



# NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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**Counsellors:** Mr. Gino Coltellarro, Mrs. Emily Rouleau    **Secretaries:** Ms. Linda Fowles, Mrs. Rosie Kirschner,  
 Mrs. Jane Viventi, Mrs. Deb Collins (Counselling)    **PAC Chairperson:** Mrs. Glenda Grether

September 2017

## Important dates to note:

Sept 22	Non instructional day – no school for students
Sept 29	Photo retakes – 8:30 to 10:00 am
Oct 2	PAC meeting – 6:00 pm
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day – school closed
Oct 12	End Gang Life assembly – 1:45
Oct 17	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:00-3:00pm 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

## NorKam Secondary School Bell Schedule 2017-2018

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

## Wednesday PLC Days – Bell Schedule 2017-2018

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



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome everyone back to NorKam Senior Secondary School for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

The new school year provides opportunity for staff and students to reinforce and work towards NorKam's attributes of Global Citizenship, Adaptability and Inquiry. NorKam students continually contribute positively to our community, proudly representing our school through their participation in clubs, teams and voluntary activities

We would like to welcome new staff members:

- Sarah Eves – Learning Assistant
- Gabe Francis – Science
- Douglas Hickey – Math
- Mark Kato – Resource Room
- Nicky MacFarlane – Socials Studies
- Jeremy McMullen – English/Drama
- Corina Waage – Leadership Development/Science
- Marlene Landsburg – Certified Education Assistant
- Kathrin Van De Hoef – Certified Education Assistant
- Ashly Vicars – Certified Education Assistant
- Stacey Willis – Certified Education Assistant
- Sylvia Kuch - Custodian

The Trades Centre at NorKam offers a new Industrial Sampler this year, in addition to the established Mechanical and Construction Samplers that have been so successful in the past few years.

NorKam Senior will continue to support Planning 10 on Wednesday afternoons, Wise Block will be running again to support student learning. Our cafeteria offers a variety of breakfast and lunch items, for sale from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm daily for staff, students and any parents dropping students off.

We look forward to an enjoyable year ahead.

## 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 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 will be on 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

### GRAD

This year's commencements will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the MacArthur Island Sports Center – mark that day on your calendar!

A meeting has been called on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the library, to organize a committee to plan Grad 2018's dry grad. Traditionally the dry grad committee organizes the dance and grand march as well as one or more grad activities. Last year's committee will be at the meeting to pass along their experience and suggestions. If you are a parent of a grad, please consider helping with the dry grad committee.

Graduating students are asked to submit grad logo designs for Grad 2018 to Mr. Wales. If there are a number of designs then the most popular will be decided through a vote. The earlier a logo is chosen, the earlier grad clothing can be ordered.



### STUDENT FEES

Parents can expect student invoices to arrive home mid-October. We will collect fees the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.



### LOCKERS

Students are reminded to use the locker assigned to them. Changes can be made but requests must go through Mr. Wales. There are Locker Change Request forms in the office that students must complete prior to changes being made. Any lock found on an unassigned locker will be cut off.



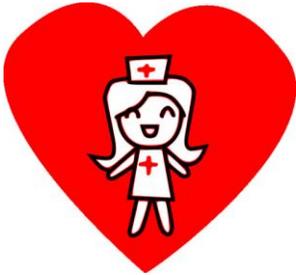
### FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE

The P.A.U.L. Initiative, named in honour of Paul Jubinville, a volunteer tutor who died of cancer during the first semester of this service, will resume starting Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>. This service for high school students from grades eight through 12 will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the UPrep Centre located in Old Main (OM 2551) on the TRU Campus. There are three tutors as well as other volunteers who can help students in Math, Science, French and English classes. For further information please call Jane Horton at 250-828-5261 or email [jhorton@tru.ca](mailto:jhorton@tru.ca).



## 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.



## YOUTH WORK IN TRADES

Did you work this past summer? Did you work with a trades person? Then you may be a candidate for a Secondary School Apprenticeship. What are the benefits? For every 120 hours you work you will receive four credits toward your graduation requirements. Students who accumulate enough hours may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Industry Trade Authority. For further information contact Mrs. Monkman in the counselling office as soon as possible.

## PLANNING 10

Grade 10 students were enrolled into Planning 10 at the end of grade nine. Planning 10 sessions are from 2:20 to 3:00 pm every Wednesday and all grade 10's must attend until they complete the course. Once a student has completed the course, he or she may be dismissed at 2:20 on Wednesdays. This is the last year of Planning 10 as it will be replaced with another course. Those students not finished Planning 10 by June of 2018 will be required to complete the new course.

