

*Teachers whose **LAST NAMES begin M-Z** will bring their classes for the "second" A Block at 11:02 a.m.

5 BLOCK ASSEMBLY BELL SCHEDULE

<i>Warning Bell</i>	8:27
1st BLOCK	8:35 to 9:25
2nd BLOCK	9:32 to 10:47
<i>Long Break</i>	10:47 to 11:02
<i>Warning Bell</i>	10:56
3rd BLOCK	11:02 to 12:17
<i>Lunch</i>	12:17 to 1:10
<i>Warning Bell</i>	1:05
4th BLOCK	1:10 to 2:00
5th BLOCK	2:07 to 2:57
