



Brooks Secondary School

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Brooks Briefs

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Welcome Back!

We can't tell you how wonderful it is to have our students back in school! They are the heart of our building. Their energy and enthusiasm has been a welcome remedy to a challenging past few months. Our students are incredibly resilient and understanding. We are working as quickly as we can to finalize their schedules and try and meet everyone's needs the best we can. That being said, we are behind in our regular school start-up process. We have been asking people to be patient and will continue to do so moving forward. Every day we get closer to where we need to be but it will still take a few days to get students' schedules completely organized.

Student Timetables

Course changes may not be possible. Counsellors are working right now with students who have no timetables or who have missing blocks in their timetable. Next, they will be working with students who are missing courses for graduation requirements. Changes will only be made for educational purposes and if there is room in the class. Some students will have their timetable changed as we work through class size issues. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we work through the timetables and classes.

GRADE 12s

Counsellors will be meeting with all of the Grade 12s to give them information pertinent to students graduating this year. This includes information about Graduation Transitions, applying to post-secondary institutions, and scholarships and awards, to name a few. Students and parents/guardians are also encouraged to use our school website (counselling department) to find more information and resources: (www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks). In addition, students may wish to be added to the College Crew list (email needed) and/or check out the College Crew blog: (<http://collegecrew.weebly.com/>)

Bussing

Many of our students are bussed to and from school each day. Unfortunately, due to a technical glitch many bus passes have not been mailed out yet but should be soon. If students have yet to apply for a bus pass they will have that opportunity during the first few weeks of school. All of the school bus routes and transportation-related information has been posted to our school district website and can be found at: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/about/Pages/bussing.aspx>

School Website & Twitter

In an effort to improve communication between our wider school community (students, parents/guardians, community members, etc.) our school website has undergone some changes over the summer. It can be found at: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/> We encourage you to check the site often for any school-related information you may be looking for. It will be going through constant updates as we move along through the school year. There is a feature at the

bottom of our website's homepage that allows anyone with an email address to sign up to receive newsletters and information via email. The user is in complete control and can subscribe and unsubscribe at any time. Please check it out and pass this information along. We also have started a school Twitter account and will be tweeting school information throughout the year. Please give us a follow @sd47_brooks We are always looking for ways that we can better communicate with our parents and guardians. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact Mr. Burt.

Egypt (back-up Japan) Trip- Spring Break 2016?

Students are you interested in seeing the Great Pyramids?

There is a student meeting for new enrolments on Wed Oct 1st, 12:00 in the Art Room (C136) to get a general information booklet or email Mr. Heuckroth kris.heuckroth@sd47.bc.ca

Brooks Outdoor Club

Cross country season is still on and we'd like to jump into the action. This year, like last, we will run the cross country and mountain biking teams year-round as the outdoor club. Our goal is to have a monthly adventure and running or riding every week.

If your son or daughter might like to join, racing is optional, please have them join their cohort at lunch in the library this Thursday Sept. 25th.

Attendance

In the event that your son/daughter will not be in school, please contact the school at 604 483-3171 or you can email the office staff:

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Upcoming Events

Thursday Oct. 2 nd	9:40am	Grade Group Assemblies
	11:05am	Grade 11 and Grade 12
	12:35pm	Grade 9 and Grade 10
		Grade 8
Thursday Oct. 2 nd	7:00pm	Meet the Teacher Night
Tuesday Oct. 7 th	7:00pm	Brooks PAC Meeting
Friday Oct. 10 th		School Photo Day
Monday Oct. 13 th		Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday Oct. 16 th		BC's Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill