



# NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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January 2022

## Important dates to note:

Jan 25	Double Blocks AA/BB (2022 Assessments)
Jan 26	Double Blocks CC/DD (2022 Assessments)
Jan 31	Last Day Semester 1
Feb 1	Project Completion
Feb 2	First Day Semester 2
Feb 4	Non-Instructional Day
Feb 7	Pac Mtg 6pm
Feb 17	Report Cards
Feb 21	Family 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)

## 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.

## GRADS – 2022 CLOTHING

Here is the [flyer](#) and the [link to the store](#) for 2022 Grad Clothing. **HURRY Deadline is January 26<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!**  
 This can also be found on the [NorKam website](#) or scan QR Code on the Grad bulletin board by the gym.

## GRADS - Education Planning

If you haven't looked at post-secondary options yet, and plan to attend in September of 2022, check out [educationplanner.ca](#)



[Plan, Search, Apply. At EducationPlannerBC](#)

EducationPlannerBC is a centralized resource that helps learners plan, search and apply for admission to post-secondary institutions in British Columbia, Canada.

You can search programs, plan your educational journey, and apply to most schools in BC. See your counsellor if you need help!

NorKam and School District Scholarship packages will be available in March. Information on other scholarship opportunities is distributed via email. If you have not signed up to receive scholarship emails, do so in the Counselling Office.

## 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/1FAIpQLSenPgmWdJEI3S-j8D\\_nM6nlwJ33dz5butxxDOnYIEK0ln05A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenPgmWdJEI3S-j8D_nM6nlwJ33dz5butxxDOnYIEK0ln05A/viewform)

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to **Anna Budde** for winning \$120 bursary from Chatterhigh.

Chatterhigh collaborated with Let's Talk Science and Skills Canada to run the online Let's Talk Careers Competition. In addition to a school leaderboard, Chatterhigh ran Canada's Most Informed Student leaderboard where students had the potential to earn bursaries ranging from \$10-\$200 for achieving correct answers. Next competition will be April 11-May 20 2022.

## DISTRICT RESOURCE ROOM

The week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> was very quiet in the District Resource Room with only one student attending NorKam. So what do you do when only one student is at school for PE? You make a huge fort for her!



## 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.

### JANUARY PROJECT:

**DIY Anaerobic Digester** By Tayler Sanford and Fyfer Brookes Gillingham



**What:** For our climate change action, we created an mini DIY anaerobic digester. Anaerobic digesters intake compost and food scraps to produce biogas, which mostly consists of methane gas. They do this by depriving bacteria of oxygen, therefore forcing them to digest the compost anaerobically and produce methane gas.

**Why:** Six percent of the carbon emissions come from food scraps in landfills; this isn't counting the carbon emissions that come from food scraps produced by farms. Most of these emissions come in the form of methane gas, which is 25 times more potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. This means that if we were to burn this methane gas produced by food scraps into carbon dioxide, we'd actually reduce global emissions and utilize a sustainable energy source that would have otherwise been thrown away.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Happy New Year from the NorKam Library!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Want to read MORE this year? Start the year with a new YOU! Check out the New Arrivals display unit in the Library for fresh titles, including some **brand new Nicolas Sparks books and a series of quick reads for LGBTQ2S+**! As well, check out our unplug and play window display in the office hallway for great fiction and non-fiction titles. Ask Ms. Mechem or Mr. Hafeli if you want to read anything in the display case!



#### **Chinese New Year - Year of the Tiger!**

Chinese New Year is **Friday, February 1st**.

We welcome our students from Taiwan, Hong Kong and China and wish them *Xin nian kuai le* (pronounced "Sin nee-yen kwye le")! Check out the Library for a selection of

books about China: their Foods, Culture, Arts, Activities, Pictures, Stories and more....

**Textbook Returns:** Semester 1 ends **January 31**. Please make sure ALL textbooks that you will not need for Semester 2 are returned to the Library by **February 1**.

#### **Covid Protocol Changes in the Library**

You will notice a change in the seating in the library to accommodate provincial mandates. This will also include no eating of food in the library at this time. You may drink at the tables, but your mask must be kept on between sips. Thank you for keeping your mouth and nose covered by a mask at all other times. We appreciate your efforts to keep all of us safe.

Enjoy the New Year and 2022!!!

Mr. Hafeli, Ms. Mechem & Mr. Regnier



## 2022 ASSESSMENTS

Block change will occur on January 25<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> to accommodate for Literacy and Numeracy Assessments. January 25<sup>th</sup> will be double blocks of AA/BB and January 26<sup>th</sup> will be double blocks of CC/DD.

#### **Bell Schedule for January 25<sup>th</sup> Double Blocks**

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:35 – 11:25	Double Block A
<b>9:50-10:05</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:25-12:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
12:15	Warning Bell
12:20-3:09	Double Block B
<b>12:41 – 1:36</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:36– 3:09	Block 4
1:40-1:55	Break

#### **Bell Schedule for January 26<sup>th</sup> Double Blocks**

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
8:35 – 11:25	Double Block C
<b>9:50-10:05</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:25-12:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
12:15	Warning Bell
12:20-3:09	Double Block D
<b>12:41 – 1:36</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:36– 3:09	Block 4
1:40-1:55	Break