

# THE STUDENT NEWS



## BROOKS BROADCAST

*The weekly student newsletter:*

**THUNDERBIRDS**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Edition**

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### **DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK**

Monday, October 22

School Photo Retakes

Tuesday, October 23

Parent/Student Information meeting: Germany Exchange 2019

Wednesday, October 24

2:19pm Early Dismissal \* BUS PICK UP ONE HOUR EARLY

Thursday, October 25

6:30-8:30pm Student Parent Teacher Interviews

Cafeteria Closed – pizza for sale at lunch

Friday, October 26

6:30pm Hallowe'en Dance

12:35pm Gr 12 Meeting

### **DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK**

Monday, October 29

Tuesday, October 30

Wednesday, October 31

Halloween!

Thursday, November 1

Friday, November 2

Sr Girls Volleyball at Ballenas

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

What an exciting week at Brooks! All students should be commended for their great participation in the mock election run by Mrs. Dupuis. Thank you also to everyone for their involvement on Thursday with the "Great Canadian Shakeout". Our school ran through an earthquake preparedness drill.

In my estimation the OC roll to include Grade 9s last week went very well at Brooks. I was pleased to see these students actively engaged in their learning. Students could decide whether they needed more help from a teacher or a chance for enrichment. The grade 10-12s also took another step forward now to fully personalize their flexible time being afforded more choice. I am pleased that we are able to continue to take these steps together.

### **Online Attendance Information:**

Some of you that have students that attended Brooks last year probably have noticed that you're not receiving the same phone calls home like you used to. In fact the "autodialer" is no longer functioning. Late last week we reached out to you through email and provided you with steps to create your own MyEd account that will give you access to your son/daughter's attendance information at Brooks. There will be many other features that we will be rolling out with this as well in the near future. Stay tuned.

### **Early Dismissal and Bus Pick ups Wednesday**

On Wednesday this week the school will be dismissing at 2:19 pm. Please also note that all buses will be arriving at Brooks one hour earlier to their normal time from Brooks. This also means that drop off at the stops will also be early. We are looking forward to seeing you here at Brooks to meet with our teachers.

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### Did you know?

#### Cafeteria no longer offering takeaway containers.

Please note: Plates need to stay in the Great Hall. In an effort to go green we have need to keep the plates where they can be collected and washed by our chef training staff. The Brooks cafeteria no longer offers takeaway containers or plastic cutlery for meals purchased. Students are encouraged to bring their own reusable container systems should they choose to not use the provided dishware or eat their meals elsewhere.

**Is your child currently in Grade 9 or 10? Are they interested in participating in the Germany Exchange this year? There is a Student & Parent Information meeting TONIGHT at 7pm in the library.**

#### Grade 12 Meeting Friday in the Max Theatre at lunch

Starting at 12:35pm we will be meeting to speak about a potential change in the start time to Grad/Grand March. The formerly known as Dry Grad committee (now Dry Grad / Prom) has requested that we consider starting the Grand March / Grad 2 hours earlier (5 rather than 7pm) to accommodate the new proposal of a dry prom. The meeting is intended to answer questions and also allow students for their input on this decision that affects the start time for Grad / Grand March.

#### Grade 12's to UBC for the Future Leaders Breakfast Saturday November 24, 2018

Brooks has two reserved spots for the 2019 prospective UBC Engineering breakfast and orientation. If you are interested please see your counsellor or Mr. Rounis prior to the end of October.

#### Grade 9s – welcome to flexible learning with OCs!

**Please note that as the year moves along OC release of responsibly will happen depending on the students' capacity to work successfully within our flexible the structure.**

#### *Key points of OCs for all students*

1. Students need to be at OC on time and stay there for the entire block
2. OC is class and instructional time. Students must be in a classroom or learning space (for Grade 9s, it should be one of their regular teachers!) doing school work!

#### **Provincial Exam Opportunity**

*English 12 provincial Exam sitting here at Brooks, Monday - November 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 am until noon*

*Numeracy Exam sitting here at Brooks, Monday – November 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 am and noon (note these are now full)*

*Communications 12 Exam sitting here at Brooks, Monday - November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am until noon in D09, the library computer lab.*

#### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR BC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Brooks has been selected to host the 2018 BC AAA Senior Girls Volleyball Championships. We held our first planning / organizational meeting last **Wednesday our next meeting is in two weeks November 7, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Brooks Great Hall.** If you are interested or want to find out more please come.

Here's what we are looking for: any local business that wants to be included in our webpage and/or program can contact me directly. We will need 15 students to be team hosts along with scorekeepers and linespersons. The website for the championships is here to find out a bit more about the event. <https://portal.sd47.bc.ca/group/71fc68z/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **STUDENT GROUP / CLUB MEETING DAYS**

*More information to follow on these groups as it becomes available.*

**Outdoor Club:** See Mr. Bratseth

**Link Crew:** see Mrs. Burnikell

**Compassion Project:** tba

**Students for Change:** Tuesdays at Lunch D05

**Mountain Bike Club:** Weds 3:20pm outside gym

**GSTA:** See Ms. Dunlop or Mr. Dyck

**Interact Club:** Tuesday's at lunch in D140, see Ms. Bangham

**Stu Crew:** Wed, Lunch, E02 – See Mrs. Ellis / Mrs. McSween

### ATHLETICS:

#### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball : Senior Girls – See Mr. Rounis; Junior Girls – See Mr. Miller; Gr 8,9 – See Ms. Johnson

**CROSS COUNTRY** : Cross Country (Mr. Cocksedge / Mr. Rice) practices are tba

**SOCCER** Jr. Boys Soccer TBA (Mr. Rice) Sr. Boys Soccer (Mr. Rice)

**SWIMMING** – Practices happening at the complex. Check with Mr. Miller for more info

### GENERAL MESSAGES:

**PAC Meetings:** we meet every second Tuesday evening at 7pm in our conference room: next meeting – Nov 13, 2018

**Dry Grad Meeting:** the next meeting has been set for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

### FOLLOW US

Follow Brooks on Facebook for reminders  
Check the website for up-to-date information

### *UPCOMING EVENTS...*

Wednesday	Oct. 31		Costume Contest at lunch
Monday	Nov. 5	9:00	English 12 Provincial Exam Numeracy Assessment
Tuesday	Nov. 6	7:45am 9:00am	DH Meeting Communications 12 Provincial Exam Numeracy Assessment
Wednesday	Nov. 7		Grade 9 Immunizations
Thursday	Nov. 8		Last day of Term #1
Friday	Nov. 9		Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday	Nov. 12		Remembrance Day Holiday Observed
Tuesday	Nov. 20	9:00am	PSI-BC Visit
Thursday	Nov. 29		Volleyball Provincials
Friday	Nov. 30		Volleyball Provincials
Saturday	Dec. 1		Volleyball Provincials
Friday	Dec. 21		Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
Monday	Jan. 7		School Re-opens
Wednesday	Jan. 23		Last Day of Term #2/Semester #1 Numeracy Assessment
Thursday	Jan. 24	9:00am	English 12 Provincial Exam Numeracy Assessment
Friday	Jan. 25	9:00am 1:00pm	Communications 12 Provincial Exam FRALP 12 Provincial Exam Numeracy Assessment
Monday	Jan. 28		Semester #2 Begins