



NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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May 2018

Important dates to note:

May 18	Pro D Day – no school for students
May 21	Victoria Day – school closed
June 4	PAC Meeting - 6:30 pm
June 7	Principal’s List Luncheon
June 11	First Nations Grad
June 12	Commencement Ceremony – 7:00 pm
June 14	Year end awards
June 22	Grade 11 Numeracy Exam
June 25	English 12/English 12 FP Final Exams
June 26	Projection Completion
June 28	Report Cards

GRAD

Grad commencement is only four weeks away. The grad list will be finalized on May 28th. The following will be reviewed:

- ❖ Minimum course credits met
- ❖ Planning 10 complete
- ❖ Grad Transitions complete
- ❖ All fees paid

If any of these are not met then the student will not be included on the 2018 grad list



Commencement Rehearsal

Rehearsal for commencement will be at 1:00pm, June 12th at the MacArthur Island Sports and Events Centre. It is crucial that all grads attend the rehearsal in order to ensure a seat at the ceremony.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Young Authors’ Conference

Article by NorKam student Taylor Clark

This year’s Young Authors’ Conference was an amazing experience. We had three fantastic writers come and speak to us, and teach us some important things about writing. The three writers that came to speak to us were Dennis Staginnus, Chris Bose and Sylvia Gunnery. The first author, Dennis Staginnus wrote “*The Raiders of Folklore.*” He talked to us quite a bit about the difference between traditional and self-publishing. He also talked to us about how important tension and knowing our characters was for our stories. The second writer, Chris Bose is a writer of poetry and has a couple books of poetry out, “*Stone the Crow*” and “*A Moon Made of Copper.*” He gave us a prompt and had us write something that came to our head that had to do with the prompt. He also talked to us about publishing poetry, and what that entails. The third author, Sylvia Gunnery, was the author of “*Road Signs That Say West.*” She taught us that it is important for authors to notice and put themselves in the story. She also taught us how to build characters and how to create dialogue. At the end of the day, they gave out prizes for various poems and stories and NorKam’s very own Kaila Hindle received an Honorable Mention. Young Authors’ was an amazing learning experience. *You can make anything by writing – C.S. Lewis.*



Heavy Metal Rocks

April saw the big event for the School District 73 10th annual Heavy Metal Rocks. Students in Heavy Metal Rocks meet on weekends to earn valuable certificates, such as WHIMS, Construction Site Safety and Level 1 first aid, before they head to the pit where they spend two and a half days rotating

through 13 stations with heavy equipment and trades such as graders, dozers, log splitters, hydrovac trucks, power line techs and much more. Equipment, fuel, lunches and everything we need for this amazing event is donated by generous community sponsors.

Special congratulations to the NorKam award winning students:

Best Overall Student Operator (\$500 prize) – **Preston Bodo**
 TRU Award (\$500 prize) – **Gavin Coxon**
 Stobbe Rodeo Mini-Excavator Competition Fastest Male Time – **Brandon Schanzenbach**

District Honours

NorKam Senior Secondary School wishes to congratulate the following students in attaining District Honours Distinction

Chase Androlick	Erica Kobotoff
Caelan Atamanchuk	Joy Kwak
Evelyn Brisco	Lauren Mark
Gavin Coxon	Alex McLennan
Hailey Godfroid	Derek Panter
Keilin Gorman	Kennedy Sparks
Emily Gurnon	Joshua Weston
Kaila Hindle	Caelan Williams
Melody Hunter	Carl Zazulak

FROM THE LIBRARY

FOR PARENTS:

Reading for pleasure has been proven many times to improve young peoples' chances of success in school and in life. Please take a look at this excerpt from the *Reading is Fundamental* website. For the complete article, please visit <http://goo.gl/wR2Btj>

Teenagers and Reading

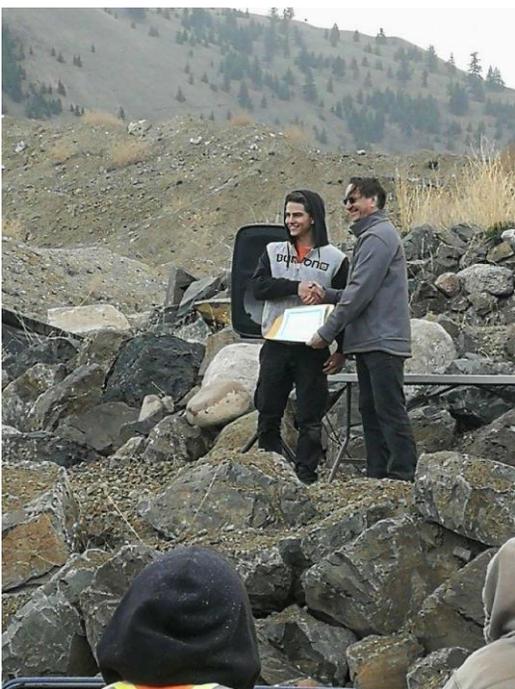
Perhaps the teenagers in your family were once avid readers but now hardly ever open a book, or perhaps they never liked reading in the first place. As an adult, you know that reading is important and you obviously want to make sure that the teenagers in your life grow into adulthood with all the skills they need to succeed. In this article, RIF suggests how parents can help teenagers decide for themselves that reading is important to their lives.

