

# BROOKS BROADCAST *MAY*

THE WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

May 10, 2021

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## DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, May 10

Tuesday, May 11

Wednesday, May 12

Thursday, May 13

Friday, May 14

7:00pm PAC Meeting via Zoom

Trades Assessment at Brooks

Stu Crew: Hoodie Day

Deadline for Grad 2021 Baby Photos \*information below



## DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, May 17

Tuesday, May 18

Wednesday, May 19

Thursday, May 20

Friday, May 21

Grad Photo Retakes; Student SOGI Conference (pm)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope everyone had a chance last week to have a look at the report cards that both went home and were posted on the MyEd Parent Portal. If you have any questions please be sure to stay connected with your child's teacher. Along with the report card, we sent home a copy of the requests that we are aware of for our students returning in September. Please note that this is simply a confirmation of what you chose and more intended to get ahead of any issues around course selections for next year. Our hope is before students leave for summer to have a copy of their next year's schedule.

## SAFETY UPDATE: BUSSING & BUS PASS BLITZ

Please be aware, 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.

## 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>



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### 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 |

### 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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#/>

### 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](https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/62211004801?pwd=dmUrQ2JlNzhSTTNZeFpzK0RnaHN6UT09)  
<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/62211004801?pwd=dmUrQ2JlNzhSTTNZeFpzK0RnaHN6UT09> Meeting ID: 622 1100 4801  
Passcode: 348117

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Any student attending North Island College next year, [please see Mrs. Larkin](#) regarding a \$1000 bursary!!

Thanks to the goodwill and foresight of Martin G. Rossander, these bursaries have been established to benefit high school students and alumni from Powell River, BC, who are entering full- or part-time studies in any area of study at North Island College.

### POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION MESSAGE BOARD

Reminder to graduating students, you must make your Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) selections in the Student Transcripts Service (STS). 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:brooksmemories2021@gmail.com)
- Also Graduates are to submit their commencement note by April 30<sup>th</sup>. All information is located in the link below. The QR code is attached.  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=okgnEzMHA0aOIXhKWxakQivD1y7saRFIsBifoWKfdrNUMklzSjYUUFFVNFOyM1ZPREM5WVhFVU9QTi4u>

**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><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</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Grades 10 – 12 School Schedule</u></b></p> <p><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</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>The School Terms Lengths</u></b></p> <p><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</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>

