

BROOKS BROADCAST



STUDENT WEEKLY MEMO:

October 5, 2020

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, October 5	
Tuesday, October 6	Cafeteria service
Wednesday, October 7	3:30pm Mountain Bike Club Ride (Mr. Bratseth)
Thursday, October 8	Cafeteria service
Friday, October 9	12:30pm Environmental Club Meeting C123

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, October	Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday, October 13	Cafeteria service 3:30 pm Staff Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 14	3:30pm Mountain Bike Club Ride (Mr. Bratseth)
Thursday, October 15	10:45am The Great Canadian Shake Out Cafeteria service
Friday, October 16	12:30pm Environmental Club Meeting C123



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to thank everyone for the week we had. The highlight of the week certainly was the deep learning and reflecting that took place on Wednesday during the recognition of Orange Shirt Day. There was many opportunities in classrooms and also a few that headed to the outdoors and took steps toward deeper learning. A few of our classes took part in excursion to the Sycamore Commons which is where the location of our local "Peace Pole" is. A video of the learning led by one of the Elders from our Nation was captured and shared with me. Once I have permission to share with the community I'll pass it along to you. The message that "Every Child Matters" was definitely the focus of our learning that day.

As I look ahead to this week I'm very appreciative that we have Thanksgiving around the corner. By tradition, it is a chance to give thanks for all of that we have and spend time with family and friends. I am aware that during the pandemic keeping our gatherings to a minimum is prudent yet keeping everyone in our hearts is never more important. As the Principal I have so much to be thankful for. I want to share with each of you my deepest thanks for being part of the fabric that is Brooks and our community. Even with an outbreak in our community everyone in the school made sure to be consistent and persistent in following our protocols. In buying into the safety protocols we allow learning to continue and our community can continue to thrive during the pandemic. I wish you another safe week and a wonderful upcoming long weekend.

OCTOBER 21 – NO EARLY DISMISSAL

Given that we are limiting the community from coming into the school, the parent teacher interviews on October 21, 2020 are cancelled. This is now a regular school day (no early dismissal).

- For Grades 8 & 9 we are in the process of putting together new plan that I will be sharing with soon. The intent is to allow for virtual or phone parent meetings which will likely translate to a similar model to what is happening at the end of the month with our local elementary schools. I expect to have a formal plan to you soon and will first speak to the proposal at our PAC meeting on Oct 13, 2020 for feedback.
- For Grades 10, 11, & 12. We will not be scheduling formal parent teacher interviews. The first term Gr 10-12 Interim Week is Oct 13-16, 2020. You will receive a paper or digital update. You are always encouraged to reach out to your teacher through email if you would like to have further information.

BROOKS PAC MEETING

Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday October 13, 2020 at 7:00pm by Zoom. Here's the link:

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/66239783528?pwd=Mk1lSVNJRkxMVHRkVmNpdTE0VUFidz09>

Meeting ID: 662 3978 3528 Passcode: 560762



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SEEKING INFORMATION ELECTIONS OFFICERS:



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The Recruitment Officer at Elections BC's Powell River office is seeking students who are interested in being Information Officers on General Election Day (Saturday, October 24, 2020) from approximately 7am until 10pm. The rate of pay for this position is \$288 for the day. More information about the position, as well as the employment application form, is available on our website, <https://elections.bc.ca/employment/youth-at-the-booth-election-workers/>. If you have any questions or concerns, please email applypor@elections.bc.ca or at (604)-413-0104.

BUS PASSES

We have a larger than expected amount of Bus Passes still waiting to be picked up from the School Board Office. Passes are a requirement for riding the bus this year. If you have already ordered a bus pass, please pick it up at the School Board Office on Ontario Avenue. We still have a number of courtesy applicants that are waiting to have a spot that is not being used. Anyone not planning on using the bus service this year should let Transportation know or simply go pick up your pass so that you can confirm your spot.

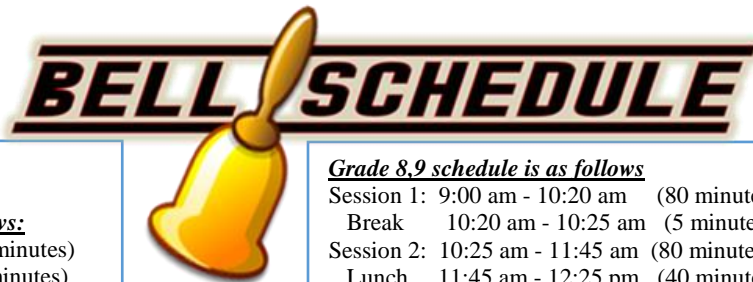
ADJUSTMENTS OF "GO / NO-GO ZONES AT BROOKS 2020

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

- Student parking is moved to the main parking lot near the entrance park in spots 55-73. Grade 10-12s are asked to remain away from the lower parking lot at all times as this is the entrance areas for our Grade 8,9 classrooms.
- 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.
- We will be doing a course re-selection happening now to 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%20the%20symptoms.pdf>.



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)

Term 1: Sept 10 – Nov 16
Term 2 : Nov 17 - Feb 1st
Term 3: Feb 2nd – Apr 23rd
Term 4: Apr 26 – June 29th

IMPORTANT LINKS

BC Centre for Disease Control :

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



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The Music Department

- Chamber Choir 10-12 rehearsals are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 AM
- Vocal Jazz 10-12 (auditioned) rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM
- Jazz Band 9-12 rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 PM

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>

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Friday October 23, 2020 – Pro D Day.

Saturday October 24, 2020 – Elections BC

Wednesday November 11, 2020 – Remembrance Day Holiday

