

# Stanley Humphries Secondary School February Newsletter

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Ms. Verigin  
Ms. Harrison

Ms. Lori Verigin and Ms. Terry Harrison made introductory visits to our classrooms this month explaining their key roles and services for our students. Ms. Verigin recently joined our SHSS team as a Nurse Practitioner available each second Thursday afternoon. Her next visit will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Harrison is our Child and Youth Care Worker. She provides social and emotional support for students in need. Her office is located in the Counsellor wing where she is available for students each school day.



## Principal's Message

February has been a very busy month for staff and students at SHSS as we start and settle into a new semester. Along with new classes and curriculum, many of our students have engaged in great value-added learning experiences. Last Friday was a busy one as we had students at Selkirk's Silver King Campus in Nelson for the annual 'Made for Trades Day' and an informative presentation on the drug, fentanyl, by Corporal Riordan Bellman.

Our SOGI team is taking the lead for **PINK SHIRT DAY** on the 28th and we look forward to seeing pink shirts throughout the school! Our staff and students continue to **LEAD, ACHIEVE** and **SUCCEED!**

On the horizon is course programming. Please keep an eye and ear out for updated course selection and programming guides. We will be posting these documents on our website soon, but will also be sending links and information to parent and guardian inboxes directly. With March only days away, spring break is getting closer, but winter's influences haven't left us yet.

Please take care when travelling during these chilly days!

Principal DeRosa



Leadership students tie-dyeing pink shirts



*Congratulations*

STUDENT RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

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On February 13<sup>th</sup>, a special evening was held to celebrate students who have distinguished themselves through their achievement, leadership, success or personal qualities throughout the past semester.





## Health & Wellness Resources For Young People

[Foundrybc.ca](http://Foundrybc.ca) is now available to support the mental health of BC youth.

The new [Foundrybc.ca](http://Foundrybc.ca) website offers wellness tips and strategies, self-checks, apps and online tools, connections to services, and strategies for supporting others.



### Grad Photo Re-Takes

February 28th at 3:00pm in the Counselling Suite.

## New MediaSmarts Resources

- MediaSmarts has released updated **videos for parents** about social networking privacy and excessive use. The site has also provided updated tips for managing kids' screen time based on the Canadian Paediatric Society's guidelines.
- **Reality Check** is a two-year public awareness and education initiative that will give Canadians of all ages the tools they need to verify different kinds of online information and to help them understand why it's important to double-check before they share information online.



## Course Selection and Programming for 2018-19

Staff are currently reviewing the course selection booklet and updating new curriculum, electives and grad program requirements. Students will be transitioning into the new curriculum and we are looking forward to the new learning opportunities that this process will present. Important dates for students and parents:

- **Monday, March 12** - The Course Selection Booklet will be posted to the school's website for viewing and planning purposes.
- **April 9-11** - course programming information sessions for students.
- **Monday, April 16 at 7:00pm** - course programming information presentation for parents and guardians.
- **Wednesday, April 18** - course selection begins for students.

## Counsellor's Corner

### Mr. Prong

As Semester 2 continues, the SHSS Student Services Team has started the Grade 7 student transition process. If you have any questions or concerns about your elementary-aged child coming to SHSS in September, 2018, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Prong, School Counsellor (Grades 8-10). We look forward to answering your questions, easing any tension, and providing the tools and familiarity necessary for next year's Grade 8s to succeed!