

BROOKS BROADCAST *MAY*

THE WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

May 3, 2021

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, May 3
Tuesday, May 4
Wednesday, May 5
Thursday, May 6
Friday, May 7

Mental Health Week

Counsellors to Grade 7 Classes for "Intro to Brooks" meetings
Stu Crew: Star Wars Day (*May the 4th be with you!*)

Report Cards posted to MyEd Parent Portal
Printed Report cards sent home for Term 3

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, May 10
Tuesday, May 11
Wednesday, May 12
Thursday, May 13
Friday, May 14

7:00pm PAC Meeting via Zoom

Stu Crew: Hoodie Day
Deadline for Grad 2021 Baby Photos *information below

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to take this opportunity to follow up on the letter emailed yesterday confirming that there was a class exposure on April 22 and 23. For those in the classroom that was exposed: if you have not been contacted by Vancouver Coastal Health already, you are to simply monitor our symptoms until this Friday. Where you would need to take action is if you experience COVID-19 symptoms. To be fair, this fact hasn't changes as it is part of our most important rule: stay home if you're sick or experiencing symptoms. Many students, parents and guardians have also reached out and asked about the need to self-isolating or any other measures. Please know that VCH does all school contact tracing and any individuals that they feel are at risk would have already been contacted directly.

For those that wondered why we chose to send the letter home to all families, this is our first exposure at our school since the start of the pandemic. The path of messaging and information around exposures always flows through VCH, the Superintendent, then to the Principal/Vice-Principal. Additionally, we felt it important to share widely as it is an important reminder that we are not through the pandemic and for all to remain vigilant. I'm proud of the continuous implementation of safety measures that we have in place at our school and district and am asking for everyone to pull together for the final two months of the school year.

SAFETY UPDATE: BUSSING & BUS PASS BLITZ

Starting today (May 3), drivers will be doing a bus pass blitz and will be requiring all students to scan their passes. Students without a valid pass will not be permitted to ride and temporary passes may not be issued. It is a COVID-19 compliance and tracking issue when students do not use their passes to scan during their ride and the district is reinforcing these important protocols to ensure the health and safety of all our student riders.

If you need a new or replacement pass, you can submit a request online: <https://www.sd47.bc.ca/about/Pages/buspass.aspx#/> or by calling 604 485-6271.

SAFETY UPDATE: MASKS IN SCHOOLS GUIDELINES

I want to make sure that everyone is hearing the same message around the most recent updated mask mandate. In addition to the provincial recommendations (found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>), at Brooks, the expectation is that students are to sit (stationary) while unmasked to eat and drink. This means that everyone remains masked while travelling through or in high-traffic areas. Thank you for helping us to reinforce mask-wearing expectations.



Home of the Thunderbirds

BROOKS COUNSELLING BLOG

Here's the link to our counsellor's blog – new entries every two weeks! <https://brookscounsellingblog.weebly.com/blog>

ERASE MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS – MAY

We are pleased to let you know that the Ministry of Education has announced new Mental Health and Wellness Sessions for Parents and Students which include the following topics: **Parent Sessions:** Mental Wellness, Substance Use **Student Sessions:** Stress & Anxiety. For more information and to register, links to all trainings can be found on the erase website at:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/erase/documents/erase-training-schedule.pdf>

SPORTS / INDIVIDUAL SKILLS

If you are interested in any of these activities we are offering for our students please connect with the staff member listed. Please note that safety measures have been put in place. The focus is on keeping students active through skill training. No formal games.

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| • Cross Country | Mr. Rice/Mr. Cocksedge | Tues/Thurs | 3:30 pm Outside gym doors |
| • Track and Field | Mr. Glaspey/Mr. Miller | Mon /Thurs | 3:45 pm at the Track |
| • Soccer | Mr. Miller | Mon /Wed | 3:45 pm On the Turf |
| • Tennis | Mrs. Leach | Monday | 3:30 pm Brooks Gym to start |
| • Golf | Mr. Austin | TBA | After Spring Break |
| • Rugby Skills | Mr. Hilleren | Mon/Wed | 3:30 pm in the Gym |

CLUB INFORMATION

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| • Students 4 Change | Mrs. Kennedy | Mondays-Gr 10-12 | 12:30-1:10 pm in D131 |
| • Environmental Club | Mr. Dyck | Mondays – Gr 8,9 | 11:45 pm in C123 |
| • Interact Club: | Ms. Bangham | 2 nd Tues of Month | @ Lunch in D140 |
| • Stu Crew * | Mrs. Ellis | Wed-Gr 8/9 | 11:45 – 12:15 in E02 |
| • Stu Crew * | Mrs. McSween | Wed-Gr 10-12 | 12:30 – 1:00 in D09 |
| • GSA | Ms. Dunlop | Thursday | 12:35-1:05 pm (TBA) |
| • Graduation Committee | Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Larkin | Thursday | 3:30 – 4:00 pm in the Great Hall |

HINTS WEBSITE RESOURCE

HINTS (Help Invest Now Toward a Safer School): Students can leave anonymous tips about concerns with school safety through the website at any time: [https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/Pages/Tips.aspx#/#/](https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/Pages/Tips.aspx#/)

STU-CREW SPONSORED THEME DAYS AT BROOKS

Here's the list of the upcoming theme days planned for the rest of the year. Be sure to put these on your calendar.

