

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR BROOKS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: *November 8, 2021*

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, November 8, 2021

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Friday, November 12, 2021

Stigma Free Presentation Gr 9s Part 1

7:00 pm PAC meeting

Remembrance Day Assemblies

Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch

Stigma Free Presentation Gr 8s Part 1

7:00 pm Internet Safety for Parents Presentation

Remembrance Day – no school

Day 4: D2, D1, C2, Lunch, A2, B2

Environmental Club Meeting at lunch

Last Day of Term 1

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 15, 2021

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Friday, November 19, 2021

First Day of Term 2

Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch

Drive Wise – Road Safety Presentations. (Gr 11/12)

ITA Presentation #2 for Grade 8, Grade 9

Day 1: A1, A2, B2, Lunch, C2, D2

Wear your PJs – (Stu Crew sponsored)

TRU Advisor at Brooks – library at lunch

Environmental Club Meeting at lunch

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the extra hour of sleep in the “fall back” time change on Saturday evening. From last week, thanks go out to Ms. Kaukas for hosting our first French forum on Monday and Tuesday. It was a good enrichment opportunity for our French Immersion students. For our Grades 10, 11, and 12 students it was the first opportunity this school year to write the Literacy 12, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 10 assessments this week. Thank you to those that wrote and a reminder that the next opportunity happens during the last days of semester one at the end of January.

On Wednesday we will have two opportunities for families. The first will be to watch our Remembrance Day assembly which will take place at approximately 11:15 am and the second will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening regarding the internet safety for parents. Please see below for links and information regarding these events. I hope you have a good week.

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 go here to download it: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home>



PARENT LEARNING EVENING – SOCIAL MEDIA

You are invited to join SD47 and the White Hatter on Wednesday Nov 10th from 7-9pm for a virtual presentation on **Online**

Parenting for Family Leaders & Caregivers with regards to social media safety and digital literacy. Below are the access link to the event, as well as the password.

LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/a3xcijqs>

PASSWORD: Brooks2021

The organizer will ensure that we keep **this link open for 48hrs after the live event** has concluded, to ensure that those who could not attend the live event can have access to a recording. On the day and time of the presentation, all a participant needs to do is click on this link, enter the password and they will be allowed access to the SLIDO/VIMEO platform where we will be hosting our live event. It is strongly recommended that parents' bookmark/save the link and password and **sign into the event 10 minutes** prior to the scheduled event going live. * **Please DO NOT distribute this link and password outside or your family of parents unless authorized by the White Hatter.**



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 on 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 for anyone that wants to watch <https://youtu.be/X-wg3lhOAXs> this is planned to start approximately at 11:15 am.

CAFETERIA MOVING BACK TO CERAMIC PLATES and STAINLESS STEEL CUTLERY

Our cafeteria is beginning to transition away from single use plate wear return to using ceramic plates which we know is better for the environment. With that in mind, students who choose not to eat their meals in the Great Hall can ask for a disposable plate/bowl or “to-go” container for their purchases. This is just one more step in our measured approach to return to normal for our school. Thank you.

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	Wednesday at lunch	Library	Mr. Gibson

SPORTS EXTRA CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Table Tennis Group	Mondays after school	Great Hall	Mr. Hopkins
Boys soccer	daily	lower field	Mr. Miller / Mr. Rice
Boys/girls basketball	starting mid-November	gym	Mr. Miller

BROOKS PAC INFORMATION

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

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/62200626381?pwd=YUhVUjU4VGhGelpidVQwVDBzSGFqdz09>

Meeting ID: 622 0062 6381 Passcode: 562678

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



Home of the Thunderbirds

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

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
Tuesday, December 7, 2021	White Hatter presentation on online safety Gr 10/11
Thursday, December 9, 2021	ITA Presentation #3 for Grade 8, Grade 9
Thursday, December 16, 2021	White Hatter presentation on online safety Gr 8/9
Friday, December 17, 2021,	Last day of classes before Winter Break
Tuesday, January 4, 2022,	School reopens after Winter Break
Friday, January 28, 2022,	Last day of Rotation 2, Term 2 and Semester 1
Monday, January 31, 2022,	Semester Turn-Around Day – no classes in session
Tuesday, February 1, 2022,	First day of Rotation 3, Term 3, and Semester 2

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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