## FROM THE LIBRARY

The library staff wish to extend a personal welcome to all students returning or new to NorKam and invite you to come check out what we have to offer. The library is open for business – come in and take out fiction or non-fiction books, use the computers or Chromebooks, play a game of chess on our giant chessboard, do some homework or just hang out. Feel free to put in a request for a book or series and we will do what we can to get it in. Mr. Hafeli and Mrs. Renner are here to help so bring your lunch and explore and enjoy your library. Library hours are Monday to Thursday from 8:15 am to 4:00 pm and Friday from 8:15 am to 3:30 pm. If you need to stay later, arrangements can be made with Mr. Hafeli.

## Reminders:

- Cell phone use is permitted in the library before and after school and during breaks, but no streaming video please. During class time, cell phones are permitted for educational purposes.
- Wi-fi self registration instructions are on red and white signs by Norky's and just inside the library doors.
- Food and drinks are permitted in the library but are only permitted at the big brown table and black chairs.

## Chromebooks

Chromebooks are available for use in the library every block, at lunch and long break and after school. There are two ways to login to Chromebook/Google:

1. Username: [firstname.lastname@gedu.sd73.bc.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@gedu.sd73.bc.ca)  
Password: your student #. Any emails sent to this Google account will be automatically forwarded to your sd73 student Zimbra email account (the one you use for Planning 10).
2. Use your own Google account login.

See Mr. Hafeli if you are not able to log in.

## NorKam Book Club

The first meeting for the NorKam Book Club will be Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the library. Please bring a favourite book to share with the group. Snacks will be provided by Mr. Hafeli. All students are welcome. Bring your lunch.

Have a great year and we hope to see you soon in the library learning commons.

Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Renner and Mr. Regnier



## 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.interiorheath.ca](http://www.interiorheath.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.

**The NorKam Senior Secondary Welcome Back BBQ and Terry Fox Run were lots of fun for staff and students!**



**D'Artagnan McDerimid**



**Mr. Sjokvist, Cole DiMambro, Ali MacMillan, Tyler Wiseman**



**James Alexander Steven Bittner, Vanessa Harvey**



**Well done NorKam!**

## BOARD NOTES



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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- o DPAC Highlights
- o Summer School Update
- o Revised Early Closure Dates for 2017/2018
- o Revised Schedule of Board Meetings
- o 2017-2018 Committee Appointments

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

#### EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board heard from the Young Filmmaker's Program from Arthur Stevenson Elementary School, which was made possible by a District Innovation Grant. Principal Grant Reilly and teacher Terri-Anne Wilson told the Board how the program helped students develop new collaborative skills while exploring the medium of film, filmmaking and digital publishing technology.

#### REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**FACILITIES REVIEW PROCESS** — Significant enrolment pressures in some parts of the district has created the need for a full facilities review to determine if there are options to consider as the District grapples with these growth pressures. Options may include the opening of schools previously closed, reconfiguration of existing schools or new bus routes to move students from some schools to others.

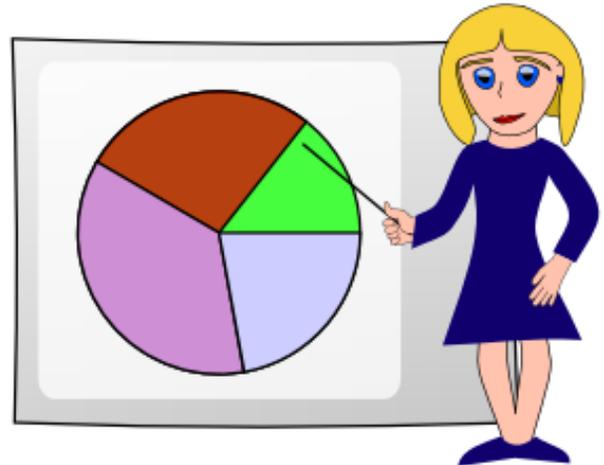
**OWL AWARD** — The District is now seeking nominees for the Owl Award for Excellence in Public Education, an award that recognizes individuals, groups or organizations who have made significant contributions to public education. Nomination forms can be found at [www.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.sd73.bc.ca).

**PRELIMINARY ENROLMENT REPORT** — Based on the most current data available, the numbers suggest that there has been enrolment growth of approximately 470 students over last year. Final numbers will be reported to government by September 30th.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### *Interior Community Services*

Interior Community Services and Secwepemc Child and Family Services are pleased to bring Dr. Vanessa Lapointe to Kamloops on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be a free workshop titled Discipline Without Damage on September 18 at the Kamloops Alliance Church from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Space is limited to the first 170 people – registration not required. Please call Kristina or Renata for more details at [236-421-0031](tel:236-421-0031).



### *Kamloops Skating Club*

Registration is now open for skating programs including Learn to Skate and Figure Skating. Register at [www.KamloopsSkatingClub.com](http://www.KamloopsSkatingClub.com) or [KamloopsSkateClub@Gmail.com](mailto:KamloopsSkateClub@Gmail.com)

