



The Grapevine  
Alberni District  
Secondary School  
June, 2017

### Important Upcoming Dates

- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Last Day of Classes
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup> Final Exams
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup> In-session Days - Teachers available to meet with Students
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Grad Rehearsal 2pm @ Multiplex
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Issued 9am
- **June 30<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Ceremony 7pm**

### **Dear Parents and Guardians:**

It's hard to believe that we're here already but Wednesday is our final day of regular classes for the year. There is a lot going on this week and next. Hopefully this final newsletter of the year will fill in any details that you are not aware of.

### **Wednesday, June 21st**

Our main focus on Wednesday will be on locker cleanout and our year-end award ceremonies. We will be working on a modified Friday schedule with classes ending at 1pm so that we can begin transforming our Gym and other areas for the exam sessions that start on Thursday. We will have 3 separate award ceremonies due to the number of students at the school. Our theatre only holds 500 seats and that isn't quite enough to fit everyone into 2 ceremonies.

Ceremony times will be as follows:

Grade 8 & 9's: 9:10 – 10:25

Grade 10's: 10:30 – 11:20

Grade 11's and 12's: 11:25 – 12:50

Times are approximate and we expect a bit the possibility that we may need to fudge 5 minutes on either end of the ceremony timeline.

Parents are welcome to attend the ceremony. If you would like to attend, we ask that you check in at the main office before going in to the theatre.

Busses will run early and pick students up at the usual Friday time of 1:25.

### **Exams**

Included in this edition of the Grapevine you will find a copy of the June exam schedule. Our first exams start on Thursday morning. As in January, Grade 9-12 exams will be held in the Gymnasium and Grade 8 exams will be held in classrooms. Please ensure your student(s) double checks their schedule. It is recommended that students are at least 15 minutes before their scheduled exam time to ensure they are seated and ready to go when the exam begins. This is especially true for any students who may be scheduled to write computer based exams as it often takes a few minutes to log in to the computer. It is also that students come fully prepared with pencils, erasers and pens. Calculators should also be brought for Math exams.

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All exams are intended to last 2 hours but students are allowed an extra hour to complete the exam if they need it. All students must stay for the first hour of the exam before they will be permitted to leave the examination space.

## **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks are now available for pick up. If you ordered your copy earlier in the year, please make sure to pick your reserved copy up before the end of the year. There are approximately 10 yearbooks still available for purchase. Please see Mrs. Wynans in the Career Centre.

## **Lockers**

On Wednesday morning, students will be given 30 minutes of time to clear out their lockers for the school year. If a student is away on Wednesday or does not clear out their locker, there will be a short grace period before we begin clearing out any remaining lockers. All lockers will be cleaned out by staff at the end of the day on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The contents of those lockers will be placed on lost and found tables in the main hallway of the school. Anything that is not claimed by students by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be boxed up and donated to goodwill.

## **Textbooks and Library Books**

As lockers are cleaned out it is advised that students return their textbooks to the bookroom. Textbooks and library books are expensive items that the school loans to students each year, no different than any other library. Those books are the responsibility of the student to which they are signed out to. Books that are not returned or which are returned in damaged or unusable shape will incur a replacement fee. Please encourage your student to ensure that all their books are returned. A year-end scouring of their bedroom might be helpful. Overdue books will impede students' ability to sign out new books in September and will be a barrier to participation in the graduation ceremony for Grade 12's.

Book room hours for June are as follows:

Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:00am – 3:00pm

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 8:30am – 3:30pm

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30am – 3:30pm

Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am - 3:30pm

Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am – 3:00pm

## **Report Cards**

Report Cards will be available in the main foyer of the school on June 30<sup>th</sup>. For all Grade 12 students, we will have report cards available for hand out at the Grad rehearsal on the afternoon of June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Remember that report cards reflect the final school mark for courses. Marks for courses with Provincial exams are not final until the provincial exam result is merged with the school mark. Provincial exam results are usually released by the Ministry of Education in late July.

## **Summer School**

SD70 will again be hosting a Summer School program during July and early August. The focus for summer school is on upgrading marks for courses that students have failed during the regular school year. To be eligible for Summer School, students generally need to have a final mark above 40%. The school will be hosted at the 8th Avenue Learning Centre. Please call 250-723-3744 for details. Applications are available in the counselling office at ADSS or at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Learning Centre itself. A digital copy of the application has also been included with this newsletter.

