



École Secondaire South Kamloops Secondary School
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November 2020 Newsletter

Important Dates

November 11 ..School Closed - Remembrance Day	March 4-10..... Interim Week
November 16 9W1 Ends	March 11..... P/T Interviews
..... Project Completion Day	March 15-19..... Spring Break
November 17 9W2/4W3 Starts	March 22..... Classes Begin
December 3 Report Cards Issued	April 2..... School Closed – Good Friday
December 7 Pro-D Day	April 5..... School Closed – Easter Monday
December 9-17 Grad Photos	April 12-15..... Provincial Assessment
December 10-16..... Interim Week	April 21..... 9W3 Ends
December 10..... PAC Meeting Project Completion Day
December 17..... P/T Interviews	April 22..... 9W4 / 4W7 Starts
December 18..... 4W3 Ends	April 26..... Pro-D Day
December 19 – January 3 Winter Break	May 6..... Report Cards Issued
January 4 Classes Begin	May 19-26 Interim Week
January 4 4W4 Starts	May 21 Pro-D Day
January 25-29 Provincial Assessment	May 24 School Closed – Victoria Day
February 3..... 9W2 Ends	May 27 P/T Interviews
..... 4W4 Ends 4W7 Ends
..... Project Completion Day	May 28 4W8 Starts
February 4..... 9W3 Starts	June 22-23 Provincial Assessments
February 5..... Pro-D Day	June 29 9W4 / 4W8 Ends
February 15..... School Closed – Family Day Project Completion Day
February 17..... Report Cards Issued	June 30..... Admin Day

Principal's Message

We had an extremely busy month of October on our campus that included our first send out of interims followed by our P/T interviews that were completed remotely on October 15th. The feedback that I received about the remote interview platform was very positive from both staff and parents. Several parents cited how easy it was to complete this task from home as well the ability to talk to multiple teachers. Parents also indicated that if they did not get an interview slot that the follow up communication by either phone or email also proved to be very effective. We will continue to review this moving forward and we are scheduled for our next P/T interviews for Quarter 2 on Dec. 17th. Thanks for your on-going support with some of these logistical challenges during Covid. We are doing our absolute best to ensure timely and meaningful communication for all of our Titans' community.

Other events to make note of from October included our traditional "Student Vote" that is always aligned to our municipal and provincial elections. In the case of our recent provincial election, our students had a first-hand opportunity to place their vote and as you can see by the following results, we had a much more diverse and close race than what we saw unfold in real time in our province.

Dan Hines — BC Green Party = 102

Todd Graham Stone — BC Liberal Party = 111

Anna Thomas — BC NDP = 95

Thanks to Ms. Rusk, Ms. Rimmer and Ms. Bosman for organizing this valuable school wide event. This was indeed a great opportunity for our Titans to be a part of this democratic process and reaffirming the importance of using their vote to be a voice within our political framework.

On a limited scale, we were able to have some Halloween fun with costumes and judging in the court yard at lunch. Thanks to everyone that participated ☺ We are doing our best to respect all of our health and safety measures while still giving our students an opportunity to have some fun and laughs.

My November "Titans" call-out for this newsletter is directed to all of our Peer Tutors under the direction of Ms. Dumbrell. Thank you for your continued work and support within our school that is benefitting so many students. You have all done a great job with our H&S measures while still providing academic and socio/emotional support for your fellow Titans'. I am very proud of your dedication and commitment. This is a perfect example of how our Peer Tutors are using their education and their values as a Titan to make a difference within our greater school community!!!

The month of November brings us to a time where we will bring to an end quarter 1 and start the transition to two new courses on Nov. 17th with the start of quarter 2. Students will be given their updated schedules on Nov. 6th in their homeroom class. Within our school calendar we have had a slight change to our school days which will now include four "Project completion days" with the first being on Nov. 16th. The Superintendent's office just recently included these days into our calendars to allow students to have this one day at quarter end to complete any missing tasks, projects, assessments etc with any of their teachers. Nov. 13th will be the last regular scheduled day for quarter 1. Attendance on Nov. 16th for the project completion day will be voluntary and in consultation with your teacher. The school calendar



on our website has been updated to include the other three project completion days for 20/21. Quarter 1 report cards will be issued on December 3rd and for this year, during the quarter system timetable, we will only be doing Honour Roll recognitions after Q2 and Q4. The criteria is still the same, but this schedule will allow us to keep the alignment to the four courses that will be adjudicated as part of this process.

