

## THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR BROOKS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: *November 1, 2021*

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### DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

	Nov 1 – 5 Grade 12 – Literacy; Grade 10 -Numeracy and Literacy Assessments
Monday, November 1, 2021	Photo Retakes Day (am) French Immersion Forum Day 1 11:10 am-12:10 pm UVic Advisor at Brooks – library
Tuesday, November 2, 2021	French Immersion Forum Day 2
Wednesday, November 3, 2021	8:00 am Grad Committee Meeting E02 Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch
Thursday, November 4, 2021	I.T.A. Presentation part 1 for Grade 10s Jr. Debate Club at lunch GSA Meeting at lunch
Friday, November 5, 2021	Day 3: B1, B2, A2, Lunch, D2, C2 Environmental Club Meeting at lunch

### DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 8, 2021	
Tuesday, November 9, 2021	Stigma Free Presentation Gr 9s Part 1 7:00 pm PAC meeting Remembrance Day Assemblies
Wednesday, November 10, 2021	Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch Stigma Free Presentation Gr 8s Part 1 7:00 pm Internet Safety for Parents Presentation
Thursday, November 11, 2021	Remembrance Day – no school
Friday, November 12, 2021	Day 4: D2, D1, C2, Lunch, A2, B2 Environmental Club Meeting at lunch Last Day of Term 1

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to welcome Ms. S. Lacey who joins us to teach our new grade 8 program. This week we will be having a final planning meeting as we get ready for our official start-up on next Monday. On Wednesday we had an early dismissal. Thank you to parents and teachers who were able to connect on Wednesday evening. Although they are short conversations these evenings are an important connection that we have with our school and our student's families. Thank you to those parents or guardians that took the time to reach out and connect with their child's teachers.

Looking ahead to this week, please be aware that we are hosting provincial assessments and many of our Grade 12s will be writing the Literacy 12 assessment with catching up on writing the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 assessments.

Finally, I want to take a moment and send out my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the return of our sports program. Currently we are winding down our first seasons and getting ready for the winter sports. Good luck to the following teams and their coaches that are currently completing in playoffs including boys' soccer, swimming, and volleyball. Go Thunderbirds!

### PARENTS / GUARDIANS CONFIRMING EXCUSED ABSENCES

Each evening calls go home to parents of children with unexcused absences for that day as we are following up with students that miss without your permission. Our intent is to help parents, or guardians to easily inform the office and/or their child's teachers if their child is going to be absent. Up to today, parents could contact the school either by calling the main office or sending a note to the teachers. As part of our response to absenteeism we have initiated our Safe Arrivals module in the School Messenger program. This third method of reporting absences for parents is very much like sending a note to our main office in the school except it is an app on they can download on their phone. Please look for a separate message coming from Mr. Matthew Hull explaining this process to families. We look forward to hearing from you to help us so we can follow up with students that are absent without permission.



## 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.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY -3 ASSEMBLIES – NOVEMBER 10, 2021 – MAX CAMERON THEATRE

Following a measured approach to bringing everyone together, we will have three smaller assemblies rather than one big assembly for Remembrance Day. All dignitary speeches will be pre-recorded and played at each assembly. In-person assemblies include staff and students with the following schedule: Wednesday November 10, 2021 in the Max Cameron Theatre.

B1 – rehearsals; B2 – Grade 8,9; A2 – Grade 10 Lunch D1 – Grade 11,12. We will be live-streaming the Grade 10 assembly and the link will be shared next week for anyone that wants to watch.

### 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 next meeting is TBA. Here's the link and information to join their 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.

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



### **POST SECONDARY INFORMATION / DUAL-CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES**

A Student Recruitment Officer from the Thompson Rivers University will be taking appointments at Brooks on November 19, 2021. For information, please connect with our counselling suite.

#### **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE**

Monday, November 15, 2021,	First day of Term 2
Thursday, November 18, 2021	Drive Wise – Road Safety Presentations. (Gr 11/12)
Friday, November 19, 2021	TRU Advisor at Brooks – library at lunch
Friday, November 19, 2021	Wear your PJ's day (Stu Crew sponsored)
Tuesday, November 30, 2021	Dress up from a different Decade Day (Stu Crew sponsored)
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:**

**[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)**

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