## **2017/18 Class Schedule Changes**

By now, students should be well aware of their scheduled courses for next year. 2017/18 Schedules were handed out to students on June 6th. Counsellors will continue to be available to students until 12pm on June 29<sup>th</sup> to make changes to their schedules. It is our expectation that students will take advantage of this time to make sure that all schedule changes are made prior to September and thus ensure a smooth start up to the year. Students who have missing classes in their timetables can assume that, if they don't visit their counsellor, their counsellor will fill the holes in their schedules with whichever courses are available. We expect most courses to be very full for September so students who don't address their schedule changes now, perhaps thinking they can just wait until September, may be left without the opportunity to make changes later.

## **Parent Advisory Committee(PAC)**

The first PAC meeting of the 2017/18 school year will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. New members are always welcome. We have a great group of parents in our PAC that makes for a comfortable and accessible group. If you are interested in getting more involved with your child's school, please consider joining us. You can also check out the ADSS PAC facebook page for more info.

## **First Day of School for 2017/18**

Our first day of classes in September will be September 5<sup>th</sup> for Grade 8 students and September 6<sup>th</sup> for Grade 9-12 students.

## **Grad Info**

### **Grad Ceremony Tickets**

Tickets for Grad are currently on sale from the accountant's office at ADSS. Tickets are \$10 each. Grads do not need a ticket themselves – only their guests. All students who are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony will have 8 tickets reserved for them up until Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, all unclaimed tickets will be made available on a first come, first serve basis.

To be eligible to participate in the ceremony students need to have taken care of all the items on the Grad checklist. Those items include:

- Complete all course requirements for graduation
- Complete Grad Transitions requirements (exit interview, work experience/volunteer hours and physical activity hours)
- Return all textbooks
- Return all library books
- Ensure all outstanding fees are paid in full
- Pick up Cap and Gown

## **Rehearsal**

There will be a Grad rehearsal at 2pm on June 29<sup>th</sup> for all students participating in the ceremony. It's important for all grads to attend the rehearsal. This is where students will learn where they are sitting, how the procession will happen, etc. We will walk the students through the whole process to ensure that they are aware of and comfortable with all aspects of the ceremony. The last thing we want is for students to be totally confused on their big night. The rehearsal should last approximately an hour and a half.

## **Grad Ceremony**

The Grad ceremony will take place at the Multiplex on the evening of Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Grads need to arrive at the front doors by 5:45. Ushers will allow grads into the Multiplex before the doors officially open. The doors will open to all guests at 6:00pm and the ceremony itself will start at 7pm.

## **Diplomas**

During the ceremony, as students cross the stage, they will be presented with a graduation certificate. This is not to be confused with their official diploma. Diplomas are shipped to the school in late July and can be picked up in the counselling office. Students should receive a copy of their official transcript of marks in the mail at the same time that diplomas are shipped to the school. When you receive the transcript from the Ministry of Education, you can assume that diplomas will be available at the school the next day.

## **ADSS Breakfast Club- June 2017 Update**

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:35 am until 8:35 am. There are 19 classrooms throughout the school that offer food for hungry students.

There are a few ways that you can help the Breakfast Club:

- **We are currently in need of Tampax Tampons (regular and sports with plastic applicator). If you are able to donate this item, they can be brought to the school office.**
- **Please** save your Quality Foods receipts for the breakfast club; they are collected, totaled (QF \$5000 before taxes= \$20) and turned into gift cards for that are then distributed to vulnerable students. Receipts can be dropped at the school office for Melody.

- **NEW\*\***The breakfast club now has a **QF points card** if anybody would like to donate their points to the program. The points will be used to purchase gift cards for vulnerable students and groceries when needed. You can donate your points at any QF cashier and state it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. Thank you so much for your support.
- We are always looking for donations of gift cards from any grocery or clothing stores, hygiene items such as disposable razors, tampons with plastic applicators, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, deodorant. Suits, tuxedos, ties and grad dresses are always appreciated.
- The ADSS Breakfast Club accepts monetary donations. They can be dropped off at the ADSS office, just specify that it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. If you would like to donate \$50 or more and would like a tax receipt, cheques can be made out to SD 70, subject line- ADSS Breakfast Club, if cash (\$50+), please include your name/address information. Please drop them off at the ADSS office or the School Board office. We appreciate any help.

