

BROOKS BROADCAST

FEBRUARY

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

February 8, 2021

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, February 8	11:45 am Junior Environment Club Gr 10-12 C123 Students 4 Change Gr 10-12 12:30-1:10 (D131)
Tuesday, February 9	7:00 pm PAC meeting (zoom link below)
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)

DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, February 15	Family Day – no classes in session
Tuesday, February 16	
Wednesday, February 17	Stu Crew Gr 10-12
Thursday, February 18	
Friday, February 19	

♥HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY♥

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Groundhog Day signaled a 6 week extension to winter and based on the cold front that just arrived in our area it is a very correct prediction. Please make sure you're dressing warm for the next week. This Thursday we will have all report cards posted from Term 2 and can be viewed in the MyEd portal. As an additional step we will also be printing them and sending them home at the end of the day. Given that Valentines day lands on Sunday this year our Stu Crew will be doing their Valentine delivery of "Can of Crush or Bubby for a Buddy" deliveries on Thursday before the weekend. A reminder that Friday is a Professional Development Day and Monday is the BC Family Day holiday. I hope you enjoy the long weekend!

COVID SAFETY GUIDELINE UPDATES FOR SECODNARY SCHOOLS

Last week the Provincial Health Officer announced protocol updates to schools. There are a few changes that I wanted to highlight in the short-term which are most notably.

K-12 staff and middle/secondary students should wear a mask indoors at school except when:

- *Sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom or learning space,*
- *There is a barrier in place,*
- *Eating or drinking.*

Safety is a priority for us and we continue to be diligent in following best practices that allow our in-person learning to continue at Brooks. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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#/>

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.

PLANNING FOR THE 2021 / 2022 SCHOOL YEAR



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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.

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**
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



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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



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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



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BROOKS SCHEDULE

<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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