



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School
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October 2020 Newsletter

Important Dates

October 12 School Closed – Thanksgiving Day	March 4-10..... Interim Week
October 13 Photo Re-takes	March 11..... P/T Interviews
October 15 P/T Interviews	March 15-19..... Spring Break
October 29 PAC Meeting	March 22..... Classes Begin
November 2-5 Provincial Assessment	April 2..... School Closed – Good Friday
November 11 ..School Closed - Remembrance Day	April 5..... School Closed – Easter Monday
November 16 9W1 Ends	April 12-15..... Provincial Assessment
November 17 9W2/4W3 Starts	April 21..... 9W3 Ends
December 3 Report Cards Issued	April 22..... 9W4 / 4W7 Starts
December 7 Pro-D Day	April 26..... Pro-D Day
December 9-17 Grad Photos	May 6..... Report Cards Issued
December 10-16..... Interim Week	May 19-26 Interim Week
December 17..... P/T Interviews	May 21 Pro-D Day
December 18..... 4W3 Ends	May 24 School Closed – Victoria Day
December 19 – January 3 Winter Break	May 27 P/T Interviews
January 4 Classes Begin 4W7 Ends
January 4 4W4 Starts	May 28 4W8 Starts
January 25-29 Provincial Assessment	June 22-23..... Provincial Assessments
February 3..... 9W2 Ends	June 29..... 9W4 / 4W8 Ends
..... 4W4 Ends	
February 4..... 9W3 Starts	
February 5..... Pro-D Day	
February 15..... School Closed – Family Day	
February 17 Report Cards Issued	

Principal's Message

With the unique September start-up that we have had with all of the Covid controls and measures now in place, we can now settle into our regular routines at SKSS knowing that our students and staff are working hard towards four successful quarters and an overall great school year. Our current enrollment is at 890 students which also includes 4 International students. 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 two courses. Even during these unique times, our goal still continues to have a high level of student engagement in all areas of our school. 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 2020/21, 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 890 students and 70 staff members, I want to thank you all for a smooth and easy start up for this school year. There were, and continue to be, many logistical and health and safety items that we needed to collectively work through to get our classes and school up and running. 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!!

Parents/guardians will see interim reports arriving home throughout this week: Oct.5-9th. This is all in preparation for our parent/teacher interviews scheduled for Oct. 15th from 5-7pm. The on-line scheduler will be sent home later this week for parents to sign up for a 10 minute meeting time. Our P/T interviews this year will be done remotely by either telephone or by zoom. Your son/daughter's individual teacher will confirm this with you prior to Oct. 15th. In the spirit of health and safety, we are trying to limit community traffic and face to face contact within our school and that is why we will use a remote model for this school year. Please note that there will only be one 2 hour time slot from 5-7pm for these interviews, but you can reach out by email/telephone at any time if you wish to speak to any of our staff. 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 29th at 7:00pm via zoom. This particular meeting will also involve the review of our staff applications for PAC funding for 2020/21. We had a fabulous zoom 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 zoom meeting. I will once again send out an invitation in advance if you would like to join our meeting via zoom. 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

SKSS PAC

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 29th at 7pm via Zoom**

Post-Secondary Info

Post-Secondary BC Virtual Fairs 2020

In place of our regular fall visits to high schools across the province, PSBC will host a two-month long series of Virtual Fairs with 29 post-secondary institutions participating in each fair event. [Please click here for more info.](#)





**REGISTER OCTOBER 14TH
@LUNCH IN PORTABLE 1**



DELf

2020

**The Fall DELf exams will take place
between November 23-28th, 2020.**

A1 -	\$60
A2 -	\$60
B1 -	\$65
B2 -	\$65

ALL CHEQUES MADE OUT TO SKSS. NO CASH ACCEPTED THIS YEAR.

Speak to your French Teacher for more info or for help choosing your level. Please bring your DELf ID# to registration if you have previously written the DELf exam.



From the LCC:

The SKSS Library Learning Commons is asking for your help to locate any lost library books and/or textbooks. Please have a look around your home and return any items with a school district barcode directly to the library. We appreciate your help in getting these overdue materials returned!

The Library Learning Commons is here to help you connect with the information you need. Come see us or visit our website at <http://sksslcc.weebly.com/>.

To keep everyone as safe as possible, we have set up a book return that quarantines books for 5-6 days before handling. Books can be put on hold for contact-free pick up (see the video in the help info on the LLC website.)

We ask that everyone please wear a mask in the LLC, and that everyone washes or sanitizes their hands before and after visiting the LLC. We have arranged tables and chairs to provide physical distancing between individuals.

Book Club

The Library Learning Commons will be hosting two book clubs: one for grades 8-9 and one for grades 10-12. Meetings will be at 11:35 in the LLC, after students have had a chance to eat. Grades 8 & 9 will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Grades 10-12 will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Staff are welcome to join either or both groups. Everyone is asked to please wear a mask and maintain physical distancing, as the LLC is a multi-cohort space.



Come read some great books and meet other book lovers! The book lists can be found at: <http://bob.sd73.bc.ca/>

Parent Info

Parents as Education and Career Coaches

Join in via Zoom for an interactive session designed to support parents in guiding their student in making informed decisions about their education and career choices after high school. [Click here for more info](#)



From the Classroom

Beautiful Bread!

Students in Mrs. Babin's senior foods class practised making creative shapes after working with yeast to produce some gorgeous results.

Pictured left to right: Caleb Orteza, Anthony Wiseman, Lauren Fulton & Marisa Baldwin.

