

# NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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**Principal:** Mr. Jonathan Brady **Vice Principals:** Mrs. Cherie Finley, Mrs. Nikki Stewart  
**Counsellors:** Mrs. Erin Theunissen, Mrs. Emily Rouleau **Secretaries:** Ms. Linda Fowles, Mrs. Rosie Kirschner,  
 Mrs. Kelly Kirby, Mrs. Deb Collins (Counselling)



## Important dates to note:

April 25 <sup>th</sup>	PRO D Day
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Double Blocks A/B for Provincial Assessments
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Double Blocks C/D for Provincial Assessments
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PAC Meeting
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Construction – Electrical Sampler Begins
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	PRO D Day

## NorKam Secondary School Bell Schedule 2021-2022

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:35 – 9:50	Block 1
9:55-11:10	Block 2
<b>11:10-11:26</b>	<b>Long Break</b>
11:26-12:41	Block 3
<b>12:41 – 1:36</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:36– 3:09	Block 4

## Wise Block Bell Schedule 2021-2022 (Wednesday's)

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:35 – 9:35	Block 1
9:40-11:40	Block 2
<b>10:40-11:26</b>	<b>Wise Block</b>
<b>11:26-11:42</b>	<b>Long Break</b>
11:42-12:42	Block 3
<b>12:42 – 1:37</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:37– 3:09	Block 4

## PLC Bell Schedule 2021-2022 (Thursday's)

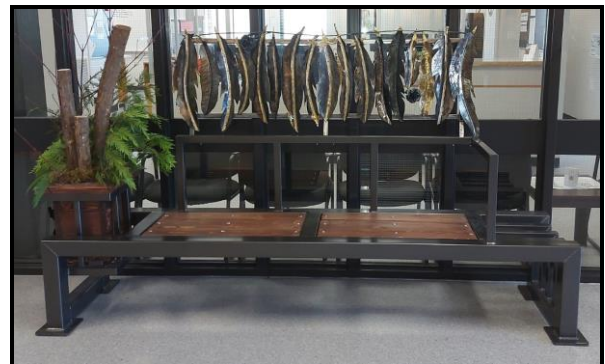
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:35 – 9:45	Block 1
9:50-10:59	Block 2
<b>10:59-11:15</b>	<b>Long Break</b>
11:15-12:24	Block 3
<b>12:24 – 1:19</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:19– 2:29	Block 4 <b>Early Dismissal</b>
2:29-3:09	PLC (Teacher Collaboration)

## SCHOOL FEES

Semester 2 fees have now been assigned, sent home and can be viewed and paid for through [School CashOnline](#). Cash payment or cheque is accepted through the main office. **The \$75 Grad 2022 Commencement Fee has been included in these fees and must be paid before the commencement ceremony on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

## NORKAM GIFTED BENCH

Indigenous bench gifted to NorKam.  
<https://fb.watch/cwfaw9K06G/>



“Metalwork and Indigenous culture came together last week at NorKam Senior Secondary School. Jim McCarthy, a TRU Welding instructor who often teaches the Welding module of the District’s Mechanical Trades Sampler, created a bench as a symbol of reconciliation. On April 6, McCarthy gifted his handywork to NorKam, where it sits outside the main office as a place for students to gather. In celebration, the school hosted a ceremony that included prayers, songs, and drumming, as well as a smudging of the bench and event attendees.

TRU and SD73 have had a longstanding relationship for many years, with McCarthy lending his skills to NorKam's Sampler program for seven years.

McCarthy was key to the creation, but the project also included collaboration from Tim Kasten and Tully Journeyay, TRU carpentry instructors, TRU School of Trades employee Arie Groenendyk, who installed the cedar boards, NorKam student Quentin Robinson, who built the planter, as well as the Secwépemc First Nation.

"We have a very strong Indigenous community within the walls of NorKam Senior Secondary and we have often been referred to as the school of choice for Indigenous students to come work, learn, and play," said NorKam principal, Jonathan Brady. "This is a representation of that integration and those partnerships between Thompson Rivers University and our Indigenous community."

