

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR BROOKS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: *November 15, 2021*

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, November 15, 2021	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	
Wednesday, November 17, 2021	Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch Tabletop Games club
Thursday, November 18, 2021	GSA Meeting at Lunch Drive Wise – Road Safety Presentations. (Gr 11/12)
Friday, November 19, 2021	Day 1: A2, A1 (flex), B2, Lunch, C2, D2 Wear your PJs – (Stu Crew sponsored) TRU Advisor at Brooks – library at lunch Environmental Club Meeting at lunch

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 22, 2021	
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	
Wednesday, November 24, 2021	Stu-Crew Meeting at lunch Tabletop Games club
Thursday, November 25, 2021	GSA Meeting at Lunch
Friday, November 26, 2021	Day 2: C2, C1 (flex), D2, Lunch, B2, A2 Environmental Club Meeting at lunch Report cards ready at the end of the day.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We had a number of events worth noting last week. On Tuesday, G.P. Vanier Junior Girls Volleyball team became the first guests in our gym in approximately 18 long months. Our teams all played well and aside from a few protocol changes like no-hand shakes or changing sides the games seemed very much like they used to. A real positive step in our measured approach to returning to normal.

Another event we hosted happened the very next day which was Remembrance Day assemblies. The three smaller gatherings were held in the Max Theatre along with pre-recorded guest presentations being pre-recorded. The assemblies were respectful and responsive to the pandemic. If you missed it and want to watch here's the recording <https://youtu.be/X-wg3lhOAXs>.

Later that evening we also hosted the parent's internet safety presentation. Thank you to those parents who joined us in the learning opportunity. The recording of the White Hatter will be available for a few days, please just click the link, and add the password. LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/a3xcijqs> PASSWORD: Brooks2021. On Friday we Daniella Fergusson, city planner, will be coming in to join the students in the great hall to introduce the process of public consultation and facilitated one session for our students. Thank you to Mr. Cocksedge for his hosting this worthwhile learning opportunity for our students. Friday also noted the end of the first term which puts us exactly at the mid-point of the first semester. Please be aware that first term report cards will be available on the 26th.

The end mid-point of November doesn't just signal the end of the first term, it also signals the end of the fall season of sports. I want to share my deepest thank you to the coaches and our student athletes that represented our school in events. We had a few great finishes but none more spectacular than Nelle L – who placed first on the Island for Junior Girls (16u) as a Grade 8, and placed first in BC for her Age Group, 8th/240 in BC High School Juniors, this is one of the best Brooks BC High School finishes ever at a cross country event. Along with the individual success we also had some proud team finishes including junior boys' soccer teams qualifying for islands, and a few top finishes for swimming. Our junior boys' and girls' volleyball both had



qualified for the North Island Championships. The Grade 8s will be wrapping up their season on Monday and our Grade 9s on Wednesday. For our senior girls' volleyball team, they had a great tournament this weekend lost a heart-breaker match that went overtime. Congratulations to the Senior boy's soccer who lost a close one at the Island championships. Both teams represented our school with pride. Special thank you to our Grade 12s who played are playing in their final year for soccer or volleyball. Thank you for being long standing 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 go here to download it: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home>



FLEXIBLE TIME ON FRIDAY

Please note that we are going to be piloting a flexible time during the second period on Fridays. There isn't any change to the bell schedule rather simply a coordinated effort to have some intentional time for intervention and enrichment for students. More information to come from your child's classroom teachers.

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	CR	Mrs. Larkin
Students for Change	Mondays at Lunch	D131	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, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm by Zoom as the 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

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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