

BROOKS BROADCAST *JANUARY*

STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: *January 18, 2021*

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, January 18	Students 4 Change Gr 10-12 12:30-1:10 (D131)
Tuesday, January 19	7:15 pm Dry Grad Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 20	Stu Crew Gr 10-12
Thursday, January 21	
Friday, January 22	Stu Crew Dress up: Decades Day : 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s 12:30pm Environment Club Gr 10-12 C123



DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, January 25	Start of Literacy and Numeracy Exams Students 4 Change Gr 10-12 12:30-1:10 (D131)
Tuesday, January 26	
Wednesday, January 27	Stu Crew Gr 10-12
Thursday, January 28	
Friday, January 29	12:30pm Environment Club Gr 10-12 C123

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we get closer to the end of the second term for the school year I want to remind students and families that this is an ideal time to make sure that you're keeping in close communication with your teachers. All of our Grade 10, 11, and 12 classes will be ending on February 1st and it's important to make sure that you've not only completed the work required but your mark is a good reflection of your learning. If you still have some outstanding assignments please take advantage of the time that you have to get caught up. Take care.

STAY ON CAMPUS FOR BREAKS

Recently we have noticed a number of students attempting to leave campus for walks on lunch break. As with previous years, we are a closed campus and require that students to stay within our supervised areas for everyone's safety.

GRADE 8, 9 TERM 3, 4 SCHEDULE CHANGE

A separate letter came out last Monday afternoon ([Letter to Grade 8,9 parents 01/11/21](#)) regarding the upcoming adjustment to the Grade 8 and 9 schedule. This will only impact the start (10:30 am) on Wednesdays starting on February 3, 2021. No change to other days of the week and also Grade 10, 11, 12s are not impacted. During last Tuesday's PAC meeting there was a request by the executive for the school to provide another chance for our Grade 8,9 parents to share any hardships that this change will create along with a chance for us to solve these together. Here are a few points for clarification:

- The same structures we have put in place to keep the school the safest also have made it harder to allow staff to meet and plan together. This time will allow staff to develop improved instruction, and complete our plans for the 3rd and 4th terms.
- We are above our instructional minutes for Grades 8,9 for this year. The adjustment leaves us above the Ministry of Education requirements.
- Any students whose families need them to arrive early will be allowed to work inside the Great Hall with adult supervision and support.

If you have further questions or this adjustment is a hardship for your family please reach out directly to me through email bill.rounis@sd47.bc.ca or join me with our Vice Principals for a follow up Grade 8,9 parent Zoom on Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 7:00pm. The information for the Zoom webinar meeting is:

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/67612965558?pwd=aERocFBSTOR0ekJTLzVwWjdzVVF1QT09>

Webinar ID: 676 1296 5558

Passcode: 366625



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GRADE 8 PROGRAM UPDATE

GRADE-WIDE PROJECT: Teachers are developing a grade-wide ADST assignment that sees all students in the English stream work together towards building a mini-golf holes! We are excited and thankful for the support from the PAC to make this project a reality. This project aims to include learning from all subjects, including Math, English, Social Studies, Art, ADST and more! We're excited to share the progress with our school community.

ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOPS: Ms. Kennedy has been taking the entire cohort through the Red Cross Beyond-the-Hurt anti-bullying curriculum, focussing time on team- and school-culture building workshop activities every week, with the overarching goal of increasing connectedness and agency for our students. Interested students will be able to apply to become a student leader and learn to facilitate these powerful and meaningful workshops to Grade 6 and 7 students (virtually or in-person) throughout their time at Brooks!

GRADE 9 PROGRAM UPDATE

GRADE-WIDE CHALLENGES: Teachers have implemented and embedded challenges every Monday afternoon to enhance and support the ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technology) curriculum! Last week, we saw the challenge include group work to build towers with nothing more than marshmallows and toothpicks! Students have to pull knowledge from their collective understanding of Math, Science and English, as well as working with teammates from their cohort to complete the challenges.

