



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School  
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 School Website: <https://skss.sd73.bc.ca>

## January 2021 Newsletter

### Important Dates

Jan 14..... PAC Meeting	Mar 11 ..... PAC Meeting	May 13..... PAC Meeting
Jan 25-29.....Prov. Assessment	Mar 15-19 .....Spring Break	May 19-26.....Interim Week
Feb 3 ..... 9W2 Ends	Mar 22..... Classes Begin	May 21..... Pro-D Day
Feb 3 ..... 4W4 Ends	Apr 2 ..... Good Friday	May 24..... Victoria Day
Feb 3 ..... Project Completion Day	Apr 5 ..... Easter Monday	May 27 .....P/T Interviews
Feb 4 .....9W3 Starts	Apr 8 ..... PAC Meeting	..... 4W7 Ends
Feb 5 ..... Pro-D Day	Apr 12-15 ..... Prov. Assessment	May 28..... 4W8 Starts
Feb 11 ..... PAC Meeting	Apr 21 ..... 9W3 Ends	June 10 ..... PAC Meeting
Feb 15 .....Family Day	..... Project Completion Day	June 22-23 ..... Prov. Assessments
Feb 17 ..... Report Cards Issued	Apr 22 ..... 9W4 / 4W7 Starts	June 29 ..... 9W4 / 4W8 Ends
Mar 4-10 .....Interim Week	Apr 26 ..... Pro-D Day	..... Project Completion Day
Mar 11 .....Early Dismissal Day	May 6 .....Report Cards Issued	June 30 ..... Admin Day
..... P/T Interviews		

### Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new year and I hope that everyone had a relaxing break and are ready for our homestretch run to finish quarter 2!!! As we start the month of January we are working at a brisk pace to put closure to all of our Q2 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. Q2 has an end date of February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 with Mr. MacDonald or Ms. Finch to attend their CLC 12 Capstone presentation showcase on January 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> at South Kam. Because of Covid measures, this is a personal invitation only to the parents/guardians of these students as large numbers are not permitted as per our current public gathering guidelines. It will indeed be a special evening of student presentations on our campus. Attending individuals, please be prepared to follow all current H&S guidelines upon arrival into our school. This amazing evening 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 indeed have a very busy month upcoming on our campus. Our January/February calendar will have the last day of regular scheduled classes on February 2nd and our "Project Completion Day" on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Students are able to attend SKSS on the project completion day to complete any missing tasks, projects or tests that are required for final quarter 2 grades. Quarter 3** is scheduled to start on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Students who are participating with their Literacy 10 assessment or the Numeracy 10 assessment will be writing these between January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Students can confirm these dates with their individual teacher.**

My January 2021 "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 staff and students who were directly involved with the Kamloops Food Bank drive (thanks Mr. Barker and Leadership class), Christmas Amalgamated donations, Kamloops street youth donations, Mustard Seed donations and the direct support of 12 Titan families who were presented with beautiful Christmas hampers to enjoy during the holiday season. Combine all of this cheer with our annual Christmas concert featuring Ms. Fonseca's drama classes and Mrs. McRae's band classes and you can see there was lots to be proud of with the spirit and engagement from all of our Titan's during this special time of the year. 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 all of you and your efforts :):)

A friendly reminder to our parents that our next PAC meeting is on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm via zoom. All of our PAC information is posted on our [website](#) including the zoom link for next week's 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, staff and extra-curricular programs on our campus.

Sincerely, Mr. W Kirschner- Principal





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### Medical Alerts

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There are students in school, with conditions that are physician diagnosed and potentially life threatening that may require emergency care by school staff.

**Life Threatening Conditions Include:**

- Diabetes
- Epilepsy/Seizure disorder
- Anaphylaxis and/or history of severe allergic reaction
- Severe asthma
- Blood clotting disorders such as hemophilia
- Other conditions which may require emergency care.

If your child has been diagnosed with any of the above conditions, please ensure you have completed a Medical Alert Planning Form or an Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan Form. If you have not completed a form for the 2020-21 school year, please do so as quickly as possible. Forms are available from the office or download here: [Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan Form](#) [Medical Alert Planning Form](#) and [Administering Medication Form](#).

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### Transportation Assistance

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Transportation Assistance may be granted in accordance with the Public School Act to parents/legal guardians whose situation qualifies as follows:

- Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.8 km; or
- Distance to bus route is more than 3.2 km

Application forms are available at the school office or download here [Transportation Assistance Form](#). A reminder to all students who are eligible for School District #73 Transportation Assistance that **a new application form must be completed each year.**

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### From the Newsroom

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Titans Tribune Newspaper will be available for students on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.



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### Student Fees

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The student fee statements for quarters 2-4 will be sent home with report cards on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Accepted forms of payment are cash, cheque or debit.

