

NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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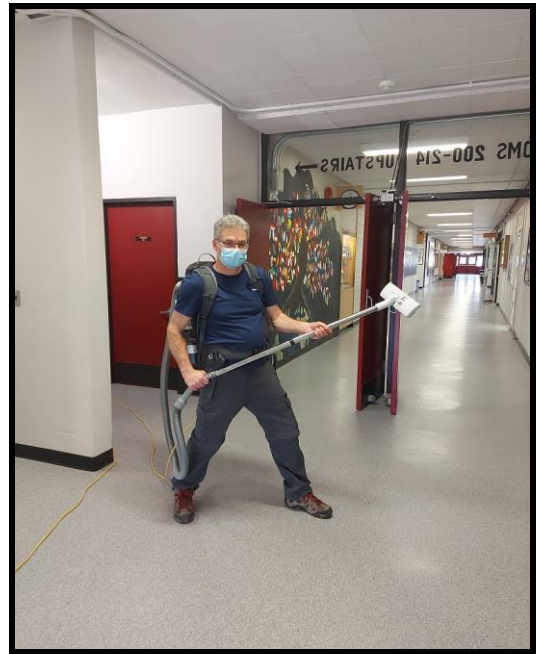


Important dates to note:

Mar 15	Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 21-April 1	Spring Break
April 7	Day of Suwewtwecw
April 11 & 12	Grad Photo Re-takes
April 15	Good Friday
April 26	Double Blocks A/B for Provincial Assessments
April 27	Double Blocks C/D for Provincial Assessments

The \$75 Grad 2022 Commencement Fee has been included in these fees and must be paid before the commencement ceremony on June 7th.

NORKAM STUDENTS AND STAFF



Thank you to Steve Johnston, our head custodian, and his hard working custodial team for keeping NorKam very clean and safe this year. He is sporting his best ghostbusters get up while vacuuming the floors.

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)

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.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK AND WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK

Thank you to parents who are doing a [daily health check](https://nkss.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/communicable-disease-prevention-plan.aspx) 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, sent home and can be viewed and paid for through [School CashOnline](#). Cash payment or cheque is accepted through the main office.

MARCH PROJECT:

[Monkey to the Rescue](#) by Ryleigh Adams and Aman Khun Khun. One of the best projects this year to engage all ages in the subjects of ecosystems, endangered animals and deforestation. Great job!

DRAMA CLASS

Something extra amazing at NorKam for Carrie Graham, NorKam's Drama teacher, as she taught Mirjam Jules for four years in elementary school and now for secondary school Drama class in her grade 12 year.

A pic of Mirjam and Mrs. Graham shining!



NORKAM IN THE NATIONALS

On March 13, 2022 NorKam won the second annual BC Interior Ethics Bowl and will be virtually attending the Canadian National in Winnipeg at the end of April. What is Ethics Bowl you quietly wonder as you read this? It is an orchestrated discourse pertaining to ten ethical issues of our day.

Prior to the bowl, all "bowlers" are expected to research and discuss ten case studies and then, on the day of the competition, are expected to collaboratively work with other schools to address various conflicts or problems that have arisen from the case studies. Just a few examples of the problems addressed were: Bill 21 in Quebec, medically assisted death, or whether or not to give money to the homeless.

Bowlers are assessed by various TRU professors on the merits of their knowledge of the case studies, but also on their reasoning, their listening skills, their responses to questions and their appreciation of various perspectives. Our students were AWESOME. They represented our school like

champions, and they very deservedly earned their place at the Canadian Nationals.

The Champs:

Shreya Sharma (12), Rylee Lake (11), Graeme Zimmerman (12), Kierra Connelly (11), Bailin Li (12), Sarah Nielson (11), Emmali Benoit (12), Evan Leggett (11), Lena Heinan (11), Dakoda Kelm (10) and Jonas Ens (10). Teachers: Trevor Pendergast and Nicky MacFarlane.

Congratulations and good luck in April!!

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.



GRADS – GRAD PHOTOS

Grad photo proofs for those that paid the \$25 sitting fee will be mailed home during spring break.

Grad Re-takes are scheduled for April 11 and 12th.

GRADS – 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

GRADS – 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 or Mrs. Erin Theunissen 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>

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 call the school at 250-376-1272

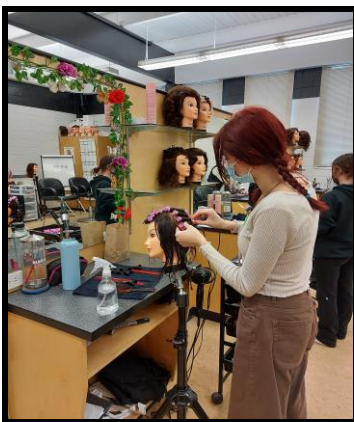
TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

Industry Career Fair

SD73 is hosting its first annual Industry Career Fair for Kamloops industry/trades employers. Join school district Trades and Transitions staff for a complimentary dinner followed by a career fair where you can meet potential employers! See Mr. McIntyre or email kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca to sign up!

