



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School

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March 2021 Newsletter

Important Dates

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| Mar 4-10.....Interim Week | Apr 21.....9W3 Ends | May 27.....4W7 Ends |
| Mar 11.....Early Dismissal Day |Project Completion Day | May 28.....4W8 Starts |
|P/T Interviews | Apr 22.....9W4 / 4W7 Starts | May 31.....Grad Ceremonies |
|PAC Meeting | Apr 26.....Pro-D Day | June 1-2.....Grad Ceremonies |
| Mar 15-19.....Spring Break | May 6.....Report Cards Issued | June 10.....PAC Meeting |
| Mar 22.....Classes Begin | May 13.....PAC Meeting | June 22-23.....Prov. Assessments |
| Apr 2.....Good Friday | May 19-26.....Interim Week | June 25 or 26.....Safe Grad |
| Apr 5.....Easter Monday | May 21.....Pro-D Day | June 29.....9W4 / 4W8 Ends |
| Apr 7.....Day of Suwentwecw | May 24.....Victoria Day |Project Completion Day |
| Apr 8.....PAC Meeting | May 25-26.....Grad Ceremonies | June 30.....Admin Day |
| Apr 12-15.....Prov. Assessment | May 27.....P/T Interviews | |

Principal's Message

The month of February was filled with several events including our annual Anti-Bullying Awareness Day on February 24th, our 2021/22 parent course selection “zoom” meeting and finally, our Grade 7 “zoom” student course selections which also served as our first opportunity to officially welcome our future grade 8’s to South Kam.

On February 24th, our Titans 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. We have already started our planning for 21/22 timetabling at SKSS. On February 9th, we had our annual parent course selection meeting via zoom 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. 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 that Q3 interims will be sent home between March 4-10th in preparation for our Q3 Parent/Teacher “zoom” or “phone” interviews that are scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 11th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. For more information on scheduling an appt., please visit our [SKSS website](#) and all of the details will be on the main page.

SKSS Dress Code update. Thanks to all of you who participated with our Dress Code survey that was sent home 3 weeks ago. Our committee and staff have been working on this new policy for over three months and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and efforts as we finalize the last few items before it becomes our official policy. Thanks to our committee members whom I am so proud to have worked with: Emma Rollins, Kacie Long, Lauren Fulton, Rachael Dixon, and Mr. Simpson-V.P.

My March "Titans" call-out is directed to the above noted Dress Code committee that has done so much work over the past few months to establish a meaningful rationale for change, but also the time, research and consultations that was done that has been intricate to the development of our new policy. Thank you team for your great work!!! I look forward to releasing the final document to our community in April.

A friendly reminder to our parents that our next PAC meeting is on March 11th, 2021 at 7:30pm via zoom. You can find all of our [SKSS PAC](#) information and the zoom link on our website. Please note we have bumped the time to 7:30 in-lieu of our P/T interviews that go until 7pm. 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 15-19th) and we will resume our studies at SKSS on Monday, March 22nd.

Sincerely, Mr. W Kirschner, Principal

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday, March 11th** via ZOOM or phone call depending on the teacher. We will again be using PTCFast to facilitate appointment sign-ups ([click here to access](#)). The link will be sent out to parents on March 5. **Please note that school will be dismissed early at 12:56pm on March 11th to accommodate the interviews.** School special city buses will run early at 1:00pm and our SD #73 school buses will run at their usual times starting at 3pm. Please plan accordingly for student pick-ups.



From the Classroom



It smells good in the kitchen! Gr 12 students, Sydney Fox and Raeshelle Pascual, applying the baking skills they have learned in Mrs. Babin's Senior Foods class to make chocolate cake.

Support Safe Grad 2021

Would you like to support the SKSS graduating class of 2021? There are two easy ways to help our grads fundraise -- through a new bottle return fundraiser at 3 General Grants locations in Kamloops including the North Shore (Fortune Drive), the Sahali location on Camosun Crescent and the downtown location on Battle Street. When you return the bottles, please mention you would like funds to go to the SKSS DRY GRAD 2021 account. Any support is appreciated, and this opportunity will be available until June 15, 2021.

