

# BROOKS BROADCAST



## STUDENT WEEKLY MEMO:

September 14, 2020

### DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, September 14 Start of the first full week.  
Tuesday, September 15  
Wednesday, September 16  
Thursday, September 17  
Friday, September 18 Food safe for culinary arts students

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to welcome everyone as we re-started learning again at Brooks. With the beginning of the first full week of school year I recognize that you each have different levels of anxiety or have questions about your safety from COVID-19. Given the concerns around community transmission I'll ask everyone to continue to remain calm, be kind, and be safe. The safety of all students, staff, and community our number one priority and have protocols at school to ensure this is a reality. With this in mind, if you have questions about school to please feel free to reach out to one of our counsellors or the school office so we can speak to you directly and this is especially true if you have made a decision to not send your son/daughter to school. Take care and I look forward to a successful and full week of classes.

### ADJUSTED ZONES AT BROOKS 2020

Here are a few things that have changed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

- All students need to bring their own water bottle. The water fill stations are working but the fountains are not.
- Follow all hand hygiene protocols when entering the building and each classroom. We have differing entrances based on the Grades of the students and these are noted on all the doors.
- Student parking will move away from the lower parking lot as this is the lot connected to the Grade 8,9 classrooms. Student parking will be moving to the main parking lot near the entrance.
- Lunch times and "Go or Don't Go Zones". Great Hall (both sides) is open to all students during lunch. Grades 10-12s are expected to stay upstairs (including outside) during lunch. Grade 8,9s are primarily downstairs or lower parking lot.
- Lockers for Grade 8,9 are being assigned by their teacher. For Grades 10-12 there will be a locker sign out online form for those that want a locker.
- We will be doing a mini-course selection to make sure that our Gr 10-12 courses are reflective of the new school year.

### DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

Here's the poster of what to look for in your daily health checks at home before coming to school:

<https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/Know%20%20the%20symptoms.pdf>.

## **BELL SCHEDULE**



#### Grades 10 – 12 to be schedule as follows:

Period 1: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (120 minutes)  
Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm (40 minutes)  
Period 2: 1:10 pm – 3:20 pm (130 minutes)

#### Grade 8,9 schedule is as follows

Session 1: 9:00 am - 10:20 am (80 minutes)  
Break 10:20 am - 10:25 am (5 minutes)  
Session 2: 10:25 am - 11:45 am (80 minutes)  
Lunch 11:45 am - 12:25 pm (40 minutes)  
Session 3: 12:25 pm - 1:45 pm (80 minutes)  
Break 1:45 pm - 1:50 pm (5 minutes)  
Session 4: 1:50 pm – 3:10 pm (80 minutes)

### IMPORTANT LINKS



Home of the Thunderbirds

BC Centre for Disease Control :

[http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_public\\_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf)

MyEdBC Online Tutorials & FAQ: <https://bit.ly/2IVj1Iy>

MyEdBC Email Support: [parentsupport@sd47.bc.ca](mailto:parentsupport@sd47.bc.ca)

### **The Music Department**

- Chamber Choir 10-12 rehearsals are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 AM beginning Wednesday, September 16
- Vocal Jazz 10-12 (auditioned) rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM beginning Thursday, September 17
- Jazz Band 9-12 rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 beginning Thursday, September 17

All rehearsal are in the Band Room. See Mr. Cummings for more info

### **COUNSELLING TEAM BLOG**

Please check out the Blog from our counsellors here: <https://brookscounsellingblog.weebly.com/blog>

#### **COURSE INFORMATION: Grades 10,11,12:**

<http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/About/schedule/Documents/Term%201%20Course%20Selection%20Options%20-%20visual.pdf>

#### **Dual Credit (Trades and Academic courses and programs):**

There have been a few changes to our Dual Credit program, the main one being that dual credit trades and academics are ONLY available to non grads. Meaning, dual credit is available to students who have not graduated and have not completed their required Gr 12 elective courses. We are encouraging all students who are interested in dual credit trades to see Mrs. Larkin ASAP. As well, any senior students interested in taking dual credit academics over Semester one or Semester two (these are online) need to sign up prior to Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **Just a reminder that dual credit courses and program give students their Gr 12 elective credits and first year post secondary course credits for free!** Please visit Mrs. Larkin's office or the counselling suite for brochures, more information and application packages. As well, we have updated the Trades and Transitions Dual Credit information on the Brooks website, for a list of course and program offerings as well as all new updates please visit: [Trades and Transitions Dual Credit](#)

#### **Work Experience (WEX12a and WEX 12b)**

Work Experience is open to Grade 10 through Grade 12 students who have an interest in pursuing any career field. In Work Experience 12A & 12B, a student spends 100 - 120 hours training at one or more worksites. By doing this, skills are learned and questions are answered before career decisions are made. Students either choose a work experience according to their current career interest or an area of passion. Students work during the school day or after school and weekends. With this, students have the opportunity to work over the course of a term, while earning Gr 12 elective course credits required for graduation. Please find more information on our Brooks website, or by visiting Mr. Palm or one of the counsellors in the counselling suite: [Work Experience](#)

#### **Youth Work in Trades**

If you are in Gr 10-12 and working in a paid job that has a certified trades person then you could be earning Gr 11 and 12 elective credit. The Youth Work in Trades Program (YWT) is a career program jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Education and the Industry Training Authority (ITA). YWT allows students to work with apprentices while attending school, earn credit, earn money, and accumulate hours towards trades certification. Please note that if a student completes all four YWT courses, maintains a C+ average in their Gr 12 year, completes 900 hours prior to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the year they turn 19, then they are can earn a \$1000 scholarship (to spend as they please – no parameters). Please see Mr. Palm in the Careers/Counselling suite for more information and to register.