We have great news from our Parent Advisory Council. At our Oct. 29th PAC meeting I am happy to announce that our PAC distributed well over \$10,000 in gaming monies to help support a variety of learning opportunities/resources for students at SKSS. We will also be doing another disbursement of funds at our January meeting if you are interested in attending. A big thanks from all of our students and staff to our SKSS PAC for your on-going support for the many exciting initiatives that take place on our campus. We also had a changing of our executive at this meeting. A very very big thank you to exiting Chair Julie Reimer and Treasurer Wayne Nichiporik. I appreciate all of your time and support for our Titan Nation!! With change comes new opportunities. Please welcome our new Chair- Cory Langevin, new Vice-Chair Tanya Pawliuk and new Treasurer and D.P.A.C representative Erin Mitchell. Welcome to our exec team and I look forward to working with you moving forward. A reminder that we now do our meetings via zoom and I will send out an invitation to our community prior to our next scheduled PAC meeting on December 10th at 7pm. All interested parents are invited to attend these zoom meetings to be a part of our collective planning which further supports all of our students at SKSS.

Sincerely,

Mr. W Kirschner- Principal

Medical Alerts

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](#).

Transportation Assistance

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.**

Clubs & Activities

The Newspaper Crew is planning the school newspaper *The Titan Tribune*. It will be available for students to read on Friday, November 13th.

Book Club will also be meeting on alternate Wednesdays (first and third of every month) at lunch in the LLC. Books on our list can be found at <http://bob.sd73.bc.ca/>



Parent Advisory Councils

SKSS PAC

The next PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 7pm via Zoom. Please email Mr. Kirschner (wkirschner@sd73.bc.ca) for a link to the meeting.

ID-PAC

Indigenous Parent Advisory Council – An informational meeting was held virtually on October 28. The next meeting of the ID-PAC will be November 25, 2020 @ 7pm virtually. If parents are interested in attending or being part of the executive, please fill out this [electronic form](#). The district will contact parents who have signed up with information about the Nov. 25 meeting

From the Classroom

Homemade buns & burgers in Mrs. Babin's Foods 11-12 Class



*Kareem Hamdi
that's one good looking burger!*



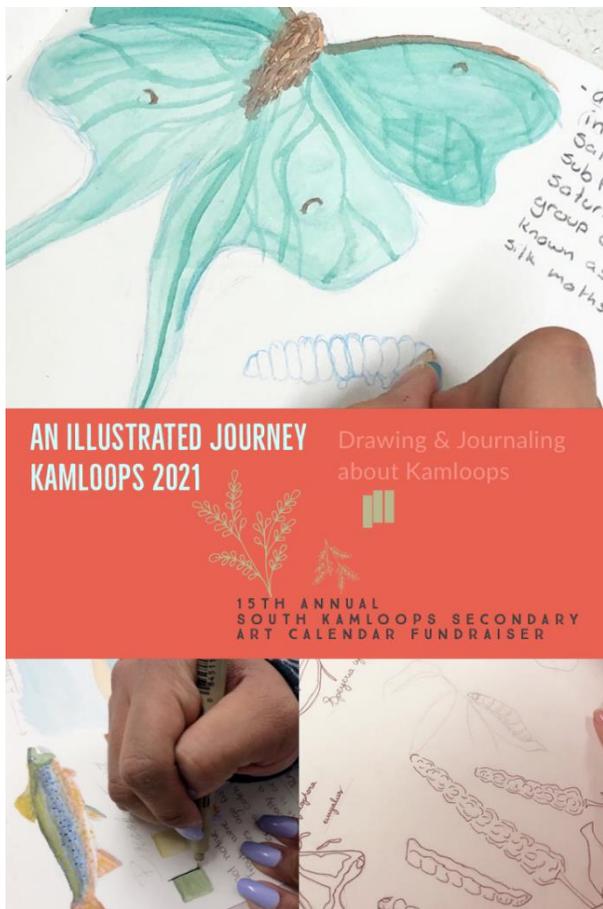
*Janai Nohels & Calla Hunter
a final check to see if their meat is
cooked through*



Colton Fleming enjoying his burger!

From the Science 10 Lab...

Avery Graham-Wiseman and Brooklyn Allen using colourful pH indicators to estimate the pH of unknown acid and base samples



An Illustrated Journey | Kamloops 2021 South Kamloops Secondary School Visual Arts Fundraiser

An Illustrated Journey | Kamloops 2021 calendars were created by South Kamloops Secondary Art Students. Inspired by nature drawing and journaling, students investigated imagery and information as a way to connect to our community and share their own research as visual artists. Our theme focuses on observing and recording our surroundings or personal experience about Kamloops.

Calendars (\$15) and postcards (\$10) will be for sale at the Kamloops Art Gallery, The Art We Are, and SKSS Main Office.

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?
firstname.lastname@student.sd73.bc.ca

Are you on the proper login page?
www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/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>

Volunteer Opportunity



Seeking volunteers for a study on participation and PE starting on November 9.

Might be interested?

If you are a female in Grade 9 or 10, please consider participating in this study. Participants are required for a short interview exploring their experiences in PE and future subject choices.

Please contact TRU researcher April St. Louis at stlouis17@mytru.ca or go to Room 113 for more information.
Your help is needed for this important study!