The second fundraiser is for Purdy's Chocolates just in time for Easter. You'll save 25% off your purchase and be helping our grads. You can join the South Kamloops Secondary Dry Grad group savings program by following this link.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/966492-83715> Orders must be made by March 23, 2021 to receive in time for Easter. Pick up arrangements will be made at the school (outside) on March 31, 2021, between 3pm - 5pm, through the dry grad committee, with safe social distance protocols in place. For more information, please email the dry grad committee at skssdrygrad2021@gmail.com

Student Attendance

Is your student leaving early? Is your student going to be late? Is your student going to miss the entire day?

If you answered yes to the above questions, please download the [School Messenger app](#).

Students **DO NOT NEED TO SIGN IN OR SIGN OUT AT THE OFFICE**. All of the attendance monitoring is done through the School Messenger app.

School Messenger

For your convenience our school has an Attendance App that will simplify reporting student absences, late arrivals and early dismissals.

- Download School Messenger App for Apple devices, [click here](#).
- Download School Messenger App for Android devices, [click here](#).

Instructional videos for School Messenger, [view here](#).

For helpful instructions on reporting your student absent with school messenger, read more [here](#). You may also call 1-844-350-2647 to report an absence, late arrivals, or early dismissal.

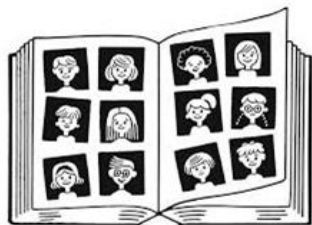
Please Note: If your student is absent for multiple days, please be sure to [email](#) the student's teacher(s) for any missed school work.

Thank you for your support with the Attendance Reporting System

Student Fees

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

Yearbooks



The deadline to purchase a yearbook is **Wednesday, March 31st**

Bell Schedules

March 11th - Early Dismissal Day

Warning Bell: 8:30am

Period 1: 8:35am-10:36am

Breaks:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 9:18am-9:33am

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 9:38am-9:53am

Transition Break: 10:36am-10:56am

Period 2:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 10:56am-12:51pm

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 10:56am-12:56pm

Break:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 11:30am-11:40am

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 11:45am-12:00pm

Dismissal:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 12:51pm

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 12:56pm

Updated Bell Schedule (as of March 8th)

Warning Bell: 8:30am

Period 1: 8:35am-11:21am

Breaks:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 9:42am-9:57am

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 10:02am-10:17am

Lunch: 11:21am-12:15pm

Warning Bell: 12:10pm

Period 2:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 12:15pm-2:55pm

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 12:15pm-3:00pm

Break:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 1:25pm-1:35pm

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 1:40pm-1:55pm

Dismissal:

Juniors (gr. 8/9): 2:55pm

Seniors (gr. 10-12): 3:00pm

MyEdBC – Helpful Hints

Parent Portal:

[MyEdBC Password Reset Video](#)

[MyEdBC Help PDF](#)

[MyEdBC Forgotten Password](#)

Student Portal:

HELP! I can't get into MyEdBC!
Frequent problems and their solutions.

Have you ever been in MyEdBC before?

- No. → See Miss Rimmer.
- Yes → See below.

Are you using the right login? Did you check for typos?

firstlegalname.lastlegalname@student.sd73.bc.ca

Are you on the proper login page?

www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do

Have you forgotten your password? Did you click the "I forgot my password" button?

- No. → Oops! I forgot about that!
- Yes, but... → keep reading.

Did you use your login ID as your primary email?

- No. → Go use your login ID in the primary email space.
- Yes, but... → keep reading.

Did you forget the answer to your security question?

- Yes. → Go see Miss Rimmer.
- No, but... → It gave me a window with a red bar and a message to see my system administrator. → go see Miss Rimmer.
- No. → I got a window with a green bar that said that a temporary password had been sent to me. Great! **Log in to Student Zimbra to get your new password.**

Do you know how to get into Student Zimbra?

- Yes. → Fantastic! Go to it.
- No. → Go to <https://student.sd73.bc.ca/> (googling "Zimbra" won't work!)

Do you know your Zimbra login information?

- Yes. → You're a rockstar!
- No. → Use **firstname.lastname** and your **gedu password**.



MyEd pdf



MyEd Video



Zimbra pdf



Zimbra video

All of the above files can be found in: <http://bit.ly/sksshhelp>

