

NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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June 2018

Important dates to note:

June 14	Year end awards
June 15	Year end BBQ
June 22	Grade 11 Numeracy Exam
June 25	English 12/English 12 FP Final Exams
June 26	Projection Completion
June 28	Report Cards
Sept 3	School re-opens

working with students to orient them to the assessment and answer their questions. If you have questions in this regard, please call the school.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Autumn Walkem

Congratulations to Autumn Walkem, chosen to be one of two valedictorians for the 2018 Aboriginal Graduation.

YEAR END INFO

Reminder to grads – your baby picture, grad photo and certificates will be in the envelope with your final report card. All students can pick up their report cards on June 28th from the main office.

Any parents of grads who wish to have their student’s file, it can be picked up in June of the year following their graduation. Place a request with Mrs. Collins in Student Services

On June 15th NorKam will have their annual Farewell BBQ at lunch. Every student will get a burger, juice box and chips. Veggie burgers will be available for a non-meat option.

NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

As you may be aware, the new Graduation Program has a Numeracy Assessment requirement for all students graduating after June 30, 2018.

The implementation of this new assessment will begin this year for our current grade 11’s. These students will write the provincial assessment on June 22nd from 9:00 am to noon for students with last names beginning A-K and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for students with last names beginning L – Z. Anyone unable to write the exam on June 22nd will have the opportunity to write on June 25th from 9:00 am to noon for students with last names beginning A-K and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for students with last names beginning L – Z or June 26th at 9:00. Students will have the opportunity to re-write the assessment in grade 12 if they choose to.

This new assessment has moved beyond a reliance on multiple-choice questions, is more interactive and has students apply mathematical reasoning learned throughout their education. In short, it provides a better assessment of numeracy skills. To that end, we want to support our students to do their very best. Working with our lead teachers will really help with this. Mr. Hilton has been



FROM THE LIBRARY

Teen Reading Club

During the summer, teens can join the online Teen Reading Club through the TNRD library. The 2018 Teen Summer Challenge will be posted on the Teens page so keep an eye open for it. Points are awarded for doing the challenges and the grand prize is a Samsung Galaxy Tab E. For more information visit <https://goo.gl/M2dQgJ>. Research consistently shows that struggling readers lose ground over the summer. Of even greater concern is that these losses are cumulative, creating a wider gap in each year between more

proficient and less proficient students – from “Closing the Summer Reading Gap: You Can Make a Difference” by Linda B. Gambrell. Remember to come and check with Mr. Hafeli if you are looking for a novel to read this summer – we have some great recommendations. Have a great month of June and a fantastic summer.

June 26th Project Completion Day

The library will be open from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm and is designated for project/assignment completion or research only.

Library book returns

- Final library book due date was June 12th
- All overdues will be changed to “lost” this week and fines for these resources will be imposed. Help us out by returning all books as soon as possible please.
- Please remember, replacement books must be purchased for missing or lost books before new books can be bought next year.
- If you would like to continue seeing popular new novels, resources and technology in the library, please get them back to us in acceptable condition.

Textbook returns

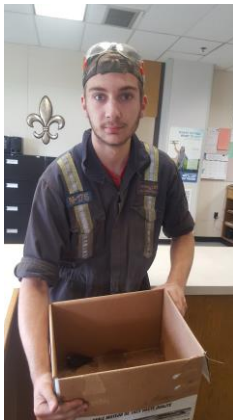
- Bring textbooks back to the library, not to your teachers unless otherwise directed. Remember that you, not your teachers, are responsible for making sure your textbooks are returned to the library.
- The final due date for textbooks is Friday, June 22nd.
- Remember that fines for these resources will be applied and you may be delayed getting your report card if you don’t get these in on time. Please help us by returning all books before this date.

Grade 11 IB students

Reminder that all of your first year textbooks and graphing calculators must be brought into the library for renewal.

NORKAM STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

NorKam student Andrew Chaddic saved a young bird that flew into an oil barrel. After removing the bird, Andrew drove it to the BC Wildlife Park where it was cleaned and released. Thanks Andrew!



