

THE STUDENT NEWS

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The weekly student newsletter

February 4, 2019 Edition

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, February 4	Grad Photos (book your appointment on-line)
Tuesday, February 5	Grad Photos (book your appointment on-line) Cafeteria re-opens
Wednesday, February 6	Grad Photos (book your appointment on-line)
Thursday, February 7	Grad Photos (book your appointment on-line) 10:00 ICBC Presentation (Grade 11 and 12)
Friday, February 8	1:10 Andrew Gage: Climate Change Presentation

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, February 11	P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Grade 11s) 1:15 Love Bomb play (Grade 9s and 10s) 7:00 Love Bomb Community Performance
Tuesday, February 12	P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Grade 11s)
Wednesday, February 13	P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Grade 11s)
Thursday, February 14	BC Lions Be More than a Bystander Presentation <i>Crush for a Crush</i> delivery
Friday, February 15	Professional Development Day, no classes in session

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Let's be good neighbours.

There has been an increase in the number of students that are heading off-campus during lunch break. We receive feedback that our neighbours would appreciate if students would not eat their lunches, loiter or litter in front of their homes. If, as a parent or guardian, you've made arrangements for your child to come home for lunch please let us know. We do not allow students to wander off campus as it is impossible to ensure their safety while outside of our ability to supervise. If you'd like your child to leave campus for any reason, please come into the school and sign them out. Thanks for your continued support to make Brooks a safe place for our students.

General Information

Weather:

As we are in for some unpredictable inclement weather, a reminder for students and parents to watch the SD47 website and Facebook pages for up-to-date information about bussing and closures. Stay warm and safe out there!

OCs begin this week:

Open Centre time returns for Semester 2 starting Monday, Feb 4. This is an excellent time for students to have choice in their learning and are guided to utilize this time for extra support, study time, intervention, group work and enrichment. Like all other classes, attendance is mandatory.

Course Selections for 2019-2020:

The course selection process has begun for 2019-2020! This week, we hosted introductory assemblies for Grade 10s and 11s and



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counsellors will visit Grade 8 and 9 classes starting next week. All students should be bringing home a course selection worksheet and having a discussion about goals for next year's classes, as well as future plans (be it post-secondary, trades or career). Selections need to be made thoughtfully, as the school schedule is built with student requests in mind! Our new course handbook is available on our website.

Course Changes:

The last day for course change inquiries is Monday February 4, 2019. Students that they must **stay in their current classes** until a change has been made and students/teachers are notified. See a counsellor for details.

P.A.R.T.Y. Program:

All Grade 11 parents were emailed information regarding the PARTY Program, an annual event for our Grade 11 students. This event is undertaken with support from VCH and local hospital team members, Powell River Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance Service (Powell River), Powell River Brain Injury Society, Select Safety Services, School District #47 and more to provide a high-impact learning opportunity for all Grade 11s. This program takes place over three days and lists have been posted for students to see what day they will be attending.

Bussing:

As we are at the half-way point of the school year, it is a good time to review bussing. Busses are for designated riders only – students are not permitted to ride busses that they are not scheduled for (eg. friends coming over after school, using the bus to get to work). Temporary passes are not for regular use, and students will be denied ridership if they do not present their pass in the morning or after school. You can review bussing guidelines here: <https://bit.ly/2RE2hQ7> or by calling SD47 Transportation at 604 414-2612.

Student Opportunities & Scholarships

Verna J. Kirkness Education Foundation, due Feb 15

The Verna J. Kirkness Education Foundation is a charitable organization with the goal to increase the number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students graduating from post-secondary programs in science and engineering. The application deadline is February 15 and videos of students talking about their experience can be found at the website: www.vernakirkness.org.

BC Excellence Scholarships, due Feb 8

Brooks can nominate one student from the school for the BC Excellence Scholarship. Application/nomination packages are available in the main office and are due by noon, Friday, February 8. See a counsellor for more details.

Local Scholarships, TBA

Local scholarship packages become available in the Spring. Stay tuned for details.

RYLA South, due now

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where young people develop skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. All expenses paid, March 30 to April 2, 2019. Open to all. Contact either, a school counsellor or Rotary Club representative Joyce Carlson, email carmil@shaw.ca, 604.485.4770 or text 604.414.7373 to indicate your interest.

Grad Celebrations 2019 Committee:

The grad 2019 committee invites all grads and parents to join their Facebook group – Brooks Secondary Grad 2019 and Instagram – brooksgrad2019. Stay tuned for more information about Grad 2019.

There are still about 40 grads that have not submitted their baby photos. These are late, please email them to brooksgrad2019@gmail.com asap!

Grad photos are happening this week!

To book your appointment, go to: bookmygrad.ca, scroll to the bottom, **enter your school code: BDU** and schedule your appointment. IT'S NOT TOO LATE! If you need help or have questions, you may call our customer care number at: 1-888-416-3343 (EDGE) Monday to Friday: 8AM - 5PM EST or email vgoff@edgeimaging.ca.

STUDENT GROUP / CLUB MEETING DAYS

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



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Environment Club: Fridays at lunch in room E02, or see Mr. Dyck
Students for Change (S4C): Mondays at Lunch D04, or see Ms. Kennedy
Mountain Bike Club: Weds 3:20pm outside gym, or see Mr. Bratseth
GSA: Thursdays at lunch in the Conference Room, or see Ms. Dunlop
Interact Club: Tuesday's at lunch in D140, see Ms. Bangham
Stu Crew: Wed, Lunch, E02 – See Mrs. Ellis / Mrs. McSween

ATHLETICS:

BASKETBALL Grade 8 Boys: Feb 4 @ Vanier; Feb 18 @ Isfeld; Feb 22, 23 Championships; Senior Boys: Feb 5 home vs Nanaimo Christian

GYMNASTICS Island Trials Feb 9

GENERAL MESSAGES:

PAC Meetings: the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm in our conference room (last one was postponed). Next meeting – **Feb 12, 2019.**

Dry Grad Meeting: Next meeting Tuesday, February 19 - 7:00 pm in the Library.

FOLLOW US

Follow Brooks on Facebook for reminders: <https://www.facebook.com/brookssecondary>

Check the website for up-to-date information: <https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/>

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Thurs/Fri	Feb 7 & 8	Crush for a Crush on Sale, Stu Crew initiative
Mon/Tues	Feb 11 & 12	Crush for a Crush on Sale, Stu Crew initiative
Thursday	Feb 14	Crush for a Crush delivered in A Block, Stu Crew initiative
Friday	Feb 15	Professional Development Day – Students not in session
Monday	Feb 18	Family Day, no classes in session
Wednesday	Feb 27	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday	Mar 7	Black Light Dance
Friday	Mar 15	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break