HINTS WEBSITE RESOURCE

HINTS (Help Invest Now Towards a Safer School): Students can leave anonymous tips about concerns with school safety through the website at any time: <https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/Pages/Tips.aspx#/>

PLANNING FOR THE 2021 / 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

As hard as this is to believe, February is when we start looking at our plans for the next school year. I want to give parents, students, and staff a heads up that we want to hear your feedback to help us with our planning. Please expect a survey coming out in the next weeks. We are seeking your feedback around what worked this year, and what didn't work best for our students. We will take this information and start putting preliminary plans for what September 2021 will be.

BROOKS PAC INFORMATION

2020/2021 Executive: President - Kate Boyd; Secretary - Jody Dendewicz; Treasurer - Michelle Kirk; DPAC Rep - Jaclyn Miller (DPAC President); Member at Large - Brendan Behan.

Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom. [Link to come out.](#)

Here is our upcoming schedule for this year: January 12, 2021; February 9, 2021; March (no meeting); April 13, 2021; May 11, 2021, June 8, 2021.

DRY GRAD SOCIETY INFORMATION

2020/2021 Executive: Volunteers as follows: Chair - Jennifer Frost; Co-chair - Sharon Brown; Treasurer - Aaron Reid & Cindy Butler (shared); Secretary - Laurie Andrews. *Next meeting January 19, 2021 at 7:15pm.*

GRADUATION PLANNING 2021 – GRAD COMMITTEE 2021

Grade 12's interested in joining the 2021 Grad Committee attended our bi-weekly meetings at Brooks Secondary School, on Thursdays at 3:30pm. If you would like to join please attend the next one. If you have more questions please reach out to Mrs. Ellis or Mrs. Larkin.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please visit our Counselling suite or webpage for all current scholarship details. To date we have the Cmolik nomination forms still available. Nomination forms are due Jan 24th for the Cmolik Scholarship.

POST-SECONDARY UPDATES

VIU Info Sessions: Click on the link to register: <http://viu.ca/experience> and then drop in during any of the below times:

- Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 1:00 – 6:30 pm
- Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 1:00 – 6:30 pm

Canadian University Post-Secondary Q&A Support Session:

- Canadian Universities Event (CUE) will be hosting its first ever winter event next week. On Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday, January 21st between 4:00 and 7:00 PM (PST), 48 Post-Secondary's from across Canada will be available to BC high school students to answer questions and provide information.



- These sessions are Q&A style - presentations will not be offered. Students are encouraged to drop in and ask questions to representatives from institutions. In order to access the event, students must register at cuebc.org. Students who registered for CUE in Fall 2020 can continue to use the same login information to access CUE in winter through cuebc.org.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

January 25-27, 2021	Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 Assessments (English & French)
Monday, February 1, 2021	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday, February 2, 2021	Term 3 begins
Thursday, February 11, 2021	Term 2 Report Cards Printed
Friday, February 12, 2021	Professional Development Day
Monday, February 15, 2021	BC Family Day Holiday

BROOKS SCHEDULE

<https://brookscounsellingblog.weebly.com/blog>

<p><u>Grades 8 & 9 School Schedule</u> P1: 9:00 am - 10:20 am Break 10:20 am - 10:25 am P2: 10:25 am - 11:45 am Lunch 11:45 am - 12:25 pm P3: 12:25 pm - 1:45 pm Break 1:45 pm - 1:50 pm P4: 1:50 pm - 3:10 pm</p>	<p><u>Grades 10 – 12 School Schedule</u> Period 1: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm Period 2: 1:10 pm – 3:20 pm</p>	<p><u>The School Terms Lengths</u> Term 1: Sept 10 – Nov 16 Term 2 : Nov 17 - Feb 1 Term 3: Feb 2 – Apr 23 Term 4: Apr 26 – June 29</p>
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