May 14 Hoodie Day **May 28** Crazy Hat/Sock Day **June 11** Crazy Hair Day **June 25** Sunglasses Day

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. Here is our upcoming schedule for this year: May 11, 2021, June 8, 2021. Please check out the website for the agenda, minutes, and zoom links for our meetings. [Brooks PAC Website](#)

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION MESSAGE BOARD

Reminder to graduating students, you must make your Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) selections in the Student Transcripts Service (STS). Students wishing to send May interim marks to one of [six B.C. PSIs, University of Alberta or University of Calgary](#) must place orders by April 23. Also, [22 B.C. PSIs and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#) can now receive interim marks and transcript updates electronically throughout the year (when authorized by the student). See [STS Help resources](#) if you have additional questions.

Vancouver Island University has released its 2021-2022 timetable <https://isapp.viu.ca/srs/timetable.htm> Please check it out and see the list of courses slated for their upcoming academic year. From this link you will be able to see when courses are scheduled and which courses will be delivered face-to-face and which courses will be delivered online. For more information regarding courses please see Mrs. Larkin or Mr. Brach in the counselling suite. If you would like to sign up for dual credit please see Mrs. Larkin for an application.



EVENTS FOR GRADUATES & GRADUATION 2021

1. **SD47 Graduation Ceremony** – June 28, 2021 (Monday) – Held at the Max Cameron Theatre in Brooks Secondary School. The fee includes cost for keepsake Cap & Gown and swag bag \$60.00 Payable by cash or cheque (Brooks Secondary) at the Brooks main office.
2. **The Dry Grad Event** June 26, 2021 (Saturday) – Will occur outside of school hours – co-ordinated by parents/students and is not a school run event - \$125.00 payable to Brooks Thunderbird Dry Grad Society – includes a hoodie and other fun extras. Please contact Jen Frost 604-414-5363 or Sharon Brown for more information 604-485-9675 for more information.
3. **Grad 2021 Gear** – A student based initiative that was emailed to parents on March 2nd. This is for any grads wishing to buy additional Grad 2021 wear and is not associated with either event or group above.
4. **Grad Magazine** – check out the Brooks Grad 2021 Facebook page for the all the latest in the grad magazine.

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. Next Dry Grad meeting is Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm. Join Zoom Meeting <https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/68739449793?pwd=T1Jia2oxUjg1eFY4azhyRDFlc1JpQT09>

Meeting ID: 687 3944 9793 Passcode: 374313



GRADUATION PLANNING 2021 – GRAD COMMITTEE 2021

Here's the copy of the latest Grad Magazine: [The Brooks Grad magazine](#). Grade 12's interested in joining the 2021 Grad Committee can attend our bi-weekly meetings at Brooks Secondary School, on Thursdays at 3:30pm.

- If you have more questions please reach out to Mrs. Ellis or Mrs. Larkin. Graduation is scheduled for Monday June 28, 2021 at the Max Cameron Theatre. Students will be crossing the stage wearing a cap and gown with their families in the audience. Students will choose their times in groups of 4 between 10 am – 6 pm.
- Graduates please email your baby photos to brooksgradbabyphotos2021@gmail.com by **May 15, 2021 (extended)** for the baby photo slide show.
- The grad committee would like to include photos of the graduating students from pre-school to grade 12. They are primarily looking for group photos (photos with your fellow grads), however single photos also accepted. Email photos to brooksmemories2021@gmail.com
- Also Graduates are to submit their commencement note by April 30th. All information is located in the link below. The QR code is attached.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=okgnEzMHA0aOIXhKWxakQivD1y7saRFlsBjfoWKfdrNUMkIzSjJYUFFVNFQyM1ZPREM5WVhFVU9QTi4u>

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

May 17, 2021	Grad Photos Retakes
May 24, 2021	Victoria Day Holiday: No classes in session
June 7, 2021	PD Day: No classes in session
June 14-16, 2021	Graduation Assessments (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10)
June 25, 2021	Last Day of classes
June 28, 2021	Graduation Ceremony Day

BROOKS SCHEDULE

<p><u>Grades 8 & 9 School Schedule</u></p> <p>P1: 9:00 am - 10:20 am Break 10:20 am - 10:25 am P2: 10:25 am - 11:45 am Lunch 11:45 am - 12:25 pm P3: 12:25 pm - 1:45 pm Break 1:45 pm - 1:50 pm P4: 1:50 pm – 3:10 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grades 10 – 12 School Schedule</u></p> <p>Period 1: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm Period 2: 1:10 pm – 3:20 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The School Terms Lengths</u></p> <p>Term 1: Sept 10 – Nov 16 Term 2 : Nov 17 - Feb 1 Term 3: Feb 2 – Apr 23 Term 4: Apr 26 – June 29</p>
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The BC Centre for Disease Control has a helpful new online resource for BC's education community: <http://www.bccdc.ca/schools>