NORKAM ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Many of our students were fortunate enough to attend the TREC/Four Directions Pow Wow. A great time was had by all in attendance



The Aboriginal grad luncheon was a big success. Congratulations to all our grads!



Xavier Alexander



Danica Davidson

ATHLETICS

The senior girls won silver in the AA girls rugby provincials. Team captain, Kally King won a \$1,000 BCHSGRA scholarship for her inspirational play.



Kally King at Provincials

TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Youth Work in Trades

On Tuesday, June 5, School District 73 and the community were recognized by the ITA as one of the top five school districts enrolling students in Youth Work in Trades. This is an incredible program that allows students working with a tradesperson to earn extra credits toward graduation and a possible \$1,000 grant. It was very exciting to see alums and graduates of the NorKam hairdressing program accept an award as employers now sponsoring other Youth Work in Trades students. Thank you to all of the local employers supporting our students. If your son or daughter is working with a trades person, please have them see Mrs. Monkman as soon as possible to register.

McQueen Lake Forestry Camp

Applications are available for the McQueen Lake Forestry Camp to be held October 11th to 13th. NorKam has just two spots reserved so if you are interested in Forest Use, Environmental Sustainability and Conservation, Search and Rescue or understanding Aboriginal perspectives, see Mrs. Monkman for an application. The cost of this three-day camp is \$75.

Samplers

There are still seats available for next year's samplers. Our newest sampler, the Industrial Sampler, is a great chance to explore four high demand but lesser known trades; piping, sheet metal, millwright and instrumentation mechanic. All of our samplers also ladder directly into foundation programs at TRU where their cutting edge, brand new facility will be ready soon.

Samplers are eligible for dual credit, earning 16 credits toward high school graduation and a possible credit for three first-year general studies courses at TRU. That's three first-year TRU courses for the cost of your application fee of \$28.68. See Mrs. Monkman for applications.



Trades and Transitions Coordinators tour the new TRU Trades building

NORKAM ALUMNI FUND

The NorKam Alumni Fund works to assist NorKam students in their education by building sustainable funds that support a wide variety of programs and projects. Their goal is to create a fund of over \$300,000 to provide opportunities for students in trades, fine arts and academics. Should you wish to make a donation to the NorKam Alumni Fund, visit the NorKam Senior Secondary School webpage and click on the NorKam Alumni Fund link.

BOARD NOTES



NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 7, 2018

EDUCATION TOPIC

PRESENTATION — Set to the rhythm and meter of a popular Christmas poem ('Twas The Night Before Christmas), Summit Elementary School students presented the District's strategic plan goals to trustees. The students creatively substituted the words to the poem with new ones sharing the six pillars of the District's five-year strategic plan. "I am amazed, I am speechless," said Board Chair Meghan Wade. "It was wonderful to have you here!" The students were accompanied by their principal Linda Hneeda.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION — The Board heard about Farm2School, an agency with a vision to connect schools to local food systems and provide healthy, local food to students. The Kamloops hub Farm2School works with 11 schools locally. More than \$100,000 in money or volunteer time has been donated to those schools since 2014, the trustees were told. School programs encouraged by Farm2School include field trips, cooking lessons, composting systems, microgreens, garden boxes, curriculum connections and community partnerships. Locally, the agency works with community partners such as Interior Health, Kamloops Farmers Market, Community Futures, Kamloops Food Policy and the Learning Abundance Project.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BOARDS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED COURSES — Trustees approved eight Grade 10 secondary courses being offered in District schools, such as DigiPen 10 (Sa-Hali Secondary), Fly Fishing 10 (Clearwater Secondary) and Peer Mentorship 10 (Valleyview Secondary). These courses have been previously approved by the Board of Education but were revamped to better fit directions set by the provincial government in regards to implementation of the new curriculum. Full details of the courses can be found in the public agenda.

The next public meeting will take place at Clearwater Secondary School in Clearwater on May 28 at 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kamloops This Week

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Rotaract

Camp Focus – Youth 13 to 18 are invited to join us for a weekend of fun, leadership and team building. Rotaract provides transportation to and from Kamloops, meals and accommodations. For further information call 250-320-5554 or email info@kamloopsrotaract.com.