Hairstylist Foundation Program

NorKam has an amazing ITA Hairstylist Foundation program for SD73 students that are interested in pursuing hairstyling/cosmetology as a career. There is still space for current grade ten students to join next year's program when they are halfway through their grade eleven year. Save over \$14,000 if you pursue it now instead of waiting until after graduation for a similar adult program! Any interested students should contact Mr. McIntyre at NorKam as soon as possible! Call the school or email kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca



Youth Train in Trades (TRU Foundation) and NorKam Trades Sampler Applications

The processing and vetting of applications is almost complete. Students will be informed of their status as soon as the information is finalized. We were hoping to hear back prior to Spring Break, but unfortunately the amazing amount of interest and number of applications have extended the process and we won't get final results until the week we come back. Keep your fingers crossed, I was impressed by all of your applications and dedication!

It is NEVER too early to express your interest in our programs. Come visit Mr. McIntyre anytime or email him at kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca

LIBRARY NEWS



Happy March!

DIVERSITY BOOKS for SPRING READING!

Come into the Library Learning Commons and choose one (or more) of our fantastic collections of *DIVERSITY* fiction titles! These are novels, short stories, and poetry titles that include a varied collection of diverse characters and content.

**** Check out the links in this list of some of our new titles for descriptions and reviews!**

[A Tale for the Time Being](#) by Ruth Ozeki
[Romeo for Real](#) by Markus Harwood-Jones
[What Makes You Beautiful](#) by Bridget Liang
[Walking in Two Worlds](#) by Wab Kinew
[Prom Kings](#) by Tony Correia
[You're You](#) by Mette Bach
[In a Heartbeat](#) by Markus Harwood-Jones
[Love, IRL](#) by Tracy Goldfarb
[Love is Love](#) by Mette Bach
[Pumpkin](#) by Julie Murphy
[Ayesha at Last](#) by Uzma Jalaluddin
[The Poet X](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo
[Brave Enough](#) by Kati Gardner
[Black enough : stories of being young & Black in America](#) edited by Ibi Zoboi
[Ms. Marvel](#) (graphic novel) by G. Willow Wilson and Adrian Alphona
[The Black Flamingo](#) by Dean Atta
[Brown girl dreaming](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
[Forgiveness : a gift from my grandparents](#) by Mark Sakamoto
[Internment](#) by Samira Ahmed
[The skin I'm in](#) by Sharon G. Flake
[This place : 150 years retold](#) (graphic novel) by various authors/artists
[Fight Like a Girl](#) by Sheena Kamal
[Birthday](#) by Meredith Russo
[Felix Ever](#) After by Kacen Callender

Don't forget, we have MANY more to choose from - see Mr. Hafeli or Mrs. Mechem in the Library to find something you will like!

POST-COVID CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

With changes to the Public Health Orders coming after Spring Break, we will be returning to pre-COVID "normal" policies in the Library. This means that students will be allowed to enjoy food and drink in designated areas during school hours and that there will be some seating changes as well. **You know what that means? BEANBAG chairs! That's right, we will be pulling our beanbag chairs and couches out for students to sit on after a long hiatus!**

Please note that policy changes are not "everything goes" and that our behavior expectations in the Library have not changed. It is still a place of learning and we expect students to respect others. **There are still limits on table seating and there is no sharing of chairs. We are hoping everyone will come by to have a look at the space when changes are complete!**

DISPLAY CASE - ALL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Library has a themed book display in the office hallway filled with books for you! April is Poetry Month, so check out our great variety of poetry titles in the display case and in the Library. If one or more grab your attention, let Library staff know and we will grab whatever you need out of the displays!

Have a super Spring Break!

Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Mechem and Mr. Regnier

Your friendly Library staff

FUNDRAISER

Calling all gardeners!

The Kamloops Track & Field Club is having their 29th annual fundraiser sale of mushroom manure. \$7 per 20 lb bag of mushroom manure. Pick up is 10am to 4pm March 26/27 or April 2/3 @ 1452 McGill Road (empty lot by Fortis) If you would like to support the track and field club visit www.kamtrack.ca to pre-order and pay or call 250-851-2512.

**Enjoy your spring break!
See you back on April 4th**

