



NORKAM SENIOR SECONDARY

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September 2022

Important dates to note:

Sept 19	National Day of Mourning – no classes in session
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – no classes in session
Oct 3	Photo Retakes
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day – school closed
Oct 21	Pro-D Day- school closed

NorKam Secondary School Bell Schedule 2022-2023

8:25	Warning Bell
8:30 – 9:48	Block 1
9:48 – 10:03	Long Break
10:03 – 11:22	Block 2
11:22-12:15	LUNCH
12:15 – 1:33	Block 3
1:43– 3:02	Block 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings to our NorKam Families!

I am very pleased to introduce myself as Principal of NKSS this year. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the NorKam community and continue the wonderful work of Principal Brady. Previously, I worked with a great team at Sa-Hali Secondary school and am looking forward to learning and working with the amazing staff here at NKSS.

Summer has been a wonderful time to rest and rejuvenate - the sun and clear skies allowed many of us to fill our buckets and come back to school with energy and enthusiasm. Classes at NorKam are very full both with students returning and new to our catchment which is wonderful, but also provides timetable challenges. We ask for your patience and understanding as our counseling team works to make timetables appropriate for all learners.

SD#73 has a new District Strategic Plan with a vision that will guide us in developing a new School Learning Plan for NorKam Senior Secondary. This provides us the opportunity to work together as a learning community and make goals that will as the Mission states: *support learning opportunities and environments which inspire students to thrive.*

I wish all staff and students an exceptional fall and look forward to the achievements of Semester 1 at NKSS.

Rachael Sdoutz
Principal

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 Mrs. 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. <https://nkss.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/cashless-schools.aspx>

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

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 Kylie Alway. She can be reached at 250-851-7341. Please call Kylie 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 120 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, First Nations edible plants, medicine and culture. This will be two overnight full days October 13, 14 & 15th. Fees will be due by September 23rd. 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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