

NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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February 2022

Important dates to note:

Feb 17	Report Cards
Feb 21	Family Day
Feb 22	Construction – Carpentry begins
Mar 7	PAC Meeting
Mar 10- 15	Grad Photos
Mar 15	Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 21-April 1	Spring Break

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)

HEALTH & SAFETY

Thank you for completing the [Daily Health Check](#) and staying home when you are not feeling well. This is a critical step in keeping everyone safe and our [communicable disease prevention plan](#) which can also be found on the NorKam website. **Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about any symptoms you may be having for your next steps.** NorKam's public health nurse is Melissa O'Neill. She can be reached at 250-851-7300.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK AND WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK

Thank you to parents who are doing a [daily health check](#) and keeping students home when ill or showing symptoms of COVID-19. Not sure? Please refer to this link <https://nkss.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/communicable-disease-prevention-plan.aspx>

SCHOOL FEES

Semester 2 fees have now been assigned and can be viewed and paid for through [School CashOnline](#). Cash payment or cheque is accepted through the main office.

NORKAM STUDENTS AND STAFF

Spirit Wear NK swag is now available <https://norkamspiritwear22.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. The process is self-serve with a deadline of **March 2nd**. The items are offered for purchase to the entire school. A display will be going up in the hallway outside the gym entrance.



GRADS – GRAD PHOTOS

Last call for Grad Photo sign up. Students can sign up in the main office or phone 250-376-1272. Rebooking dates are from March 10-15.

GRADS – SAFE GRAD

Are you or is your child graduating in 2022?

Sign up for NorKam's Safe Grad 2022 Facebook Group to keep informed and stay updated with safe grad activities!!

Students can check out the grad bulletin board by the gym and scan the QR code or click the link below to have input in choices that affect all grads.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenPgmWdJEI3Sj-8D_nM6nwIwJ33dz5butxxDOnYIEKoln05A/viewform

GRADE 12 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PROJECTS

Ms. Epp's Chemistry 12 class completed a "Climate Change Action Project" in second term. Students chose a problem related to climate change, did research, and proposed a solution, which they acted on and shared with others. We would like to share with you the most outstanding projects and will feature one or two each month. We hope you enjoy them and learn something to help mitigate climate change.

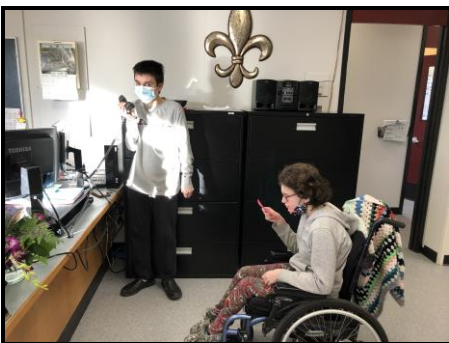
FEBRUARY PROJECT:

Consumerism and Climate Change – Recycled T-Shirt Bathmats.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DZ2MFscfTBkdwHtaQLabwcfMU3t3eOcd/view?ts=61f9842c> The authors of this project are Sabrina Guzzo and Margaret-Jean Willis.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT TRAINING

This is Austin Peters fourth year doing the NorKam morning announcements. He has mastered the timing of songs and punch lines to our daily jokes. Austin will be leaving NorKam this year, although he graduated last year, he graced us with his warm presence for an additional year to continue with work experience. During his time at NorKam he has put smiles on so many faces with his charming personality, his keen attitude and wonderful outlook on life. Not only has he helped out in the main office but he also helps wash dishes in the cafeteria, wipes down equipment in the weight room, fills paper in the teachers photocopy room, lends a hand with popcorn day and so much more. He has now taken on the task of mentoring and will be teaching Amy Thompson the ropes to take over the morning announcements. Both students are from our life skills room and have been doing a remarkable job under pressure. Thank you Austin for your dedication and Amy for getting out of your comfort zone to experience something new.



GYM CLASS

Mr. Swint's PE class is looking for donations of baseball gloves and golf putters. If you have either item to donate please email bswint@sd73.bc.ca Thank you.



BAND CLASS



Mr. How's grade 10-12 Band class

FOODS CLASS

Possible future chefs amongst our Foods classes?



DRAMA CLASS

Students in Drama class rounded out first semester with a Sin City Murder Mystery; where students dressed for their roles and remained in character for nearly three hours.



Jeremiah Collick was awarded for his cunning wit and extra sharp sleuthing skills. Miles Hamilton and Hailey Whitrick were voted best dressed. Angel Dawn Mattie was found out in the end to be the killer, who murdered her husband Tristen Pelegrin! A great time was had by all!:



VANCOUVER MODEL UNITED NATIONS (VMUN)

A three-day Model United Nations conference based in Vancouver, is the largest high school student organized Model United Nations conference in North America.

NorKam students who have been carefully selected based upon extensive Model UN and debate will be participating in this exciting opportunity.

Students participating in the Vancouver Model United Nations 2022 conference received a generous donation from Surerus-Murphy Joint Venture.



STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL

All parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:30am 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

- Download app from Google Play or Apple's App Store

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. Don't forget to wait for a confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded. A registration email will be sent to parents in advance. If you do not connect with the system by 9:30am on the day of your child's absence from school and when the teacher has completed attendance for class, then a report will be dispatched for all.

You may have noticed that the School District has implemented a morning call out at 9:30am for any unexcused absences.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2021/2022

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

In March the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-376-1272

TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

Trades Sampler Program: Students can explore a cluster of four related trades in the Trades Sampler program offered at NorKam, receive technical training in a specific trade in grade 12 and receive high school credit for their part time work.

Application Due Date: February 18, 2022

Grade 10 Application – 2023-2024 School Year

Grade 11 Application – 2022-2023

NorKam Hairstylist Program's applications for the February 2023 Intake are due March 4, 2022.



“Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technician” program has begun and has captured the interest of NorKam’s student Chaz Huggins.



The Construction Sampler module has students learning about using rebar when building concrete forms.



PROGRAMS AT KAMLOOPS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

2022/2023 KSA Parent Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17th at 6-7 pm via zoom.

Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4922951118?pwd=b3ZgK0FUSldPU2tkc2szc01heFBsUT09>

This is a meeting for any interested parents/guardians of current grade 7-11 students who would like to hear about KSA’s Secondary programs offered for the 22/23 school year.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[KSA Admission Process](#)

[KSA Parent Night](#)