We would like to thank you the following people and community groups for their donations to Breakfast Club and their continued support of our students and program:

- SD 70
- Save On Foods
- The PEAK
- AV Bulldogs
- Circle Dairy
- Swale Rock Café
- Little Bavaria
- Alberni Valley Christian Reformed Church
- Andrew Schneider
- AV Lions
- Anita Oosterom
- Tooth Fairies and Dentists in 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Medical Building
- Dr. Hughes and Staff
- Chalmers Family
- Mary Anne Creighton
- Beta Rho Masters
- Teresa Monteith
- Salvations Army
- Breakfast for Learning
- Toy Run
- Heather Maddison Studio H
- Western Family
- Rotary Club
- Capital Theater
- Best Western Plus
- Crowning Glory
- AV Lions
- Best Western Plus
- Sharon Reyes
- Nicole Dixon and family
- Allison Dupuis and family
- Nanaimo Prom Closet
- Save On Foods Staff
- Peter and Maureen Lenihan
- HEU Fir Park/Echo Local CUPE 6160
- Catholic Women's League
- Sharanne and Jerry Gaiga
- Kayla Burton
- West Coast Beauties- Joel and Mary
- Dave Ralla and his helpers
- Order of the Eastern Star
- ADSS Parent Advisory Committee
- ADSS Grad Committee
- Orin Rogers
- Kindrey and Mark Kaufmann
- Doug Book of Fairway Foods
- Sydney Reynolds
- Nikki Levasseur
- Preceptor Delta Theta
- Shawn, Brandon and Karli Kuemper
- Kelly Hepp
- Andrea Cole
- Chris McManus
- Lorena Zanette
- Larry Ransom
- Pam Craig
- Michelle Vigneux
- Dave Warrender
- Lyle Marsh
- Allana Tweedie
- Sarah York and Cooking Class students
- Mel Francoeur
- Pat Dahlquist
- Lyle Marsh
- Angelina Mellaart
- Leslie Macnair
- Jenny Geddes
- Susan O'Laney
- Lindsay Smith
- James Messenger
- Kathy and the staff of the Arrowsmith Flooring Center
- All of the amazing people that donated to our bake sale!

- Our amazing volunteers: Young Life, ADAPS, Family Guidance, Jeff Cook, Susan and Tom Wall, Pat Bouchard, Camie Sogge, NETP, INEO, Sheila Hvid, Carol Devries, Andrew Schneider, City Council Rep Denis Suave, RBC Staff, NIC, USMA,

Crown Prosecutor Christina Proteau, Joe Burton, Deana Clutesi, Marilee Alexander, Vanessa, Lisa, Colleen, Life Skills Students, Cathy Cross, PAC parents and ADSS staff.

If we have missed anyone, we are truly sorry, that was not our intention

### **UPDATED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

We want to keep our demographic and contact information for students and parents as current as possible. We know that for some students, our parental contact information and mailing addresses may be out of date. Our information is generally inherited from the records that have followed your child from elementary to middle school and then finally to us. If you think your child's contact information may be incorrect, please update us. You can contact the school by phone at 250-723-6251 or by email [adss@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:adss@sd70.bc.ca).

### **NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION**

The Grapevine newsletter is one of our primary ways of keeping parents up to date on info and events at the school. The costs associated with printing 1300 copies of this newsletter are substantial. In order to limit both costs and waste we traditionally send home a printed copy of the newsletter for the first month of the year and then move to emailing electronic copies directly to those who wish to subscribe. If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email, please contact our secretary Michelle Bauer [mbauer@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:mbauer@sd70.bc.ca) or at the school 50-723-6251 Ext 2401 and ask to have your name added to our mailing list.

### **OVERDUE TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS**

One of the single largest expenses that our school deals with on a year to year basis is related to the replacement of textbooks and library books that have been borrowed but not returned. On average, replacement of lost, damaged or non-returned textbooks costs the school \$25,000 each year. This a very large number and greatly impacts the funds that we have available to support other needs in the school. Students are loaned these books on a yearly basis no differently than from the public library. Once signed out, the books are fully the responsibility of the student. Our expectations are that the books are cared for and returned in the condition they were in when the student received them. Damaged or lost books will result in a repair or replacement fine.

If you have received this newsletter via email and you no longer wish to receive The Grapevine, please contact school secretary Michelle Bauer at (250) 723-6251 extension 2401 or email her at [mbauer@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:mbauer@sd70.bc.ca) to have your name removed from our mailing list.



