

## THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR BROOKS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: *September 13, 2021*

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### DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, September 13, 2021

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Friday, September 17, 2021

Stu-Crew First Meeting

Day 2: C2, C1, D2, Lunch, B2, A2

### DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 20, 2021

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Friday, September 24, 2021

Stu-Crew Meeting

Professional Development Day – no classes in session

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello, bienvenue, and čěčhaθěč. I want to thank everyone for our start to the new school year. I'm incredibly pleased that we made our return and continue to take steps towards full in-person learning. I have spoken to every student through our grade assemblies on Friday and had many individual conversations last week while welcoming everyone back. For some students, the start-up has been everything they planned for. For others, I have learned that having a common start and end times after a year of separate schedules is going to take a bit more adjusting. I have heard the term "*feels really peoplely*" which means there is more time needed for some to adapt. Along with more time, I am also looking to create more spaces for students to spread out at lunch times and some re-routing during our breaks such as keeping the Grade 8 wing as a "no-go" for all other grades. The other adjustment I observed is of students getting used to a rotating schedule rather than the very static one we had in response to the pandemic. I am confident that our students will soon fall into their routines and our "normal" schedule from two years ago will become second nature again. The other thing to note from a whole school perspective is that we simply have more Grade 8s, 10s, and 11s than we knew about back in June when we started our summer break. This increase in enrollment has created several over-full classrooms. I have been working with our school board office to add staffing this week to accommodate all our new registrations.

September start-up is a chance to welcome new staff and I am happy to introduce the new members of our Brooks team. From the main office please join me in welcoming Ms. Scarpelli who is our new office manager. I would also like to welcome Ms. S. Howell who will be the newest member joining the remaining team of Ms. C. Mitchell, and Ms. C. Adams. The new teachers this year include Mrs. S. Campitelli who joins our French Immersion team and Mr. Knickerbocker who is the new chef leading our culinary arts program. I would also like to send a welcome back to three teachers including Mr. J. Mack, Mr. A. MacLaine, and Ms. M. Kaukas. We also have two new members of the Brooks administration team, and would like to welcome Mrs. Doyle and Mr. Hull as our new vice-principals.

### UPGRADES ON CAMPUS

Today signals the start of the turf field upgrade that will provide us with a brand-new spring underlay and full replacement of the current turf surface. The upgrades are expected to be completed sometime near the middle of October. I am also happy to announce that the asphalt was updated near the back of the school adjacent to the portables. There is still some work to be done and our concrete tables are on route. As it stands, there is already a huge improvement from last year and students can enjoy playing hockey, basketball, four-square, and many other activities.

### CAFETERIA GETS READY FOR OPENING

The official opening of our cafeteria led by our Brooks culinary arts program will be this week. Tomorrow there will be a few items for sale and each day more will be added until the full launch set for next Monday. We look forward to our famous student prepared and served meals being available again.



### CLUB INFORMATION

Brooks Stu Crew is starting this week in room E02 at Lunch. "Want to make Brooks a fun place... come check us out and see where the fun begins!!!" – Mrs. McSween & Mrs. Ellis.

### SPORT START UPS

Reach out to Mr. Miller who is our Athletic Director. The fall season is starting with practices in volleyball, boys' soccer, cross country, and aquatics.

### BROOKS PAC INFORMATION

Last year's PAC executive would like to invite all Brooks parents to our first meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 pm by Zoom. Meetings happen once a month and discussions revolve around ways to support programs and create direct lines of communication with the school and the communities.

### GRADE 12 MESSAGE BOARD

Grade 12's should keep checking here for information around graduation and events that impact them. To start with, place June 29, 2022, on your calendars as that has been reserved as our date for the school graduation convocation.

### POST SECONDARY INFORMATION / DUAL-CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

#### COMPLETE VIU COURSES WHILE AT BROOKS

All 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>

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Thursday, September 30, 2021 Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:05 pm Early Dismissal, Parent Teacher Interviews

#### Download the Brooks 2021 Calendar:

[file:///C:/Users/bill.rounis/Downloads/Brooks%20Calendar%202021%2022%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/bill.rounis/Downloads/Brooks%20Calendar%202021%2022%20(1).pdf)

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



## BROOKS SECONDARY SCHOOL WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2021 - 2022

Updated 08/26/21

START	END	MONDAY DAY 1	TUESDAY DAY 2	WEDNESDAY DAY 3	THURSDAY DAY 4	FRIDAY			
						Fri 1	Fri 2	Fri 3	Fri 4
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	A1	C2	B1	D2	A1	C2	B1	D2
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	A2	C1	B2	D1	A2	C1	B2	D1
11:00 AM	11:05 AM	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition			
11:05 AM	12:15 PM	B1	D2	A2	C1	B2	D2	A2	C2
12:15 PM	12:55 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
12:55 PM	2:05 PM	C1	B2	D1	A1	C2	B2	D2	A2
2:05 PM	2:10 PM	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition			
2:10 PM	3:20 PM	D1	A1	C2	B1	D2	A2	C2	B2



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