



NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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Mrs. Jane Viventi, Mrs. Deb Collins (Counselling) **PAC Chairperson:** Mrs. Glenda Grether

January 2018

Important dates to note:

Jan 24-29	Grad Photos
Jan 25	Eng 12 and Eng FP Exams
Jan 26	Com 12 Exam
Feb 1	Project Completion Day
Feb 2	Turn Around Day
Feb 5	Semester 2 begins – Day 1
Feb 5	PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm
Feb 8	Coffee House – 7:00 pm
Feb 12	Family Day – school closed
Feb 19 & 20	Grad Photo Re-takes
Feb 21	Honour Roll Assembly
Feb 22 & 23	Pro-D Day – no school for students
Mar 5	PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm
Mar 5	Parent Information Meeting regarding curriculum changes – 6:00 pm NKSS library
Mar 8	Parent Teacher Interviews 2-3:00 and 6-8:00
Mar 8	Aboriginal Family Dinner
Mar 19-23	Spring Break
Mar 30	Good Friday – school closed
Apr 2	Easter Monday – school closed

NEW CURRICULUM

With the new curriculum being implemented province-wide, the following changes will occur for students in the 2018/2019 school year:

Current Grade 10 students will:

- Follow the 2018 Graduation Program requirements and take Planning 10.
- Write the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments before graduation.
- Take Career/Life 12 and complete the capstone project.

Current Grade 11 students will:

- Follow the 2018 Graduation Program requirements and take Planning 10
- Write the Numeracy Assessment before graduation
- Write a LA12 provincial exam before graduation

Current Grade 12 students will:

- Complete Graduation Transitions before graduating.
- Complete Planning 10

Should you have any questions regarding the curriculum changes, please attend the parent information meeting scheduled for March 5th at 6:00 pm in the school library.



BEST WISHES TO MR. KARPLUK

Everyone at NorKam wishes only the best for our own Mr. Karpluk upon his retirement. Our hearts are heavy as we bid him farewell, but we know he will enjoy the many adventures he has planned. Congratulations Mr. Karpluk – you will be missed!



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2017

The fifth annual NorKam Christmas Lunch was a huge success, due in no small part to the hard work of our school and community volunteers including the North Shore Detachment of the RCMP, Kamloops North Rotary, Safeway store manager Brendan Martin, PAC and NorKam staff and students. A special thank you to Mr. Karl deBruijn who took on the preparation and cooking of no less than 36 turkeys! Thank you Karl!



A hard-working Karl deBruijn



Christmas Lunch for 700!



Yum!

GRAD

Grad photos begin on January 24th and re-takes will be February 19th and 20th. Should students plan to order a portrait package, there is a \$25 sitting fee due when their photos are taken – there will be no charge for students who do not plan to order a package. All grads must be photographed so their picture can be included in the yearbook and grad composite.

Please make sure you get your baby photos in to Mrs. Perry by February 2nd. Ensure your name is on the back so it may be returned to you.

Grad clothing will be available for on-line order soon – the website will be up for three weeks before sales close. Please see the grad bulletin board by Norky's for further information.



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

NorKam's public health nurse is Jessi Minnabarriet. She can be reached at 250-851-7428. Please call Jessi if you have any health related questions. She also works in a youth clinic that can offer sexual health information, low cost birth control, morning after pills, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease information and referrals to other health care professionals as needed. Service is confidential and free.



CONGRATULATIONS!

NorKam Saints Club in the Santa Claus Parade



Mrs. Kabotoff, Daylen Leighton, Abby Farnsworth, Kara Branchflower, Koa McAninch, Lionel Kabotoff, Sally McAninch

FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE

Semester two schedules will be distributed to students according to grade as follows:

Grade 12 schedules will be distributed on Monday, January 22nd and course change appointments will be held January 22nd and 23rd

Grade 11 schedules will be distributed on Wednesday, January 24th and course change appointments will be January 24th and 25th.

Grade 10 schedules will be distributed Monday, January 29th and course change appointments will be January 29th and 30th.

See Mrs. Collins in the Counselling office to set up your course change appointment, if necessary. Students will have one week to make changes after semester two classes commence. There will be no course changes made after Friday, February 9th.

TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

Application Deadline

Don't forget the application deadline is almost here for Trades and Technology programs. We are accepting applications for:

- Hairdressing in the 2018/2019 school year
- Trades Samplers in the 2018/2019 school year
- Youth Train in Trades programs at TRU in the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 school years

The programs are incredible opportunities for students currently in grades 10 and 11. Please contact Mrs. Monkman at NorKam for more information. Application deadline is February 21st.

NorKam Hairdressers Head to Brock

The La Bella Saints team is getting ready to open the salon in February. They are working hard and learning so much about their new trade. In December, they all went to Brock Middle School to practice some of their new skills. Brock students were treated to free hair straightening and curling. Some students even added some zazy temporary colour streaks to spice up their holiday looks.



Kaylee Hudema and Serena Boone

Industrial Sampler

The first ever NorKam Industrial Sampler is winding down, and it has been a great success. Students completed three modules at the NorKam Trades Centre, honing their skills in piping, millwright and sheet metal trades. They are currently working at TRU in the Instrument Mechanic workshop and classroom. Mrs. Monkman had the opportunity to visit the students at TRU where they had just built wires and were using them to test the conduction of electricity and to measure body temperatures. The students were excited to show off their new project and explain what they were working on. The samplers are fantastic learning opportunities for all students as they engage in hands-on, authentic learning that sparks curiosity and passion.



Curtis Armstrong and Jakob Gibbon



Peter Helgason

BOARD NOTES



NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 15, 2018

EDUCATION TOPIC

LITERACY IN KAMLOOPS (LinK) UPDATE — Ms. Fiona Clare told the Board about LinK programs to increase literacy in Kamloops this year. The Board heard that LinK has provided parents with more than 1,000 learn-to-read packages during 35 Come Read With Me sessions. These sessions assist parents to help their children learn to read. As well, LinK supported 160 one-to-one volunteers who are reading with 300 students in 22 schools. LinK also raised almost \$119,000 in the annual Raise-a-Reader campaign, a fundraising effort to support literacy in Kamloops and neighbouring communities. Coming soon will be the annual Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week (January 20 to 27). It's expected more than 5,500 students in 22 schools will take part, by setting aside their personal devices and reducing other screen time to do other things such as reading, trustees were told.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

OWL AWARD PRESENTATION — The Board of Education presented Dr. Nathan Matthew with this year's Owl Award, which recognizes outstanding system-wide contributions to education on the part of member of a community in support of the provision of education in School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson). Dr. Matthew was recognized as a long-time community leader who has supported education through his lengthy career in service to First Nations communities. This is the third year that School District No. 73 has given an individual or organization this award.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

EXTRA-CURRICULAR STUDENT BUSSING — The Board was asked to approve a request to allow the expenditure of an extra \$6,128.52 per year to cover the costs of bussing Kamloops students to rural schools in the district for sporting events hosted by rural schools. The Board approved the request.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE FIELD TRIP REQUEST — Sa-Hali Secondary Schools asked for permission to send two students to a unique opportunity to travel to Ottawa to present a national youth white paper on water sustainability to the Canadian Senate and the Hon Dominic LeBlanc, the Minister of Oceans. Most of the cost of the trip will be subsidized by federal grants, with some funds required from participants. The Board approved the request.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL TERMS OF REFERENCE — The Board received revised terms of reference for the

Aboriginal Education Council. The new terms call for a broader mandate for the Council to work more closely with the District on "Aboriginal education matters." The role of the Council is to guide and support the District in achieving its stated goals to ensure that every Aboriginal student receives quality academic, social, emotional and cultural programs and services for school success and lifelong learning.

KAY BINGHAM ELEMENTARY STAFFING — The Board heard about the decision to add an additional teaching staff member at Kay Bingham Elementary School to address enrolment pressures in the City's North Shore schools. Funding for this position is available through existing staff budgets, the Board was told.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wade told the board that she and Supt. Sidow met with Kamloops-North MLA Peter Milobar to discuss the District's pressing capital needs, and other local education issues. *The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office in Kamloops on January 29th at 7 p.m.*

Happy
New Year!