

# NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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## November 2022

### Important dates to note:

Nov 21	Pro-D Day
Nov 23	IB Info Night
Nov 24	Report Cards
Dec 5	Pro-D Day- no school
Dec 6	PAC Meeting 6pm- located in the library
Dec 14	Christmas Lunch for all students

### NorKam Secondary School Bell Schedule 2022-2023

<b>8:25</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:30 – 9:48	Block 1
9:48 – 10:03	Long Break
10:03 – 11:22	Block 2
<b>11:22-12:15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:15 – 1:33	Block 3
1:43– 3:02	Block 4

### NorKam Secondary School WISE (Wednesday) Bell Schedule 2022-2023

<b>8:25</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:30 – 9:27	Block 1
9:27 – 10:11	Wise Block
10:11 – 10:27	Long Break
10:27 – 11:25	Block 2
<b>11:25 - 12:17</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:17 – 1:14	Block 3
1:14 – 1:20	Class Change
1:14– 2:17	Block 4
2:17 – 3:02	PLC

### STUDENT FEES

Students are reminded to pay their fees at the main office or online and not to their individual teachers.

<https://nkss.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/cashless-schools.aspx>

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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report cards will be uploaded to the MyEd portal on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

This week NorKam staff discussed issues concerning students out of class during instructional time. Generally, there are too many students out of class during instructional time, too many disruptions to classes with students coming and going, and even issues of vandalism. We need to make a culture shift.

We want to make instructional time a priority, and also want students to arrive to class prepared to stay and engage in the learning opportunities teachers have planned. To that end, we are making some changes to promote new habits. As a school we are going to practice the 20/20 rule. This means that students arrive to class prepared to start on time so that they do not need to leave class within the first 20 minutes of instruction. The same applies to the last 20 minutes of instruction.

We know that NorKam students are adaptable and able to prepare themselves to stay in class. Be sure to bring all the things you need and visit the washroom before class begins.

Teachers are also expecting students to sign in and out whenever they leave the room during class time. This is for safety reasons so that teachers know who is out of class in the case of an emergency.

Students who have study blocks must be with the teacher who has agreed to house them during that time, or sign out and leave campus. Study blocks students may not hang out in hallways, the cafeteria, or other unsupervised locations.



## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME



## Education for a better world

NorKam Senior Secondary invites you to an information night outlining the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). This is a university preparatory program.

**This will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in our school library. To sign up, please click on the link provided.**

<http://bit.ly/NKIB2>

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. The IB Diploma programme is recognized by all the major universities of the world.

For more background information regarding the IB program please click [here](#).

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*

Mrs. Graham's Drama 10 to 12 students performed an interpretation of soldiers and their families who have sacrificed so much in order for others to be afforded the freedoms that we are lucky enough to live with today. Our utmost respect and hats are tipped to them as well as our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude. Our Movement Performance took place to the song "Sign of the Times" by Harry Styles. Thank you to Carrick Wong for capturing this moment for us, taking both the video footage and stills of our performance.



## TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

### Transition Events

NorKam has been very busy connecting our students with opportunities in trades and other careers.

We have sent more students to the district Discover Day events than another school in district. For the October 8th Discover Day in Law at TRU we had eleven applicants, of which eight were selected. For the November 4th Discover Day Exploring Non-Profits we sent all five of our applicants. We were even able to send one of our wonderful Career Ed teachers to Exploring Non-Profits, which was eye opening and uplifting!

Our applications for the "big" SD73 transition events have arrived! Students are already starting to fill and submit applications for the RCMP Academy (due December 14th), Heavy Metal Rocks (due January 6th) and Junior Fire Crew (due March 9th).

Heavy Metal Rocks is a three-day event where students work in and around heavy equipment. Jr Fire Crew is a wildfire fighting training and experience opportunity. The RCMP Youth Academy is a weeklong camp that takes place during spring break that is an opportunity to see RCMP training firsthand.

All three of these multi-day events are amazing opportunities for our students and are always well attended with NorKam representation.

More information for these events can be found on the SD73 TNT website at: [tnt.sd73.bc.ca](http://tnt.sd73.bc.ca)

### Class Visits and Program Applications

Mr. McIntyre has been diligently visiting classrooms and promoting the programs we offer here at NorKam and around SD73. Applications for our programs for the next school year are slowly rolling out and many students have visited and picked up packages to apply for our programs. Students that are interested in the DATA Program, IB @ NorKam, Trades Sampler, Youth Train in Trades, ITA Hairstylist, TRU Start programs and our other events should come by to see Mr. McIntyre ASAP.

### Wednesday WISE Blocks

Mr. McIntyre ([kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca)) runs Trades and Transitions WISE blocks every Wednesday. Come down for program information, career discussions, graduation planning, post-secondary opportunities, event presentations and more!

Call Mr. McIntyre at the school or email at [kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca). Or come by for a chat anytime! No appointment necessary!

**Drop Everything And Read (DEAR):** was on Monday, October 24th, celebrating *National School Library Week*. NorKam had another successful D.E.A.R event this year at NorKam. Over 14,000 SD#73 students dropped everything and read for pleasure for 30 minutes whether it was a novel, magazine, comic book/graphic novel, informational book, or online article that interested them personally. NorKam has participated in this activity for the past ten years with about 850 students and staff at our school participating.

### LIBRARY COMMONS

#### **NORKAM IS DOING BATTLE OF THE BOOKS - REBOOT!**

NorKam will be participating in Battle of the Books for the first time ever this year! This is a SD#73 reading competition that most schools participate in (historically elementary, but recently also secondary schools). Students read books from a [selection of 15 titles](#) and compete against students in senior grades from other schools at an event in April or May 2023. For a list of titles and book summaries, go [HERE](#) or visit the hallway display across from Counseling.



Battle of the Books  
Grade 10-12

**NEW BOOKS:** We recently received a great selection of **Young Adult fiction**. Included are a great selection of Fantasy, Dystopian, Suspense (murder mystery), Manga, and LGBTQ2+ fiction. Mr. Hafeli also purchased additional issues of current **Manga** series. Come check them out!



*Trans Awareness Week* is Nov. 13th-19th and **Transgender Day of Remembrance** is Nov.20th. We have a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books about **gender** and **gender identity** in our collection. Please check out our hallway book display and the many interesting and informative books we have on this topic.

For a number of years SD#73 has subscribed to top quality academic databases: *EBSCOhost* & *GALE*. Last year we also started a new subscription to *Encyclopaedia Britannica - High School Ed*. These resources are available for teachers and students to use at school and at home. School access is very simple. Go directly to the following link and you will be able to access all three comprehensive resources:

<https://bit.ly/2pJcD9s> (for EBSCO access at home, use the **OFF-SITE** link)

*\*If accessing at school you will not be asked for username/password.*

*\*\*Login information is found linked from the maroon icon*

Have a great November!

Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Mechem, and Mr. Regnier

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

NorKam's public health nurse is Kylie Alway. She can be reached at 250-851-7341. Please call Kylie if you have any health related questions.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

All parents are asked to please report student absences **before 8:30 am** on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known).



To report an absence you may choose to:

- call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or

Students leaving school during class or arriving late in the morning must sign in/out in the office. Parents will receive phone notification through the computerized 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.