Elements of the bench include a steel waterfall with a jumping salmon, a cedar planter as an eagle's nest to pay homage to the medicine wheel, 17 custom-made feathers, one for each of the communities, a caterpillar to signify new life, as well as two roses as a remembrance of the lost children at the Indian Residential School.

"It was an honour to build it," said McCarthy. "Normally as trades people, we just build things and move on to the next thing, but I'm standing here looking at it and I'm actually in amazement myself."

"You can see from the bench that Jim is a master welder, an incredible creator, and beautifully artistic, but what you can't see in the bench is that Jim is a gifted educator," said Sheila Monkman, District Coordinator for Trades and Transitions. "He sees kids in a way that a lot of teachers don't."

"I just want to give thanks and recognize this school and working together as one nation to keep us strong," said Evelyn Camille, elder.

As a token of appreciation, following the presentation, McCarthy was gifted with a hand drum made of deer hide crafted by District Aboriginal Family Counsellor Peter Michel."

Written by Jessica Johnson, SD73 Communications Coordinator

## DAY OF SUCWENTWECW

Celebrating the Day of Secwepemc. Mrs. Graham's class spent time connecting with each other on the beautiful land steps away from NorKam Secondary.



Mrs. Livingstone's classes celebrated the Day of Sucwentwecw by writing thoughtful messages to the Residential School Survivors on orange feathers that are now displayed in their classroom.



## RUGBY

Angel-Dawn Mattie, a NorKam student, has designed a beautiful indigenous fleur de lis which was used with the number 215 on the sleeves of NorKam's girls rugby team to honour our community and the terrible reality of the victims of residential schools. Keep crushing it girls!



## GYM CLASS

Mr. Swint's PE class is still looking for donations of baseball gloves. If you have an item to donate please email [bswint@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:bswint@sd73.bc.ca) Thank you.



## TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

There are still open spots for the hairstyling program starting in February 2023 at NorKam. Any grade 10's thinking they would like to participate in their grade 11 year please contact Kevin McIntyre, Trades and Transitions Coordinator for program and application information @ 250-376-1272 or [kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca)



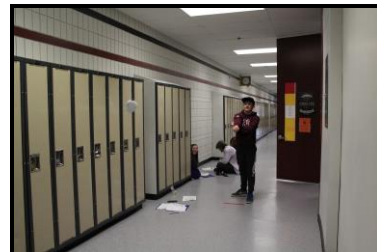
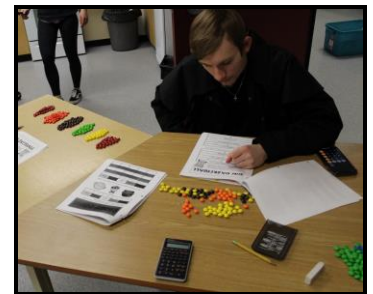
The program runs February to December, includes both classroom and in-salon work in the community, and it is certified by the Industry Training Authority of BC (ITA – BC). Students graduate from the program as a level one apprentice. Students write a Certificate of Qualification Exam with ITA-BC, and have the opportunity to become Red Seal Hairstylists.

## WORK READINESS CLASS

Probability Party in Work Readiness



Students in Work Readiness have been working on understanding experimental and theoretical probability! This led to us running a series of experiments in the form of games of chance and calculating the odds of winning! We had a fun time applying our learning!



# GRAD'S CORNER



## GRADUATION CEREMONY

The school district has confirmed NorKam's graduation ceremony will be held at 7:00pm on June 7<sup>th</sup> at MacArthur Island Sports and Event Centre. Vice-Principal Cherie Finley will continue to send out emails to parents keeping you informed.

