

The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School
October 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The holiday season is upon us again. Before we get there, though, we have a few specifics to share with you.

Friday the 21st will be the final day of classes until after the holidays. Friday will be a unique schedule for students as we adjust the order of classes to make room for our assembly. Over the years, we have learned that it is very difficult to keep the kids focused on the last day of classes. It's even more difficult to have assemblies or large breaks part way through the day as we lose kids (physically and mentally) as the day progresses. As such, instead of running a 30-minute lunch period we will run through four shortened classes and then have our assembly at the end. Because there will be no lunch period, students will get out 30 minutes earlier than they normally would on a Friday, at approximately 12:50. Busses have been requested to arrive a little earlier to reflect this schedule.

From the staff at ADSS, we wish you and your families the happiest of holidays. We will look forward to welcoming students back to classes on January 7th. From there it is a short 2 weeks until the end of the semester and the beginning of final exams. Just like that, we are half way through the school year!

Rob Souther, Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

Dec 5 – ADSS Athletics Christmas Food Drive

Dec 12 – Winter Band Concert – 7pm

Dec 13 – Winter Band Concert – 7pm

Dec 10-14 Grad Photos

Dec 21 – Last day of Classes before winter break

Dec 24-Jan 4 – Winter Vacation

Jan 7 – Back to School

Jan 10-12 – Totem Tournament 64

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

IMPORTANT: If you wish to **cancel**, or you have more than one student (you receive it more than once), please call me at 250-723-6251 ext 2401 or email me at cbrooks1@sd70.bc.ca to cancel . Thank you.
Colleen Brooks, Secretary - ADSS

GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!

Need a last-minute Christmas present for your student? Yearbook order forms are available at the main office and the Career Centre. The cost this year is \$55.00. Money and order forms will be collected by the accountant Nikki Levasseur. The school pre-orders 300 copies and they are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

ADSS CLOTHING SALE

Hoodies, various T-shirts, sweatpants, scarves, socks and blankets. Order forms can be picked up and submitted to Career Centre. Order deadline: Thurs, Dec 6th. Items in approximately Wed, Dec 19th.

PROM COMMITTEE

Parents wishing for more information about prom or wanting to get involved, we have a facebook page. Join our page at **ADSS 2019 Prom Parents**. Prom Parents have a table set up in the main entrance every Wednesday at lunch for parent and student inquiries.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS GOING TO UNIVERSITY

Online En12 must be completed by February for the final mark to reach the Ministry!
See Mr. Ostwald

GRAD PHOTOS

They are happening next week – December 10-14 at ADSS. All grads should have made their appointment by now – questions? Call Terri-Ann Wynans in the Career Centre 250-723-1191 ext. 1

MOVEMBER

Thanks to all who contributed to ADSS Movember. ADSS will be donating over \$600 to Ty Watson House.



ADSS PAC- GRAPEVINE DEC 2018

Ever wonder what a school Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is? According to the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, "The PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school." <http://bccpac.bc.ca>

School wide groups and clubs can apply for PAC Gaming Grant funding. This school year our PAC has already supported the following and others:

- R&B Band
- Athletics
- Board Game Club
- Debate Club
- Floor Hockey Club
- Band

Our PAC meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at ADSS. All parents and guardians of ADSS students are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you all at our upcoming meeting on Wednesday Jan 9th, 2018 at 7pm at ADSS.

If you have any questions or would like to be part of the PAC distribution list please send the PAC an email at adsspac@gmail.com You can also get updates and resources through the "ADSS PAC" Facebook group.

