

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR BROOKS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: *October 25, 2021*

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, October 25, 2021
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Early Dismissal / Parent Teacher Interviews
Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch
7:00 pm Dry Grad Meeting by Zoom
Jr. Debate Club at lunch
GSA Meeting at lunch
Day 2: C2, C1, D2, Lunch, B2, A2
Environmental Club Meeting at lunch



Thursday, October 28, 2021

Friday, October 29, 2021

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 1, 2021
Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Photo Retakes Day (am)
11:10 am-12:10 pm UVic Advisor at Brooks – by appt only

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Friday, November 5, 2021

8:00 am Grad Committee Meeting E02
Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch
Jr. Debate Club at lunch
GSA Meeting at lunch
Day 3: B1, B2, A2, Lunch, D2, C2
Environmental Club Meeting at lunch

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Early in the year I mentioned that the biggest growth that our school had was at the Grade 8 and 10 levels. Knowing this we are continuing to put in supports where they are most needed at our school. Please join me in welcoming our newest teacher to Brooks, Mr. Peter MacRaild. Along with this new position, I'm happy to share that through our planning meetings we have other initiatives being implemented at the school from the learning and mental health grants offered to our school district. I'll share more specific details around each role soon. The general information is that we can offer a new Grade 8 learning program that will be starting soon which is intended to provide extra support. The plan is to create a new division with up to 12 students that will have a full-time aid along with their teacher. We will offer individual support for the students' learning needs along with social emotional support with a high adult to student ratio. With an opportunity like this, I expect that there are parents of Grade 8 students that are hoping to opt-in, and I encourage you to reach out to me at the school if you have questions. The other highlights of the new supports being implemented, include an increase in counselling time and the creation of a Youth Care Worker all based out of our counselling suite. I'm looking forward to welcoming more staff to help support our students.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS CONFIRMING EXCUSED ABSENCES

There is a connection between attendance and performance in school. Parents, or guardians are asked to inform the office and/or their child's teachers if their child is going to be absent. If your child is away and you have not excused them in advance, our call system will inform you of the classes that were missed later that evening. If this was in fact an excused absence, please either send a note with your child for their teachers the next day or call the main office and let us know so we can update it. If it was not an excused absence, then the teacher will follow up with the student and this could also lead to an office referral.

EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS INFORMATION

On Wednesday, October 27, 2021, students are dismissed at 2:05 pm. Buses will arrive early as well to take students home. Here's the day's bell schedule which we have basically cut out the 5th period of the day. I've included our bell schedule.



9:00 am - 10:00 am B1 10:05 am - 11:00 am A2 11:05 am - 12:15 am D1 12:55 pm - 2:05 pm C2

Virtual interviews are to be scheduled that evening by zoom or phone for those parents that want to connect with their teachers who are available from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for 5-minute appointments. Please connect with your child’s teacher for a chance to connect. It should be noted that the evening is a follow up to the interims that went home last week.

PARENT LEARNING EVENING – SOCIAL MEDIA

At the last PAC meeting there was a request to offer parent information sessions this year. Internet Safety session with Brandon Laur is offered on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. For more information on the session please go to <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/>. The school is offering this as a free service to any parent in the community. Look for an email invite soon.



CLUB INFORMATION

Brooks Stu Crew (weekly)	Wednesdays at Lunch.	E02	Mrs. McSween & Mrs. Ellis.
Interact Club	Every Second Tuesday at Lunch	P1	Mrs. Bangham
Environment Club	Friday at Lunch	E03	Mr. Dyck
GSA	Thursdays at lunch	C123	Ms. Dunlop
Gaming / Programming Club	Tuesdays afterschool	C124	Mr. Edwards, Mr. Pollard
Graduation Committee	TBA	TBA	Mr. Hull, Mrs. Ellis
Junior Debate Club	Thursdays	D130	Mrs. Wightman
qathet Community Justice	Every second Tuesday at lunch	TBA	Mrs. Larkin
Students for Change	TBA	Tba	Mrs. Larkin
Tabletop Game Club (*new)	Wednesday at lunch	Library	Mr. Gibson

SPORTS EXTRA CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Table Tennis Group	Mondays after school	Great Hall	Mr. Hopkins
Swim Club	Mondays / Fridays 5-6 pm	Complex	Mr. Mckendrick
All Grades indoor volleyball	daily	gym	Mr. Miller
Boys soccer	daily	lower field	Mr. Miller / Mr. Rice

BROOKS PAC INFORMATION

The next PAC meeting is to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 pm by Zoom.

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/66628117358?pwd=WU9mbUJUMHNKb2RjUzBiVXQ1MjNRdz09>

Meeting ID: 666 2811 7358 Passcode: 934082 Meetings happen at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. President – Kate Boyd, Treasurer – Michelle Kirk, Secretary – Jody Dendewicz, DPAC Reps – Kate Boyd, Siona Rounis.

DRY GRAD COMMITTEE

The Dry Grad Committee is meeting on Oct 27, 2021. Here’s the link and information to join the meeting: **ZOOM LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3772610706> Passcode: grad2022

GRADE 12 MESSAGE BOARD

Updates regarding the Graduation Assessments. The Ministry of Education has shared that the current Grade 12s are all required to write the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment. Along with this, every graduate should have written both the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment and the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment as requirements for graduation. We will be communicating the assessment schedule that starts in November over the next few weeks.

Please place June 29, 2022, has been reserved as our date for the school graduation convocation.

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION / DUAL-CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Stephanie Parker-Huskinson, Student Recruitment Officer from the University of Victoria will be taking appointments at Brooks on November 1, 2021. For information please connect with our counselling suite.



Home of the Thunderbirds

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Thursday, November 10, 2021,	Remembrance Day Assemblies (Max Cameron Theatre)
Thursday, November 11, 2021,	Remembrance Day
Friday, November 12, 2021,	Last day of Term 1
Monday, November 15, 2021,	First day of Term 2
Thursday, November 18, 2021	Drive Wise – Road Safety Presentations. (Gr 11/12)
Wednesday, December 1, 2021,	Last day of Rotation 2
Thursday, December 2, 2021,	First day of Rotation 3
Friday, December 17, 2021,	Last day of classes before Winter Break
Tuesday, January 4, 2022,	School reopens after Winter Break

Download the Brooks 2021 Calendar:

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