

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)

December 2021

Important dates to note:

Jan 4	PAC Meeting 6:00pm via Zoom
Jan 4	Industrial-Instrumentation & Mechanical Auto begins
Jan 12-15 & 17-18	Grad Photos
Jan 18	Capstone Presentation
Jan 24	Numeracy/Literacy Assessments
Jan 31	Last Day Semester 1

NorKam Secondary School Bell Schedule 2021-2022

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

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

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

PLC Bell Schedule 2021-2022 (Thursday's)

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

SCHOOL VANDALISM

Unfortunately, NorKam Senior Secondary has been a victim of multiple acts of vandalism in all of the boys, girls and inclusive washrooms. Damage to soap dispensers, toilet paper holders, toilets and free toiletries provided to students have been ruined and unfortunately this has been a weekly occurrence. We ask that parents and guardians talk to their kids about these acts of vandalism to help prevent any further deliberate destruction.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING IN FOODS CLASS

Learning to bake and decorate cookies in Foods class.



DISTRICT RESOURCE ROOM

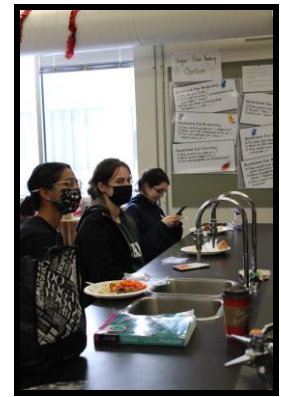
The students of Room 101 were busy little elves decorating their classroom with Christmas cheer! The snowmen were made with love out of socks and rice and the tree was beautifully decorated. Happy Holidays!





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER

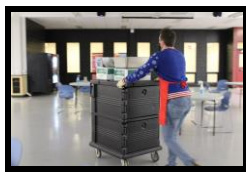
33 turkeys were cooked to provide all NorKam students, staff and volunteers a delicious hot turkey dinner. Lunch included turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, carrots and dip. Thank you to Safeway, Canual Catering and all of our wonderful volunteers for your generosity and time.



Volunteers to serve, prep and cook.



WINTER CONCERT



Mr. How's choir class performed a winter concert in the cafeteria for all to enjoy. Brynn Harrison tried her hand at conducting while Bailin Li played the piano. Thank you for the beautiful music!



TRADES

Students in the Trades and Transitions Industrial Sampler are learning to make ducts out of sheet metal.



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

NorKam's public health nurse is Melissa O'Neill. She can be reached at 250-851-7300. Please call Melissa if you have any health related questions. If you have questions with regard to your student and COVID-19, please call the 811 information line.

MESSAGE FROM NORKAM PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

A quorum of five members must be in attendance to allocate funds to the school which provides needed items and events for students.

NorKam PAC would like to invite all parents to attend the next meeting via Zoom to be held on November 29th at 6:00pm.

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=WHB6K2IDc2ZyRUIGbUtEMWpNNzRZZz09>
Meeting ID: 636 0286 6426
Passcode: 624863

STUDENT ABSENCES

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.

STUDENT FEES

Parents can expect student invoices to arrive with report cards. SchoolCash Online is now available and a convenient easy way to pay for all the activity and school fees. Click [here](#) for more information about Cashless Schools and to create your account.

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.

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE NORKAM LIBRARY!



* Please remember to return or renew your Library Books before they go missing. Fiction novels go out for three weeks and Non-Fiction books go out for two weeks. This will mean books can circulate and be available to all students to use and enjoy!

KINDLES FOR AVID READERS! * Don't forget, if you have NO OVERDUES, you might be able to sign out one of our **Kindle eReaders** for the holiday break! Some

have over 130 titles on them! Come and speak to Mr. Hafeli or Mrs. Mechem for details.

FAQs about reading over the holidays:

- Am I allowed to take out books to read over the holidays? YES!
- Am I allowed to take out more than one book? YES! (if you have no overdues)
- Can I take out a Kindle with, like, over 140 books on it? LIKE, TOTALLY! We have 20 Kindles!!
- Is reading print (books, newspapers, magazines, etc.) better for me than social media? YES! Studies have shown that retention and enjoyment of print materials is far superior
- WHO do I ask for help deciding on a book? Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Mechem, Mr. Regnier, any of your teachers, any of your friends, Goodreads, that person at Starbucks that always seems to be reading, staff at a bookstore.... Literally, anyone who reads will have an opinion!

* **Special fiction or non-fiction request forms** can still be filled-out by students - look for them beside the Circulation Desk.

** DON'T FORGET, MR. HAFELI WILL PROOFREAD YOUR WORKS CITED PAGE ANYTIME! MY PROOFREADING IS 100% GUARANTEED, SO WHY NOT TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO LET ME GIVE IT A ONCE-OVER?**

** Have a safe and happy holiday season from Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Mechem, and Mr. Regnier!

