



# NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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November 2017

## Important dates to note:

Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 13	Remembrance Day – school closed
Nov 23	Report cards go home
Dec 4	Non instructional day – no school for students
Dec 4	PAC meeting – 6:00 pm
Dec 5	Coffee House – 7:00 pm
Dec 20	Christmas Luncheon
Dec 25 – January 5, 2018	Winter Vacation
Jan 8, 2018	School re-opens Day 2
Jan 8, 2018	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm
Jan 24-29	Grad Photos
Jan 25	Eng 12 and Eng FP Exams
Jan 26	Com 12 Exam

## YEARBOOKS

This year 400 yearbooks will be printed and ready for distribution in early June, 2018. Slightly less than half have already been pre-sold. The yearbook appears on the students' fee statement as an optional fee. If you want to purchase a yearbook this year, it is best to order before June.

Global awareness is one of the goals we work towards at NorKam. Therefore, we have partnered with a yearbook production company that plants one tree for every yearbook sold. Last year we were responsible for the planting of 450 trees.



## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Since 2014, NorKam Senior Secondary IB students have received over \$400,000 in scholarships, tuition credits and reduced fees.

IB World Schools share a common thread; a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education. These

principles, combined with an innovative curriculum that encourages excellence, creativity and exploration make IB the gold standard in education around the world.

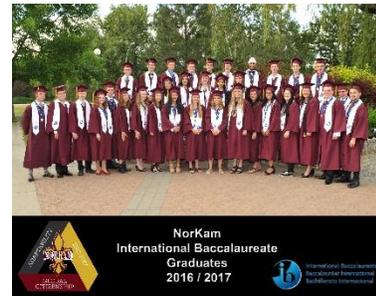
If you have a student currently in grade nine you may consider enrolling them at NorKam Senior Secondary School in their grade 10 year to facilitate the transition to the IB programme.

If your student is currently in grade 10 and:

- Plans to attend college or university
- Feels unchallenged by regular curriculums and classes
- Is inquisitive, creative and self-directed
- Has above average achievement/ability level,

Then you should attend our meeting to learn how the IB programme can give your child an advantage at post-secondary.

Join our information session on Nov. 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the NorKam Senior Secondary library.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)

NorKam had another successful DEAR event Monday, October 23, and celebrated National School Library Week. Over 13,400 students in SD73 dropped everything and read for pleasure with about 700 students and staff at NorKam participating – a new record for us.

### WISE Blocks

The library is open during WISE blocks for students wishing to study and work on assignments. This is quiet time for research and catch up or for enrichment activities. For now, the library is not open to students working on Planning 10 during WISE block. Please use the Planning 10 designated

rooms. Computers and Chromebooks are always available to use in the library.

### **PLC Time**

The library is open Wednesdays for students to work on Planning 10. It is open to all grades – and remember, the sooner you get it finished, the quicker you will be able to do other things. Bring your friends and get it done together.

### **Remembrance Day**



Remembrance Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. We have a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books about this important day on display at the library counter and in our collection. Please check out the many interesting books on this topic “lest we forget.”

### **Research**

For a number of years SD73 has subscribed to top quality academic databases such as Worldbook Online, EBSCOhost, GALE, Learn360 and KNOWBC. These resources are available for teachers and students to use at school and home. School access is very simple – go directly to the following link and you will be able to access all three comprehensive resources: <http://nkss.sd73.bc.ca/course/view.php?id+194>. If you are accessing this link at school, you will not be asked for a username or password. If you are accessing it from home the username is norkam and the password is bcsd73.

### **New Canadian Fiction**

- Drawn Away (H. Bennett)
- Movers: Book One (M. McIsaac)
- The Disappearance (G. Chan)
- How it Ends (C. Lo)
- Rebel of the Sands (A. Hamilton)
- The Fashion Committee (S. Juby)
- Exit, Pursued by a Bear (E.K. Johnston)
- Company Town (M. Ashby)
- Hit the Ground Running (A. Hughes)

### **Graphic Novels**

- Fables: Book 1 (B. Willingham)
- The Nameless City: Book 1 (F.E. Hicks)
- The Stone Heart: Book 2 (F.E. Hicks)
- Fables: Book 2 (B. Willingham)

### **NorKam Book Club**

Anyone interested in joining the NorKam Book Club, please see Mr. Hafeli or show up to our monthly meeting in the library during the lunch hour on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This month, we are going to chat about books we have read with a scary theme. Book choices for next month will be decided at this meeting. All readers are welcome to join us!

