

SHSS | November Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It feels like November has come and gone faster than usual? Maybe it was the early snowfall or perhaps the turning back of the clocks for daylight saving time ... which, I just don't understand why we call it that? It sure doesn't feel like we're saving daylight when it is pitch black by 5 o'clock! But the silver lining is the days start to get longer and brighter on December 21 and that is only 3 weeks away!

With the snowy weather and darker skies in mind, please remind your students (we do too) that it is very challenging for drivers to see them as they walk to and from school or other activities in the afternoon and evening. We still have a few more reflective bands if needed, thanks to Zellstoff Celgar's 'Be Seen' initiative.

Our first formal report card was 'sent out' last week using the MyEducationBC Parent Portal. From the parent feedback we received we know that the process has not been perfect, but once parents have access, they are telling us that the Parent Portal works great and also provides better access to information like attendance and graduation progress. A more detailed newsletter item regarding report cards and the Parent Portal can be found below.

If your students participated in a fall season school sport, you probably know that the season as wrapped up with zone or regional play downs and final tournaments. Please take a minute to thank your students' volunteer coaches for their time and energy. Without their generous involvement, our access to athletics and healthy activities would not be possible.

The flu season is upon us! Please let us know if your student is not feeling well. A good rest in the early stages is the best plan for a fast recovery. We have roughly 6 weeks remaining in semester 1. Please feel free to contact your students' teachers if you have questions about their progress or have concerns about missed classes due to illness.

With several events and activities under our belts, I have to share with our community how quickly our students get involved and don't hesitate to help out. Every day I'm thanking someone for their help, hearing about the positive things students are doing in their day and I'm looking forward to being a part of the festive season's activities. **SHSS students are here to lead, achieve and succeed!**

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YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Yearbooks are for sale every **Tuesday and Thursday at lunch** in the crosshalls until Christmas holidays. As well, yearbooks can be purchased directly through Ms. Berringer in the office.

Yearbooks will not be sold after the holidays.

Prices are \$40 for standard, \$45 for personalized, and \$50 for a grad book. Payment can be paid by cash, cheque, debit and credit.

Hello Graduates and Parents of Graduates!**NEW ~ Student Transcript Service**

Starting September 24, 2017, the Ministry of Education launched Student Transcripts, a web-based service that makes secure transcript sharing between students and participating post-secondary institutions quicker and more convenient. Students are also able to access other information through this service, such as exam results and scholarship status. Click here ...



<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

Grad Update from Ms. Jackie:

- **Current requirements for Grad Transition credits:**
 - NOW: Activate student GSuite account (<https://www.sd20.bc.ca/gsuite/>)
 - NOW: Join “SHSS Grad Transitions” Classroom (code: uuzy4m)
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- **Ministry of Education - Graduation Planner**
 - These documents (PDFs) provide an excellent overview of Graduation Criteria
 - [Grad Planner - Province of British Columbia](#)
 - [The companion document to the Grad Planner 2017/18](#)

Parents of Grade 12 Students

A number of grade 12 students have signed up for the **WCT-12:WEX-12 courses**. These courses are a great way for your child to get certification courses paid for. If your child has not yet picked up their folders please have them come and see Mr. McKay ASAP. There will be a complete schedule of training dates set in the near future.

Grade 11 Update from Ms. Jackie:

- NOW: Activate student GSuite account (<https://www.sd20.bc.ca/gsuite/>)
- NOW: Join "SHSS Grad 2019" Classroom (code: qv3w7u)
- JAN 10/18: Complete and Submit "DPA Tracker Form" in Classroom

Grade 10 Update from Ms. Jackie & Mr. Prong:

- NOW: Activate student GSuite account (<https://www.sd20.bc.ca/gsuite/>)
- NOW: Join "SHSS Grad 2020" Classroom (code: f9bf6by)
- JAN 10/18: Complete and Submit "DPA Tracker Form" in Classroom



ATHLETICS

The fall athletics season has come to a close. At this time the athletics department would like to extend a huge thank you to all the coaches that dedicated countless hours to supporting our student athletes. We saw tremendous performances by all teams.

The girls field hockey came to a close with a 2nd place finish in the Kootenay Zones. They narrowly missed taking the wild card spot with a 1-0 loss in Kelowna.

Senior girls volleyball ranked second in the Kootenays. Junior/ Senior boys finished up with a top three placement, junior girls tier 1 placed 5th out of 6, junior tier 2 won their round robin but lost the last two matches to come 4th out 12, Grade 8 girls pull off another 4th place.

Basketball tryouts have already started for the winter season. Please make sure all students interested in basketball check the practice times posted around the gym and report to their practices after school.

