

# BROOKS BROADCAST



## STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:

**November 23, 2020**

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### DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, November 23

Students 4 Change Gr 10-12 12:30-1:10 (D131)

Tuesday, November 24

Cafeteria Service

Wednesday, November 25

Stu Crew Gr 8/9 11:45-12:15 (E02) Gr 10-12 12:30-1:00 (D09)

Thursday, November 26

Cafeteria Service

Post Secondary Virtual Advisor Day

Friday, November 27

Report Cards Published to the Parent Portal

12:30 Environment Club Gr 10-12 C123

Report Cards Printed for Distribution to Home



### DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 30

Students 4 Change Gr 10-12 12:30-1:10 (D131)

Tuesday, December 1

Cafeteria Service

Wednesday, December 2

Grade 8/9 Parent Teacher Interview day (no Grade 8/9 classes).

Gr. 10 – 12 In Session all day

Stu Crew Gr 10-12 12:30-1:00 (D09)

3:30 pm Mountain Bike Club Ride (Mr. Bratseth)

Thursday, December 3

Cafeteria Service

Friday, December 4

12:30 Environment Club Gr 10-12 C123

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Thursday we are going to be posting report cards to the MyEd parent portal (printed copies going home on Friday). Staying connected with your child's teachers is always important and with the start of new classes it's the perfect time to reach out and establish those lines of communication. For parents of Grade 8 and/or 9 students our teachers will be reaching out formally for our planned Parent Teacher Interviews on December 2, 2020. It does also mean that for those students we will not be having classes running that day to make sure this important step happens. Please note that Grade 10, 11, & 12 classes will be running as normal on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### MASKS AND SAFETY EXPECTATIONS AT BROOKS

In September we re-opened our schools and returned to normalized, cautious operations, albeit differently than in the past, but open, safe, and vibrant for our students. Despite our best efforts, over the last weeks we have watched as the case counts of COVID-19 have increased across our Province. Last week new Public Health Orders were issued requiring that we renew our effort across the Province to slow the progression of this virus.

- A renewed focus on daily health checks
- A renewed focus on modelling physical distancing by limiting congregating in school common areas
- A renewed focus on modelling physical distancing when interacting with parents at arrival and dismissal times
- A requirement to wear masks in common areas and when interacting with those outside of your immediate social bubble, including parents (excluding when eating/drinking)

In order to best support these renewed efforts, please remember to bring your mask or visit the office first thing so we can provide one to you for the day. Masks are to be worn in all high traffic areas at Brooks, this includes any area outside your classroom. Also, please eat sitting down in your classroom, outside, or in the Great Hall at a table so we can ensure everyone's safety.



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### **LIMITING THE COMMUNITY FROM ENTERING THE BUILDING**

We continue to limit the community from entering the building unless it is not possible to avoid. For regular pick ups or signing students out early please simply call our main office and we can help you this way. Meeting your son or daughter inside our main parking lot is the best option for all.

### **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**

Our office has received a few phone calls from parents asking what to do if their child is not feeling well. In general if you're sick please follow the advice of Provincial Health Services Authority and stay home until you're feeling better. If you're not sure, please call 811 and speak with someone from our health unit. They will be able to provide you with the best advice and also make the recommendation whether you should stay home.

### **TERM 1 REPORT CARDS**

Just a reminder that Term 1 report cards will be posted on the MyEd portal on Thursday, November 26, 2020. We will also be printing the reports on Friday, November 27 and making them available to be sent home as well.

### **CAFETERIA GETS READY FOR TERM 2**

Our cafeteria plans on being open Tuesday and Thursday this week and to continue for the remainder of the term. Thank you for all of your support.

### **GRADE 8 & 9 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS DECEMBER 2, 2020**

Classes will not be in session for Grades 8 and 9 students on December 2, 2020 to afford teachers time to connect with parents from their two classes that day through Zoom or on the phone. We cancelled our early dismissal days planned for October 21, 2020 and March 17, 2021 because we are limiting access to our building due to the pandemic.

Note: Grade 10, 11, 12 classes are not part of this plan. Therefore those classes will run as usual those days.

### **BROOKS PAC INFORMATION**

2020/2021 Executive: President: Kate Boyd; Secretary: Jody Dendewicz; Treasurer: Michelle Kirk; DPAC Rep: Jaclyn Miller (DPAC President); Member at Large: Brendan Behan.

Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom: Meeting ID: 694 3909 0797 Passcode: 175153 <https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/69439090797?pwd=U25hVm1MSXhlnHVvZXBXdzNueTlyQT09>. Here is our upcoming schedule for this year: December (no meeting); January 12, 2021; February 9, 2021; March (no meeting); April 13, 2021; May 11, 2021; June 8, 2021

### **DRY GRAD SOCIETY INFORMATION**

2020/2021 Executive: Volunteers as follows: Chair - Jennifer Frost, Co-chair - Sharon Brown, Treasurer - Aaron Reid & Cindy Butler (shared), Secretary - Laurie Andrews

### **GRADUATION PLANNING 2021 – GRAD COMMITTEE 2021**

Calling all Grade 12's interested in joining the 2021 Grad Committee. Please attend our initial meeting at **Brooks Secondary School Thursday, Dec 3rd at 3:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the front of the Great Hall. Every Grade 12 is welcome, including Brooks, PIE, BOP, and Dual Credit & Trades. Please attend, bring a friend and bring your ideas.

### **TAKE NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE COURSES WHILE ATTENDING BROOKS**

North Island College and SD47 are now ready to support students with additional post-secondary courses and program options. Applications are due by the end of Nov for the Spring session, please see Mrs. Larkin for all the details. There are many 100 level courses and certificate options, like Animal Care Aide, Coastal Worker Certificate, Micro Credentials in Medical Office Worker, and much more. These courses and programs are available to any non grad and all courses and programs are online! Please see Mrs. Larkin ASAP!

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Please visit our Counselling suite or webpage for all current scholarship details. To date we have the Schulich and Cmolik nomination forms available. Nomination forms are due Jan 15<sup>th</sup> for the Schulich Leader Scholarship and Jan 24<sup>th</sup> for the Cmolik Scholarship.



## POST SECONDARY INFORMATION

### COMPLETE VIU COURSES WHILE AT BROOKS

All of VIU 100 level courses are open for dual credit entry. This includes IT, Business Management, Economics, Arts, Sciences, and much more. Please see Mrs. Larkin or Mr. Brach for more information. Students need to apply ASAP for dual credit courses starting in January 2021. Spaces are first come first serve and the VIU application window closes Dec 9, 2020.

Please review: Areas of study search: <https://www.viu.ca/programs/areas-study> and <https://isapp.viu.ca/srs/timetable.htm>

### MEET WITH: NIC, VIU, UVIC, CAMOSUN ADVISORS

Join recruiters from NIC, VIU, UVic and Camosun College to learn more about post-secondary options on Vancouver Island on November 26, 2020.

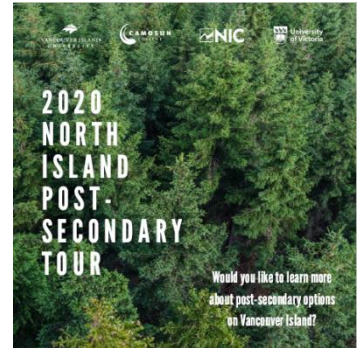
Program pathways, partnership agreements, and tips for transfer students. The live virtual presentation will also include information on how to navigate the post-secondary landscape in BC and on Vancouver Island along with the resources and supports that will help inform your post-secondary decisions.

Two session times are available:

Session 1: 3:30 - 5 pm OR Session 2: 7-8:30 pm

For more information: [futurestudents@nic.bc.ca](mailto:futurestudents@nic.bc.ca)

To register: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/So06n85>



### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, December 2, 2020	Grade 8 & 9 Parent Teacher interviews (no Grade 8 & 9 classes) Gr 10 – 12 In Session All Day
Thursday, December 3, 2020	Wear an ugly sweater day
Thursday, December 3, 2020	3:30 pm Student Graduation Committee First Meeting.
Wednesday, December 9, 2020	Wear red and green day
Friday, December 18, 2020	Last day of classes before the Winter Break
Monday, January 4, 2021	School Reopens after Winter Break
Tuesday January 12, 2021	7:00pm Brooks PAC Zoom

<https://brookscounsellingblog.weebly.com/blog>

## **BROOKS SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Grades 8 &amp; 9 School Schedule</u></b> <b>P1:</b> 9:00 am - 10:20 am Break 10:20 am - 10:25 am <b>P2:</b> 10:25 am - 11:45 am Lunch 11:45 am - 12:25 pm <b>P3:</b> 12:25 pm - 1:45 pm Break 1:45 pm - 1:50 pm <b>P4:</b> 1:50 pm – 3:10 pm	<b><u>Grades 10 – 12 School Schedule</u></b> <b>Period 1:</b> 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm <b>Period 2:</b> 1:10 pm – 3:20 pm	<b><u>The School Terms Lengths</u></b> <b>Term 1:</b> Sept 10 – Nov 16 <b>Term 2 :</b> Nov 17 - Feb 1 <b>Term 3:</b> Feb 2 – Apr 23 <b>Term 4:</b> Apr 26 – June 29
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