### **CURLING TEAM**

The curling season begins shortly and the NorKam curling team is ready to throw some rocks! Anyone interested in learning how to curl should consider joining the NorKam curling team. It is a fun sport, great indoor exercise over the winter and a great place to meet lots of new kids from all over the school district. The high school league goes from November until the end of January and all skill levels are welcome. If you have never curled or are a curling pro, you are welcome to join us on Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. Please see Mr. Hafeli in the library if you are interested.



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

NorKam’s own Mason Suppanz travelled to Vienna, Austria to try out for the Austrian National Field Lacrosse team. After a very successful performance, Mason has been invited to play for the Austrian National team in a tournament in Germany this February. Well played Mason!



## COFFEE HOUSE

Come to the NorKam cafeteria on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and enjoy free coffee and popcorn while our amazing students showcase their talents. Hope to see you there!



## ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

### *Strengthening Connections*

Linking indigenous, first nations, Metis learners and communities to post-secondary education. Aboriginal students are invited to attend a mini-fair presentation on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon in the NorKam cafeteria. Please contact Laverne Tremblay or Margaret Anderson for details.

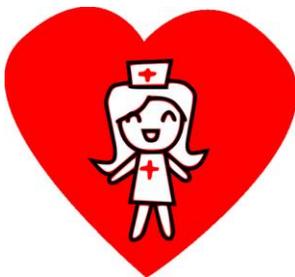
## STUDENT MESSAGES

Parents, please note we do not announce student messages. It is the student's responsibility to check our four TV monitors throughout the school for any messages that may be left for them.



## 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.



## STUDENT ABSENCES

Students leaving school during class or arriving late in the morning must sign in/out in the office. Students are expected



to bring a written note from their parent or guardian for each absence. Parents will receive phone notification through the computerized "Synrvoice" system for unexcused daily absences. Students who are going to be away for an extended period of time are asked to fill out a Planned Absence form. Forms are available in the office.

## FLU SEASON LOOMS

As we all know, the flu season is due to arrive any time now. Here are a few tips on how to avoid the flu and stay healthy:

- [Wash your hands](#) with soap and water or clean them with alcohol-based hand sanitizers, especially after you cough or sneeze and before you eat.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a clean tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue in the trash immediately after you use it.
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, as infection can spread that way.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you get sick, stay at home and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

For more information on how to minimize the spread of flu viruses visit the Interior Health website at

[www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca)



## PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

NorKam currently has more than seven buses coming and going in the south parking lot. Buses begin drop off at approximately 7:40 and start pick-up again at around 2:45pm. The bus loading zone is along the sidewalk marked with yellow at the main south entrance. We are asking parents and students to refrain from parking along the sidewalk at the south entrance for the safety of our students and your children...the buses need the entire length of the sidewalk.



## BOARD NOTES



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#### CONSENT AGENDA

- o Education Committee Highlights
- o Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- o Superintendent's Update
- o Innovation Through Inquiry Grants

#### EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board received a presentation from Logan Lake Secondary School staff and students called Community Starts Here. Coordinated by Principal Preymak and Teacher John Blakely, the school's teachers and students demonstrated the connection to the community within their classroom projects. Special guest, Mayor Smith, introduced the school's project and highlighted the contributions of the school to the community of Logan Lake.

#### REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**RESPONSE TO STUDENT CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION** - The Board approved a recommendation to work together with the Student City Council to expand the mandate to create a Student School Board Council that would provide input into topics and policies that impact youth in all School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) schools.

#### REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

**CEF FUNDING UPDATE** - A request for additional funding for an additional 6.6942 FTE teaching staff was submitted to the Ministry of Education to support class size and composition issues.

#### CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wade told trustees about her attendance at Thompson Rivers University as a Search Committee member in their search for a new president.

*The next public board meeting will take place December 4th at the School Board Office at 7 p.m.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Discover the World of Infotech** – November 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Discover the World of Infotech is a fabulous day of hands-on tech activities for students in grades 8 to 10. Guest speakers from local business will explore ideas from programming to 3D animation to drones to moviemaking with students. The workshop is free but space is limited so students should see Mrs. Monkman in the NorKam Counselling Office as soon as possible.



#### FoodSafe

The FoodSafe course is available at the North Shore Community Centre on the Pro-D Day on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The FoodSafe course is a valuable addition to a student's resume and is also a requirement for several post-secondary training programs. This is a one-day training program recognized across Canada as meeting the requirements for food service and health care workers. The course is designed for front line food service workers such as cooks, servers, bussers, dishwashers and deli workers and is also a requirement for those studying culinary arts, health care assistants, early childhood education and adventure studies at TRU. Upon passing, students will receive a FoodSafe certificate valid for 5 years through Interior Health. Pre-registration is required through instructor Kathy Russell at 250-819-9920 or [kathy-russell@telus.net](mailto:kathy-russell@telus.net). Fee is \$80 for students.