## SAFE GRAD

Sign up for NorKam's Safe Grad 2022 Facebook Group to keep informed and stay updated with safe grad activities!!  
[norkamsafegrad@gmail.com](mailto:norkamsafegrad@gmail.com)

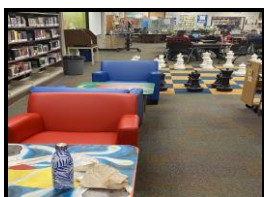
## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Students who are interested in scholarships and bursaries can add their names to the Scholarship Email List by sending a message to Ms. Emily Rouleau at [erouleau@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:erouleau@sd73.bc.ca) or Mrs. Erin Theunissen [etheunissen@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:etheunissen@sd73.bc.ca). Interested students can also check the Awards Bulletin Board in the counselling office or on the NorKam website using this link <https://nkss.sd73.bc.ca/en/path-to-graduation/scholarships-bursaries.aspx>

## LIBRARY NEWS

Happy April!

- Come into the library and check out our NEW ARRIVALS rack. Students who really love a particular novel and strongly recommend it for their peers are asked to bring your suggestions to Mr. Hafeli or Mrs. Mechem for the school to purchase.
- The Library is welcoming two classes per block back into our space, so we are asking students to please do your best to respect social distancing; we need to be aware of space limitations!
- Our beanbags, giant chess set, and comfortable collaborative spaces are BACK and being used daily! Take advantage of them, it's been a long two years without them!



**\*\*REMEMBER:**

- 🚫 FOOD AND DRINK ARE ONLY ALLOWED ON THE LARGE BROWN TABLES!
- 🚫 PLEASE PUT RECYCLING AND GARBAGE IN THE CORRECT BINS!

### It's Research Time!

The next time you are researching in the Library, be sure to take a look at the [Library Learning Commons](#) pages! Internet links you need to find information for your classes or for your own personal interest are there, including SD73 DATABASES.

- Follow the link from the NorKam Senior Secondary Home Page or go to:  
<http://nksslibrary.weebly.com/>
  - Check out *EBSCOhost* and *GALE Virtual Reference Library*, which are university-level research databases you can log into from home:
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- Both are pre-screened authoritative resources WITH authors. Include *full-text articles* from reference books, newspapers, magazines, journals, as well as an image database and all of the citation information a student needs usernames/passwords can be found using [Database Login Info](#) link
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- For EBSCOhost, be sure to use the "off-site login" link on the Learning Commons RESEARCH page or use <http://bit.ly/2OKr8Ce>



### Citations/Bibliography: NoodleTools LOGIN!

Students planning on using NoodleTools to create works cited pages, please remember to do the following before you create your Works Cited page:

*Happy Spring*

1. Go to Google Drive using your SD73 GEDU account
2. Click to the “waffle” (nine dots) at the top right of the main page
3. Go to the bottom of the list of apps to Noodle Tools
4. Follow the prompts to register your account - our code is 439214
5. Once in NoodleTools, create a new project using the **green** button at the top right
6. Go to the “sources” tab and start creating citations by using the green button at the top
7. Once finished, make sure you “Print/Export to Google Docs” at the top of the citations page
8. Use a URL shortener like bit.ly to shorten long URLs (website addresses) if necessary



Happy Easter from your friendly NorKam Library Learning Commons crew!

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

#### **YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE**

The Young Authors’ Conference is returning to in person this year and NorKam Senior Secondary is pleased to be sending five budding authors:

Fyfer Gillingham-Brookes (12)

Jorja Lockhart (11)

Mikayla Slade (11)

Kiran Fellenz (10)

Katie Franks (10)

They will be attending the full day conference at TRU on May 6th. Have fun everyone!

#### **MESSAGE FROM NORKAM PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

NorKam PAC would like to invite all parents to attend the next meeting via Zoom to be held on May 2, 2022 at 6:00pm. In order for PAC funds to be allocated to the school and provide needed items and events for students, a quorum of five members must be in attendance at each meeting. Please use the link below to join the next PAC meeting and help the students of NorKam to have a successful year.

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63602866426?pwd=WHB6K2lDc2ZyRUIGbUtEMWpNNzRZZz09>