Before we list ways to encourage teen reading that work, here are a few tactics to AVOID:

- Pressuring, nagging, or bribing. Encourage teens to read, but don't hound them.
- Criticizing what teens read. Explain what troubles you about certain types of reading materials after reading them yourself. Forbid as little as possible. And whenever you can, accept differences of opinion as just that.
- Lavishing too much praise. If you catch your teenagers reading, show interest, but don't make a big deal out of it. Teens need to know that they're reading for their own pleasure—not for your approval.

Ways to encourage teens to read...

- Set an example. Let teens see you reading for pleasure.
- Furnish your home with a variety of reading materials. Leave books, magazines, and newspapers around. Check to see what disappears for a clue to what interests your teenager.
- Give teens an opportunity to choose their own books. When you and your teen are out together, browse in a bookstore or library. Go your separate



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ways and make your own selections. A bookstore gift certificate is a nice way of saying, "You choose."

- Build on your teen's interests. Look for books and articles that feature their favorite sports teams, rock stars, hobbies, or television shows. Give a gift subscription to a special interest magazine.
- View pleasure reading as a value in itself. Almost anything your youngsters read—including the Sunday comics—helps build reading skills.
- Read some books written for teens. Young adult novels can give you valuable insights into the concerns and pressures felt by teenagers. You may find that these books provide a neutral ground on which to talk about sensitive subjects.
- Make reading aloud a natural part of family life. Share an article you clipped from the paper, a poem, a letter, or a random page from an encyclopedia—without turning it into a lesson.
- Acknowledge your teen's mature interests. Look for ways to acknowledge the emerging adult in your teens by suggesting some adult reading you think they can handle.
- Keep the big picture in mind. For all sorts of reasons, some teenagers go through periods without showing much interest in reading. Don't panic! Time, and a few tips from this article, may help rekindle their interest.

Come into the library and check out our new fiction arrivals! Check out our new arrivals rack and our featured theme books. Students who really love a particular novel and strongly recommend it are asked to bring your suggestions to Mr. Hafeli or Mrs. Renner for this display- come and tell us what you like!

Kindles are available! Don't forget, we have over 100 novels loaded on our Kindles, including the newest and most popular teen fiction. If you are an avid reader, or the book you want never seems to be in, come and check out a Kindle. You can read one or many novels because they are all loaded on the same device!

Have a great month of May from your friendly NorKam Library crew!

-- Mrs. Renner, Mr. Regnier, Mark Butler, and Mr. Hafeli



NORKAM STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, April 28th the fourth Annual Autism walk was held. Several NorKam students volunteered their time at this event – good work!



Kayla Meecham, Lionel Kabotoff, Daylen Leighton, Janessa Toye, Tiffany Schwaiger, Eric Jin, Sarah Schwaiger, Paige Kim, Lucas Jorgensen, Sydney Jodoin, Jenna Shim, Mizuki Ona, Anna Sjokvist

LA BELLA SAINTS

Community Outreach

The students of the ITA accredited NorKam hairdressing program have been very involved in community outreach activities this year. On May 3rd, the students volunteered with New Heights Autism Support at an event they were holding for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities. Our students were asked to come and help pamper more than 70 caregivers and parents with spa services. They styled and cut hair and painted nails for these deserving people. Great job, La Bella students!



Alexis Baptiste



The La Bella Saints at work

DEBATE TEAM

Congratulations to the NorKam debate team. They competed in the second debate tournament of the year at SKSS on Friday, April 20th. The team brought their A-game and cleaned the house, winning four out of five formal debates and taking a decisive victory over Sa-Hali Secondary and SKSS. Honourable mention goes to **Joy Kwak** for being NorKam's Top Debater, **Monique Brunelle** got recognition as Best Team Player and **Kaila Hindle** received the award for Most Inspirational Debater. The debate team put in many hours of fun and preparation over the year and huge improvements in their skills and debate conduct were noted by all the judges. We look forward to continuing the team next year. Special thanks to all of the teachers involved in the planning and judging at the tournament – Mrs. MacFarlane, Mr. Uyeda, Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Rinaldi, Mr. Pendergast and Mr. McMullen.



Eric Jin, Kaila Hindle, Thaelo Proctor, Joy Kwak, Julye-Anne McKenny, Mary Falade, Matthew Ciardullo, Monique Brunelle, Alberto Alvarez Arcos

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