

NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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 Mrs. Kelly Kirby, Mrs. Deb Collins (Counselling)

November 2021

Important dates to note:

Nov 24	IB Information Night
Nov 25	Report Cards sent home
Nov 29	PAC Meeting 6:00pm via Zoom
Dec 6	Pro-D Day – no classes in session
Dec 14	Locker Clean Out
Dec 15	Christmas Lunch
Dec 20-Jan 4	Winter 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)

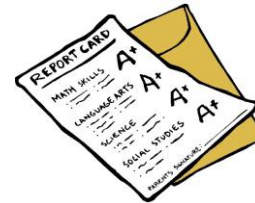
8:30	Warning Bell
8:35 – 9:45	Block 1
9:50-10:59	Block 2
10:59-11:15	Long Break
11:15-12:24	Block 3
12:24 – 1:19	LUNCH
1:19– 2:29	Block 4 Early Dismissal
2:29-3:09	PLC (Teacher Collaboration)

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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Report cards will be issued to students on November 25th during the last 10 minutes of the school day. We will also push report cards out to the MyEd portal on November 26th.



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 November 29th 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=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.

HALLOWEEN 2021

NorKam school spirit is alive and well!



No fun was had at all 😊!!!



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

NorKam Senior Secondary invites you to an information session outlining the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). This is a university preparatory program.

IB World Schools share a common thread; a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education. These principles, combined with an innovative curriculum that encourages excellence, creativity and exploration make IB the gold standard in education around the world. The IB Diploma programme is recognized by all the major universities of the world.

If your child is currently enrolled in grade nine, we encourage you to consider joining us to find out more information regarding enrollment at NorKam Senior Secondary to facilitate the transition to the IB Programme.

If your child is currently in grade 10 and:

- Plans to attend college/university,
- Feels unchallenged by the regular curriculum classes,
- Is inquisitive, creative and self-directed,
- Has above average achievement/ability level,

then you should attend our meeting to learn how the IB programme can give your child an advantage at college or university.

This session will be offered via teleconference on November 24, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Go to ZOOM.us and use the information below to join our session:

Pie in the Face Fundraiser

The largest donor for each teacher earned the chance to pie their teacher in the face! All donations went to Kamloops Therapeutic Riding Association.



Meeting ID: 599 378 1906

Password: IBNorKam22

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/5993781906?pwd=c1JQMkVlSmRlSOENxaHpNWlplbkktNUT09>

If you are unable to join us, you can find more information about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme on the school website – <https://nkss.sd73.bc.ca>.



have an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction books about **gender** and **gender identity** in our collection. Please check out our hallway book display and the many interesting and informative books we have on this topic.

For a number of years SD#73 has subscribed to top quality academic databases: *EBSCOhost* & *GALE*. Last year we also started a new subscription to *Encyclopaedia Britannica - High School Ed*. These resources are available for teachers and students to use at school and at home. School access is very simple. Go directly to the following link and you will be able to access all three comprehensive resources:

<https://bit.ly/2pJcD9s> (for EBSCO access at home, use the **OFF-SITE** link)

*If accessing at school you will not be asked for username/password.

**Login information is found linked from the maroon icon

Have a great November!

Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Mechem, and Mr. Regnier

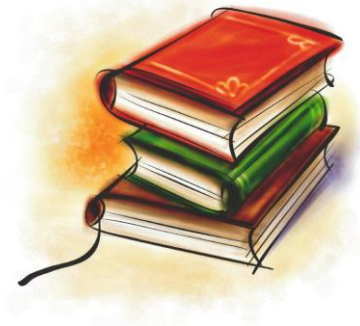
FROM THE NORKAM LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

Drop Everything And Read (DEAR): was on Monday, October



25th, celebrating *National School Library Week*. NorKam had another successful D.E.A.R event this year. Over 14,000 SD#73 students dropped everything and read for pleasure for 30 minutes whether it was a novel, magazine, comic book/graphic novel, informational book, or online article that interested them personally. NorKam has participated in this activity for the past ten years with

about 850 students and staff at our school participating.



NEW BOOKS: We recently received a great selection of **Young Adult fiction**. Included are Fantasy, Dystopian, Suspense (murder mystery) and LGBTQ2+ fiction. Mr. Hafeli also purchased additional issues of current **Manga** series. Come check them out!



CAREERS

TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

Transition Events

Students are taking part in our first ever Discovery Day at TRU this month. Five of our NorKam students were selected to attend TRU on November 18th to take part in a Software Engineering informational experience. Students will participate in several sessions in the Engineering department including budget planning, university student shadowing designing a video game console.

Trans Awareness Week is Nov. 13th-19th and **Transgender Day of Remembrance** is Nov. 20th. We



More information is coming out every week about our district's transition events. There is a school-wide Trade and Transitions presentation on November 19th that will



introduce our students to opportunities that are forthcoming in SD73. These programs include Heavy Metal Rocks (a three-day event



where students work in and around heavy equipment), Jr Fire Crew (a wildfire fighting training and experience opportunity) and the RCMP Youth Academy (a weeklong camp that takes



place during spring break that is an opportunity to see RCMP training firsthand).

Class Visits and Program Applications

Mr. McIntyre has been diligently visiting classrooms and promoting the programs we offer here at NorKam and around SD73. Applications for our programs for the next school year are slowly rolling out and many students have visited and picked up packages to apply for our programs. Students that are interested in the Trades Sampler, Youth Train in Trades, ITA Hairstylist, TRU Start programs and our events should come by to see Mr. McIntyre ASAP.

Wednesday WISE Blocks

Mr. McIntyre (kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca) runs Trades and Transitions WISE blocks every Wednesday. Come down for program information, career discussions, graduation planning, post-secondary opportunities, event presentations and more!

Call Mr. McIntyre at the school or email at kmcintyre@sd73.bc.ca. Come by for a chat anytime! No appointment necessary!

DIA DE MUERTOS ~ DAY OF THE DEAD



NorKam's Hispanic Society of Kamloops celebrated the traditions and culture of Day of the Dead on November 2nd at the Haciend a Cielito Lindo



with food for the soul, music and more!



REMEMBRANCE DAY



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

Thank you to Mr. How, Ms. Graham and Mr. Rustand for an amazing Remembrance Day ceremony performed by our Grade 10-12 Choir and Drama classes. All classes virtually connected through zoom to watch a very touching movement piece to the song "Fix you" by Coldplay, an interpretation of a war veteran leaving and returning from war with PTSD and the struggling. The choir class performed "After the War" and John Lennon's "Imagine" while the drama students performed peaceful shadow poses to accompany the music. Congratulations to all the staff and students involved for a very emotional and impressive performance.