First season games are Dec. 12th!!!

Senior boys soccer finished in 3rd place after playing some very competitive teams. Special thanks to Coach Roger Carlson for all of his dedication and time during the season.

All Volleyball players must pay their season fees. Please see Mr. Mason or Mrs. Berringer, the bookkeeper, to make payments.



Friendly Reminder☺

Idle Free Zone

Just a quick reminder for deliveries and drop offs, the front entrance to SHSS is an 'IDLE FREE ZONE'. The exhaust fumes quickly and easily find their way into our learning environments. Thanks for your support!



Fine Arts Evening & Fundraiser!

January 18th in the SHSS Activity Room. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Admission by donation.

Please join us for an evening with the SHSS Fine Arts Students as they share their many talents! Musical entertainment will feature our choir, jazz band, and concert bands.

Bring along your pocket book to support our silent auction and to buy a few snacks! Funds raised will go towards the Spring Band Trip.



Introducing the Family Portal

Enhancing communication with parents and students

This fall, School District No. 20 will be launching the MyEducationBC Family Portal at SHSS. MyEdBC is the system used across the province for managing student information such as attendance and report cards. The family portal allows parents to have access to the MyEdBC system where you can view report cards, attendance, demographics, and progress towards graduation.

Benefits of the MyEdBC Family Portal:

- Parents can easily access their student's report card
- Increases the security and privacy of student information. With the Family Portal, report cards are stored and accessed on a secure web server as opposed to sent out via email or on paper.
- Parents can view up-to-date attendance information on the same day it is entered.
- Parents can view demographic information and contact the school should updates/changes need to be made

More Information Is Available at the SD20 Website

<http://www.sd20.bc.ca/family-portal.htm>



COMING SOON!

Stanley Humphries Secondary School Opens New Clinic

We are pleased to announce that SHSS students will have access to the services of a Nurse Practitioner weekly within a temporary clinic being housed in a vacant counselling room of the high school's campus.

We are very aware of the challenges that many of our students and their families face in accessing health care. We have a significant number of students that do not have a family doctor and; therefore, go without the health care and support they need for extended periods of time. To address the needs of our students, a partnership with the IHA has been established with Lori Verigin and Chelsea Van Vliet, Nurse Practitioners with IHA.

Ms. Verigin and Ms. Van Vliet are licensed Nurse Practitioners with a Master's Degree in Nursing and a family Nurse Practitioner designation. As Nurse Practitioners, they have an expanded health care role and can support a range of health concerns such as:

General questions, order blood work, x-rays, specialist referrals, treat minor infections, perform pregnancy tests, birth control prescriptions, screen for venereal diseases;

The initial schedule will be **Thursdays from 12:30 – 3:15 p.m.** The working space will be one of the vacant counselling suites and the service will be on a drop-in basis.

If parents have concerns about whether or not they will be informed about the health care their child is seeking or receiving at this onsite clinic, then they should ask their child not to attend the clinic being held at SHSS. The School District will have no information about the services being provided to the youth nor can the school provide information about if/when the child attended the clinic. While the clinic is being hosted at SHSS, the school nor the district is responsible for the services being provided within IHA's onsite clinic. Nurse Practitioners Verigin and Van Vliet will need to abide by the various consent provisions of the *College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia* and various other relevant legislation which limits and directs nurses' practice in relation to consent. The Health Care (Consent) and *Care Facility (Admission) Act* and the *Infants Act* are key statutes. Nurse Practitioner Verigin and Van Vliet will also operate within IHA's consent requirements.

Ms. Verigin will be on site on Thursday, January 18th to set up the space and will be available for parent questions at 3:30PM at the school or if you have any questions in regards to the clinic, please don't hesitate to contact the school (250)368-5591 or Ms. Verigin or Ms. Van Vliet (250) 368-0053.

DATES ON THE HORIZON

For a full list of important dates for SHSS ... checkout our online calendar at:

<https://shsscastlegar.com/calendar/shss-calendar/>

December 5 – Poinsettias Arrive at SHSS for pickup

December 4 – Collaboration Day - Late start for SHSS students. Please check district bus schedules.

December 9 – SHSS hosts Invitational Winter Classic Debate Tournament 2017

December 18 – Collaboration Day - Late start for SHSS students. Please check district bus schedules

December 20 – Winter Formal Dance 6:30-9:30pm

December 21 – Winter Assembly

January 8 – School reopens

Begin Saving Your Bottles & Cans For Us!

Who: Graduates of 2018

When: Pickup January 6th & 7th

Please keep your bottles and cans to help support the SHSS Grads of 2018!