

BROOKS BROADCAST

FEBRUARY

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

February 1, 2021

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, February 1	Last day of Term 2 Students 4 Change Gr 10-12 12:30-1:10 (D131)
Tuesday, February 2	First day of Term 3
Wednesday, February 3	Stu Crew Gr 10-12
Thursday, February 4	
Friday, February 5	12:30pm Environment Club Gr 10-12 C123

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, February 8	11:45 am Environment Club Gr 10-12 C123 Students 4 Change Gr 10-12 12:30-1:10 (D131)
Tuesday, February 9	
Wednesday, February 10	Stu Crew Gr 10-12
Thursday, February 11	Report Cards printed for pick up and posted to My Ed portal.
Friday, February 12	Professional Development Day (no classes)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy February everyone. The start of a new month also signifies the beginning of the second half of the year. Term 3 is also the biggest change for students. An example of this is the Grade 8 and Grade 9 students will exchange their electives between band and French language class. All Grade 10, 11, and 12 students will be starting new courses tomorrow. Along with this, we see the start of some of our trades and transition programs such as the Trades Sampler, Coast Mountain Academy, and the Powell River Film School to name a few. One other change that the term impacts is our school cafeteria which is run by Mr. Austin's Chef Training Program. The first week our students will be completing their food safe certification prior to the re-opening next Monday.

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 11/12 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

Brooks is happy to be able to offer a couple new elective courses to Gr 11 and 12 students for term 4 (April 26-June 25). Our new Computer Science course is just the first step in our focus to bring more coding, programming and computer based skills into the classroom.

Computer Science 11 and 12 (face to face / online options)

Who is this for? Students interested in applications, programming, coding, digital arts, the tech sector, and control centres.

What will you learn? Computer programming, coding and more (Java, C++ & Python). In the end you'll have the skills to create digital games, be familiar with electrical hardware, and have computational power of computers.

Prior knowledge / expectations: Students need no prior knowledge to join the class, this is an entry level coding and programming course. That being said, if a student has the background and skillset the instructor will challenge students with additional designs and challenges.

Is this face to face or online? This class will be offered in B block- face to face at Brooks; however, students do have the option of taking this course remotely as the main instructor will be zooming in.

THIS WILL BE A FUN HANDS ON CLASS! Please contact Mrs. Larkin as there is a class max of 26. Tanya.larkin@sd47.bc.ca

Trail Building - Specialized Science and Outdoor Ed 11 or 12

This course is available in term 4 with Mr. Cocksedge. Students will work hands on both outside (50-60% of the time) and in the class (40-50% of the time). Students will be expected to learn collaboratively with a growth mindset. Students will be expected to participate, in some capacity, in all activities. Students will be expected to participate both mentally and physically.



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Students will engage through individual, school, and community projects such as:

- Trail Building
- Cutthroat Creek inquiry/study
- Marine debris clean-up, research into policy change, and community education.
- Reclamation through reforestation of Brooks's property.
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Back-country incident simulations.

Please see Mr. Brach in the counselling suite to sign up, or email Gerry.brach@sd47.bc.ca

HINTS WEBSITE RESOURCE

HINTS (Help Invest Now Toward 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 together 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.

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/67450654163?pwd=d2dVd1p4UFBkTk1OOTAyRXVvTnlmZz09>

Meeting ID: 674 5065 4163 Passcode: 358028

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.

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 have more questions please reach out to Mrs. Ellis or Mrs. Larkin. Graduation is scheduled for Monday June 28, 2021 at the Max Cameron Theatre. Students will be crossing the stage wearing a cap and gown with their families in the audience.
- Graduates please email your baby photos to brooksgradbabyphotos2021@gmail.com by March 19, 2021 for the baby photo slide show.
- The grad committee would like to include photos of the graduating students from pre-school to grade 12. They are primarily looking for group photos (photos with your fellow grads), however single photos also accepted. Email photos to brooksmemories2021@gmail.com
- All graduates and families should have received an email Friday requesting information for grad. **This must be completed by Friday February 5th**. If you did not receive the email please see Mrs. Larkin.

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION

VIU: NEW! Recruitment Zoom Drop-In:

Starting in February 2021, VIU Recruitment will be hosting a Zoom drop-in. Join us,

- **Wednesdays** between **10:00 am – 2:00 pm** and get your questions answered in a one-on-one session with a Recruitment Officer. Click here to join:

<https://viu.zoom.us/j/66608020912?pwd=TU5QL1ZXTW9EMkwwd293RUTJaXlqZz09> (Password: 441587 | Meeting ID: 666 0802 0912) : It's not too late to register for one of our remaining information sessions. Click on the Zoom links below to register:

- **Future Student Parent Nights**



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Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. - https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V7yQeRDOS-qaARjxukYAdA

- **Future Student Information Session**

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g900j2ZSQfyq1D_MtT4rZA

- **Student Experience Panels**

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Q&A with Community Cousins and Peer Supported Learning - https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EYRuZ7eiS-2Px0hNBbDSSw

UVIC

The **UVic Next Steps virtual series**, designed for September 2021 applicants, is now live on our website and registration will be available online on **Monday February 1** at: www.uvic.ca/join-us

This virtual series of events includes:

- Self-Reporting 101 information sessions
- Faculty-specific events
- Registration 101 information sessions



BROOKS COUNSELLING BLOG

Here's the link to our counsellor's blog. <https://brookscounsellingblog.weebly.com/blog>

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Thursday, February 11, 2021
Monday, February 15, 2021

Term 2 Report Cards Printed
BC Family Day Holiday

BROOKS SCHEDULE

<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	<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	<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
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