

NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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

October 2017

Important dates to note:

Oct 17	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:00-3:0pm and 6:00-8:00pm
Oct 20	Non instructional day – no school for students
Nov 6	PAC meeting – 6:00 pm
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 20	Christmas Luncheon
Dec 25 – January 5, 2018	Winter Vacation
Jan 8, 2018	School re-opens Day 2

are continuing to have WISE Block on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During this block students who require extra instruction or who have fallen behind on their work will be provided with the time and the adult support required. Additionally, we will be offering students an opportunity to choose from a number of activities to support and expand upon what they are doing in the classroom. Students may choose such things as homework help, tutorials, clubs, enrichment activities, study skill workshops, service projects, healthy activities and other opportunities.

The first WISE Block was Tuesday, October 3rd. The schedule for WISE Block days is:

- 8:35-9:33 Period 1
- 9:38-10:36 Period 2
- 10:36-11:21 WISE Block
- 11:21-11:37 Long Break
- 11:37-12:35 Period 3
- 12:35-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 Period 4

NorKam Secondary School Bell Schedule 2017-2018

8:30	Warning Bell
8:35 – 9:48	Block 1
9:48 – 9:53	Class Change
9:53 – 11:06	Block 2
11:06 – 11:22	LONG BREAK
11:17	Warning Bell
11:22 – 12:35	Block 3
12:35 – 1:30	LUNCH
1:25	Warning Bell
1:30 – 3:00	Block 4

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to offer our congratulations to Mrs. Waage for qualifying for the next Boston Marathon! This honor comes after extensive training and hard work - well done Mrs. Waage!

Wednesday PLC Days – Bell Schedule 2017-2018

8:30	Warning Bell
8:35 – 9:42	Block 1
9:42 – 9:47	Class Change
9:47 – 10:54	Block 2
10:54 – 11:10	LONG BREAK
11:05	Warning Bell
11:10 – 12:17	Block 3
12:17 – 1:12	LUNCH
1:07	Warning Bell
1:12 – 2:20	Block 4
2:20 – 3:00	Collaboration

STUDENT VOTE

On September 26th, three of the candidates for the mayor of the City of Kamloops attended a school forum in which NorKam students listened to the candidates' policies and asked questions. A big thank you to Ken Christian, Glenn Hilke and Todd McLeod who attended and did an outstanding job in answering questions and providing ideas. Thanks go as well to **Julye-Anne McKenny, Monique Brunelle** and **Stephanie Mosley** who were the emcees for the forum.

Two days following the forum the student body was given an opportunity to vote for mayor. The results were as follows:

Spoiled ballots	36
Ken Christian	94
Glenn Hilke	88
Stu Holland	54
Mike Mackenzie	49
Todd McLeod	92
Bill McQuarrie	39

WISE BLOCK

At NorKam, we recognize that it is often difficult to meet the needs of all of our students. The focus of our collaboration time for the last several years has concentrated on how we can better meet the diverse learning needs of our students. Each department has approached this goal in different ways. As a school we have decided that we can make changes to our timetable to assist us in reaching this goal. As a result, we

Finally, thank you to Mrs. Rinaldi's law class, **Cole Demarco** and **Kayla Hindle** who worked as returning officers for the student vote.

Congratulations to our new mayor Ken Christian who not only won the city-wide vote for mayor but the NorKam vote as well.



Mr. Karpluk, **Gabrielle O'Neill-Hrabcak** and **Kelsey Lee**



Victor Church, Tallis Mcleod and **Kolton Schmunk**

FROM THE LIBRARY

NorKam Book Club

The North Shore Public Library has teamed up with NorKam to continue the NorKam Book Club. If you like to read, come and join us – see Mr. Hafeli for details and meeting times.

Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) – October 23rd, 2017

October is International School Library month and to recognize the importance of school libraries in our society, NorKam is participating in the annual Drop Everything and Read promotion. On October 23rd, National School Library Day, all students and staff at NorKam will drop what they are doing for 30 minutes and read a novel, magazine, comic book/graphic novel, informational book or online article that interests them. NorKam has participated in this activity for the past seven years and our participation numbers have increased over that time. We hope that all students and staff

at NorKam will participate this year. We have Kindle eReaders with over 100 novels ready to read. Most titles are current and popular, both series books and individual novels. We also have the majority of curricular novels used by teachers at NorKam stored on our Kindles. Come to the library and ask us about the Kindles.

WISE Block in the Library

Students who would like to work on research projects, who need help with citations, or would like to catch up on their classwork are welcome to come and sign up for WISE block in the library. There is a limit of 60 students in the library during WISE block, so please sign up early. Planning 10 students should go to rooms 111, 122 and 134.

