

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR BROOKS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: *September 20, 2021*

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, September 20, 2021	Brooks Student Vote Day
Tuesday, September 21, 2021	7:00pm Brooks PAC Meeting by Zoom (see link below)
Wednesday, September 22, 2021	Stu-Crew Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2021	
Friday, September 24, 2021	Professional Development Day – no classes in session

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 27, 2021	School Photo Day (Edge Photography)
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	
Wednesday, September 29, 2021	Stu-Crew Meeting
Thursday, September 30, 2021	Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school
Friday, October 1, 2021	Environmental Club Day 3 : B1, B2, A2, Lunch, D2, C2



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Looking back at our first full week of the school year, I am pleased to see many programs up and running. The second week saw the start of many of our clubs including the Stu-crew, Environmental, and the Computer Programming. Along with the clubs we also saw several sports started, which include soccer and volleyball. The biggest highlight to the week was the re-opening of our culinary arts kitchen. It was wonderful to have access to fresh and healthy food being served at school. The plan moving forward is to have basic service on Mondays and full service throughout the rest of the week.

Most students are already aware that we have larger than expected enrollment. Specifically, we are getting close to filling up at Grades 8, 10 and 11. Due to this we added several new classes to our timetable last Wednesday, and since then, have adjusted students and staff's schedules. This past Friday we added a few more senior classes to help accommodate the uptake in numbers. Additional courses we have added include:

Block A: English 11, 12

Block B: Law 12 and New Media 11, 12 (computers)

Block C: PE 10, 11; Entrepreneurship 10, 12

Block D: Computer Programming 11, 12

If students are interested in any of these course offerings, they should reach out to the counselling department or connect with the main office by Wednesday Sept 22. Although adjusting students schedules early in the semester is a normal process, I recognize that these changes take time. We are hoping that these additional courses will allow some students a chance to take a course that will be new to them or offer more options to personalize their schedule. We also know that there are many students that want to continue in their courses and not make any changes, and we want to honour their wishes to keep their schedules the same wherever possible. If you have concerns with your schedule, please connect with your counsellor or come to the main office to have a conversation.

Looking ahead to next week please note that Monday September 27, 2021 is our yearly school photo day. Have a great week, thank you, merci, čεčħαθεč.

WEARNING MASKS AT BROOKS

The topic of wearing masks by students and staff alike continues to be something that we regularly receive feedback on in the office. I would encourage anyone that has questions to please review the document from our school district http://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/SD47%20Communicable%20Disease%20Guidelines_2021-2022.pdf. Please have a look at pages 12 and 13 for specific information regarding mask requirements and exemptions. This also includes specific information for our culinary arts, music, library, and PHE safety requirements on pages 16 – 18.



VACCINE CLINIC

On Thursday September 23, 2021, VCH will be arriving at the school to offer COVID-19 vaccine for any student that wants it. Please note that aside from using our facility the school does not have any involvement as the clinic is run through public health. If you do have questions about the clinic, I would encourage you to direct them to the local public health office or calling 811.

CLUB INFORMATION

Brooks Stu Crew (weekly)	Wednesdays at Lunch.	E02	Mrs. McSween & Mrs. Ellis.
Environment Club	Friday at Lunch	E03	Mr. Dyck
Gaming / Programming Club	Tuesdays afterschool	C124	Mr. Edwards, Mr. Pollard
Graduation Committee	TBA	TBA	Mr. Hull, 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. Here's tomorrow's link:

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/62515766453?pwd=eTd3U3dhWjUra1VzUVJyTEV4MFIIZz09>

Meeting ID: 625 1576 6453 Passcode: 531847

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

Students can complete VIU and NIDES dual credit courses while attending Brooks. Please connect with Mr. Palm or Mrs. Larkin if you have any questions.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Friday September 24, 2021	Professional Development Day – No School
Monday Sept 27, 2021	School photo day, come prepared, ordering details to follow picture day
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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	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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