Rob Souther  
Principal

June Exam Schedule	Thursday June 22	Friday June 23	Monday June 26	Tuesday June 27 Wednesday June 28 Thursday June 29
<p>9:00 – noon</p>	<p><u>Gym</u> English 11 English 10 English 9 English 9 Core Calculus 12</p>	<p><u>Gym</u> <b>English 12 Provincial</b> Math 9 Math 9 Core Foundations of Math 11 Pre-Calculus 11 Foundations of Math and Pre-Cal 10</p> <p><u>Computer Lab 132/134</u> English 12 Provincial</p> <p><u>Science 8 Final Exam Classrooms</u> Ms. Couttenier Block C – Room 205 Ms. Couttenier Block D – Room 207 Ms. Dalton Block C – Room 201 Ms. Dalton Block D – Room 203 Mr. Origan – Room 209</p>	<p><u>Gym</u> <b>Communications 12 Provincial</b> French 9 Law 12 Communications 11 Physics 12 Physics 11 FRAL 11 Science 10</p> <p><u>Math 8 Final Exam Classrooms</u> Ms. Gillis Block C – Room 209 Ms. Gillis Block D – Room 211 Mr. Cheetham Block C – Room 201 Mr. Cheetham Block D – Room 203 Mr. Bill Block C – Room 205 Mr. Bill Block D – Room 207 Ms. Ornilusik – Room 216</p> <p><u>Computer Lab 132</u> Communications 12 Provincial</p>	<p>Teachers will be available in their classrooms Students are expected to attend to finish any incomplete work.</p>
<p>1:00– 4:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Gym</u> Social Studies 9 Social Studies 10 Social Studies 11 Sciences Humaines 10 Sciences Humaines 9</p> <p><u>French 8 Final Exam Classrooms</u> Ms. Couttenier – Room 207 Ms. Chambers – Room 203</p> <p><u>Portable</u> Social Studies 9 PBL</p>	<p><u>Gym</u> Foundations of Math 12 Biology 12 Chemistry 11 Science 9 Science 9 Core Sciences 9 History 12 Intro Japanese 11 Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10</p> <p><u>Portable</u> Science 9 PBL</p>	<p><u>Gym</u> Biology 11 Chemistry 12</p>	<p>Teachers will be available in their classrooms. Students are expected to attend to finish any incomplete work.</p>



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June 15, 2017

Dear parents and guardians:

As you are likely aware, British Columbia is currently experiencing an illegal drug overdose crisis. Since January 2016, more than 1,400 people have lost their lives. While youth aged 14-18 are not considered high risk for an overdose death, school-aged youth are not untouched by tragedy, either directly or through family and friends and media awareness. Nineteen youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years old were reported by the Coroner's Office to have died from an illicit drug overdose since January 2016.

We hope that with your help in speaking to the youth in your life as they go into year-end celebrations and new activities in the summer months, we can avoid preventable tragedies.

#### **What you need to know to keep your kids safe**

I strongly encourage you to talk about substance use with the youth in your lives. Non-judgmental and supportive conversations about substance use and overdose risks can save lives. Obviously the best way to stay safe is to avoid drugs altogether, but we know that many of our youth will experiment and so it is important to share that:

- The greatest risk for overdose death is when someone uses drugs alone – because no one is there to call 9-1-1 if they overdose.
- Opioids are a type of medication which includes heroin, morphine, fentanyl, methadone and codeine. Fentanyl is around 50 to 100 times more toxic than morphine, which makes the risk of accidental overdose from illegal fentanyl very high. Other opioid compounds are being found now that are even more toxic, such as carfentanil. About two-thirds of overdoses occurring in B.C. are due to lethal fentanyl and compounds like it.
- A very high percentage of illegal, street opioid drugs like heroin and fake Oxycontin contain fentanyl – *but you also should know* that fentanyl is being found in street drugs that are not sold as opioids, including drugs like cocaine, ecstasy (MDMA) and methamphetamines. The dealer may not know fentanyl is in them.
- Anyone who does not regularly use opioid substances is at very high-risk for overdose if substances like fentanyl contaminate their drugs, because they have no tolerance built up for opioids. People who have used drugs containing opioids and then stopped for a time are also at risk for this reason.
- Contrary to some reports, fentanyl has not been found in marijuana.
- You can talk to your older children about being the responsible one at parties where drugs may be available – encourage them to call 9-1-1 in an emergency and assure them they will not face criminal consequences for overdose-related calls, provide naloxone if available and perform rescue breathing.

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