LA BELLA SAINTS

Congratulations to NorKam's own **Brittany Boyd**, grade 12, and graduate of La Bella Saints in 2017, on her invitation to be one of 50 hairstylists to spend a week working at Vancouver Fashion Week. Brittany was handpicked by Ken Kazuki of Ra Hair Studio to share this incredible experience. Brittany completed 25 or more styles per day, sometimes in as little as two minutes. She styled models for the runway, as well as media influencers like bloggers and lifestyle editors. Brittany was featured on the RedKen Canada Facebook page, promoting her favourite product and had the opportunity to meet industry leaders like Ship Wilson, the founder of LuLuLemon. Congratulations, Brittany!



GRAD COMMENCEMENTS 2018

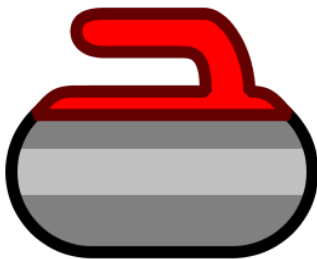
In preparation for the Grad Commencement slide show, grade 12 students are asked to bring baby or pre-school photos in to the office. Please ensure your student writes his or her name on the back of the photo so it can be returned.

DEBATE CLUB

NorKam is again developing a debate club that will compete against other schools in formal debate tournaments. This year NorKam is hosting the second annual NorKam Debates on Friday, November 24th. All NorKam students are invited to try this stimulating and fun activity. The club is open to all students and meets every Wednesday at lunch in room 203, in addition to training sessions during Wise blocks. There is no cost to students to participate in Debate Club. Thank you to Mr. Pendergast and Mrs. MacFarlane for coaching and sponsoring this activity. Finally, if you are a parent/guardian or a former NorKam grad who would be interested in being a judge at the tournament, please contact Mr. Karpluk at lkarpluk@sd73.bc.ca for details. There is a minimum time commitment of three hours on the day of the tournament.

CURLING CLUB

Any students who would like to join the NorKam curling team are invited to attend the U18 league at the Kamloops Curling Club. It runs Thursdays from 3:45 to 6:00 pm, October 12, 2017 until March, 2018. Come out and learn how to curl, compete and have some fun. The regular high school league curling season begins November 9th – if you would like to join the NorKam curling team and participate in the high school league only please see Mr. Hafeli. Cost is \$85 plus tax for the U18 and high school season, or \$50 for the high school season only. A special thanks to the NorKam PAC for providing funds to outfit the curlers with brooms and replacement heads. These are the best brooms money can buy and our curlers appreciate being the only city team with this amazing equipment.



STUDENT FEES

Student invoices were sent home last week. We will collect fees the week of October 23rd – 27th. Students are reminded to pay their fees at the main office and not to their individual teachers.

Students are encouraged to pay their fees each school year. Unpaid fees can accumulate and result in a substantial bill in their grade 12 year. All fees must be paid before students can be included on the grad list. Arrangements can be made to pay by installment if desired.

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



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



NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION September 11, 2017

September 25, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Early closure dates — Amendment 2
- o Notice of Motion — Policy 542.1 Violence Threat Risk Assessment

Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board heard about the success of the 2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games, which were hosted in Kamloops in early July. Special Olympics President and CEO Dan Howe told trustees that 1,570 athletes and coaches competed in

the 11 sports offered. Many of the District's facilities were used to stage events or host athletes. "All of this would not have been possible if we didn't have (the District's) tremendous support," said Howe.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CEA STAFFING REQUEST — To meet the needs of increased enrolment as well as an increase in the numbers of students with special education designation, the Board was asked to approve an additional 12.0 FTEs to the Certified Education Assistant budget. Trustees approved the request unanimously.

RURAL TEACHERS TEACHING ON CALL — The Board was told about an initiative that will see teachers teaching on call hired to specific full-time assignments in the communities of Barriere and Chase. The hiring of term-certain TTOC positions in these communities will address ongoing and historic problems filling short-term and temporary vacancies. This will be a one-year "experiment" that could be implemented in other rural communities in the future.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wade told trustees about the launch of the Maker Program in the district. Every elementary school this year will get a "maker kit" filled with tools and materials. The kits are designed to teach problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parents as Career Coaches

Have you wondered how to talk to your kids in a positive way about preparing to make career choices? We may have the workshop for you. The school district is hosting a free session that will help parents become career development allies, offering practical tools and research skills to support their children from grade nine through 12. The workshop consists of four hours of instruction held over two evenings – November 2nd and 16th. Please email Deb Isenor at disenor@sd73.bc.ca for information.

Discover the World of Infotech – November 21st or 22nd
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.

Caring for the Caregiver

Find out what caregivers need. Presented by Chuck Nechtem, therapist, at 6:00 pm on October 17, 2017 at Cottonwood Manor – 730 Cottonwood St. Please RSVP to 250-374-1454 – free dessert provided.