



NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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Principal: Mr. Jonathan Brady **Vice Principals:** Mrs. Tonya Perry, Mrs. Nikki Stewart

Counsellors: Mrs. Erin Theunissen, Mrs. Emily Rouleau **Secretaries:** Ms. Linda Fowles, Mrs. Rosie Kirschner, Mrs. Kelly Kirby, Mrs. Deb Collins (Counselling)

September 2021

Important dates to note:

Sept 13	Photo Day
Sept 13	PAC Mtg
Sept 27	Pro -D Day – no classes in session
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – no classes in session
Oct 1	Photo Retakes
Oct 11	Thanksgiving Day – school closed

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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Now the smoke has cleared, the skies have returned to the blue we expected all summer. I think it's a good time to look at all the positive things we have to look forward to.

Welcome back to our returning students and welcome to our new students. All indications, at the point, are that it's going to be a better year.

We are returning to school in a more regular fashion. We are back on a semester system with students having four courses per day and are no longer in a cohort model. This means their choice of courses has improved.

Extra-curricular activities will be returning this year. Although they may take on a different look, I believe we will see kids playing, competing and participating in those activities they thoroughly enjoy.

Finally, I want to compliment the staff and students of NorKam Senior Secondary for their commitment to operate in a safe, healthy environment to work and learn. Our school has continued to function well and focus on the learning agenda through a year and a half of difficult time.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Students who are interested in scholarships and bursaries can add their names to the Scholarship Email List on the clipboard outside the counselling office. Any questions can be directed to your counsellor Ms. Theunissen etheunissen@sd73.bc.ca or Ms. Rouleau erouleau@sd73.bc.ca Scholarship applications for school and district awards will be available after spring break. Information can also be found on the NorKam website, under the banner “Path to Graduation.”

STUDENT FEES

Parents can expect student invoices to arrive home mid-November. Students are reminded to pay their fees at the main office or online and not to their individual teachers.

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. SchoolCash Online is coming soon. Look for details in the next few months.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Parents, please note we do not announce student messages. It is the student’s responsibility to check our four TV monitors throughout the school for any messages that may be left for them.



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.



STUDENT ABSENCES

All parents are asked to please report student absences **before 8:30 am** 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 Itunes or Google Play

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. Don't forget to wait for confirmation number to ensure your child's absence has been recorded. A registration email will be sent to parents in advance.

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.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

NorKam currently has more than seven buses coming and going in the south parking lot. Buses begin drop off at approximately 7:40 and start pick-up again at around 2:45pm. The bus loading zone is along the sidewalk marked with yellow at the main south entrance. We are asking parents and students to refrain from parking along the sidewalk at the south entrance for the safety of our students and your children...the buses need the entire length of the sidewalk.



FROM THE NORKAM LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

Hello everyone and welcome back! The library staff wish to extend a personal welcome to all students, returning or new to NorKam, and invite you to come on down to check out what we have to offer. The library is open for business- come in and take out fiction or non-fiction books, use the computers or Chromebooks, do some homework, or just hang-out! Feel free to put in a request for a book/series and we will do what we can to get it in! **Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Mechem, and Mr. Regnier are here to help you out, so bring your lunch and explore/enjoy your library!**

Library hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

- If you need to stay later, it can be arranged with Mr. Hafeli-- please plan ahead!

Library portal: <http://nkssllibrary.weebly.com/> - access citation tools, databases, and more!

FICTION SECTION BY GENRE NOW!

Look for signs in the fiction section and the **COLOURED** dots on book spine labels to find your favourite genre!

-  **Fantasy/SciFi/Dystopia**
-  **General Fiction/Relationships/Sports**
-  **Mystery/ Suspense/ Crime**
-  **Adventure/Disaster/ Historical Fiction/War**
-  **Thriller/Horror/Supernatural**
-  **Graphic Novels**

*REMINDERS:

- We have a universal self-serve device charging station - all phone cord types and induction charging available! **LIBRARY STAFF IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVICES - KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR OWN SMART PHONE!**
- cell phone use is permitted in the library before/after school and during breaks, but no streaming video please ; during class time they are permitted for educational purposes
- food and drinks are being permitted in the library on a trial basis **ONLY** during **LUNCH HOUR** and only at the big brown tables

** *Chromebooks* are available for use in the Library every block, at lunch, at long break, and after school! There are two ways to login to Chromebook/Google:

1 - Username: *firstname.lastname@gedu.sd73.bc.ca*
Password: sd + your student #

⇒ Any emails sent to this Google account will be automatically forwarded to your SD73 student Zimbra email account..

2 - Use your own Google account login.

*** see Mr. Hafeli if you are not able to login to the Chromebooks.

>>>>Have a great year and we hope to see you soon in the Library Learning Commons! Mr. Hafeli, Mrs. Mechem and Mr. Regnier

Recycling Pick Up

Room 101 will be doing the recycling program again this year. We plan to start on Friday and pick up the recycling (just cans, bottles etc) every Friday during last block (unless it is during pe) from now on, so please put blue bins outside the door after lunch.

Intro to Forestry & Environmental Studies

Learn about careers in Forest Management, Ecosystems, Ecology & Silviculture, Tree Planting, Aquatics, Fire Management, Search & Rescue and more for two full days October 14 & 15th. Visit the TNT website www.tnt.sd73.bc.ca or contact Kevin McIntyre, our TNT Coordinator for further information.

School District Notices

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