SCHOOL SPIRIT – TOTEM CLOTHING

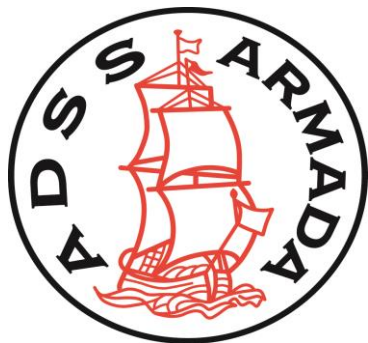


Show your School Spirit. Totem 64 is quickly approaching. We have all the swag you need and it is available for Christmas. You can make purchases from Mr Roberts' room during lunch hour. Here is a list of some of the items available:

TOTEM 64 MERCHANDISE

- HATS - \$20.00
- PRO-FIT - \$25.00
- T-SHIRTS (Adult & Youth) - \$15.00
- Dry Fit T-Shirts - \$20.00
- INFANT SHIRTS: \$12.00
- SWEATPANTS - \$35.00
- HOODIES/ZIP-UPS - \$45.00
- TEDDY BEARS - \$10.00
- LANYARDS - \$5.00
- SEAT CUSHION - \$10.00
- SCARVES - \$20.00
- TOQUES - \$10.00
- SOCKS - \$12.00
- Cinch Bags - \$5.00
- ARMADA Blankets - \$40.00

- PROGRAMS - \$2.00
- PENS - \$3.00
- STICKERS - \$1.00
- TATTOOS - \$.50/each or 3 for \$1.00



CLUBS AND TEAMS

MODEL UN CLUB: is Tuesdays at lunch in room 218. Reghan, grade 12, is Head Delegate and Robbie, grade 10, is Co-Chair.

SAFE, Student Allies for Equality, meets Thursdays at lunch in room 218.

THE BEE CLUB: welcomes new members Thursdays at lunch in room 101 who are interested in learning how to become bee-keepers. We have two goals: To keep the school hives going as a place to learn about bee-keeping and extra aspects including: honey production, candle and cosmetics creation. In the Spring we hope to breed more new queen bees and establish mini-hives for students to adopt themselves.

Bee All You Can Bee! Cal Barber

ADSS DEBATE TEAM

Once again, the ADSS Debate Team is up and running. With 16 members, our after-school meetings are dynamic, informative and very fun! The school sent 5 teams down to the Brentwood Invitational in October. Congratulations to Winston Tao for his third-place finish. This Saturday, December 1st, the team is once again participating in the Golden Gnomes Invitational at Oak Bay Secondary in Victoria. As always, team meetings are open to students who would like to see what debating is all about. We meet Tuesdays after school in room 203 from 3:30-5:00.

WRESTLING CLUB: Sponsor Teachers: Jeanette Badovinac, John McDonald and Russ Bodnar
The Alberni Valley Wrestling Club is an umbrella organization that represents wrestling programs at the Valley Elementary Schools and at Alberni District Secondary School. The AVWC has wrestlers in both female and male divisions from grades 5-12. The high school membership is annually close to 50 students making up a Jr Varsity (Novice –Intermediate wrestlers) and a Sr Varsity (Intermediate- Elite wrestlers). **Practices began in November Mondays and Wednesdays at ADSS for the Sr Varsity athletes and Tuesdays and Thursday for the Jr Varsity athletes. All Practice times at ADSS are 3:30-5pm. We also have Tuesday and Thursday nights at A W Neill for Sr Varsity and Alumni club members 6pm- 8pm.** The high season runs from November until March with the club season extending until the end of April to include participation at the National Wrestling Championships

ADSS GAMES CLUB: Meets every Friday after school in Room #216

BAND: "For music students, see our Facebook and Instagram pages for weekly updates by following @ADSSmusic and also all dates and hands-outs can be found at the music program website, www.adssmusic.weebly.com."

Winter Band Concerts December 12-13th at 7pm – Can Food Donations are being collected for the Bread of Life.

LEADERSHIP 9 CLASS: Hello students and parents of ADSS, the junior leadership class is hosting a toy drive during the later part of November and early December. Any new or gently used toys and games are welcome and will be accepted in a large box labelled "Toys" in the front foyer next to the main office. Donations will cease to be accepted on December 13th, and all proceeds are going to the Bread of Life.

Another group is collecting winter wear for the shelter society (coats, sweaters, socks, gloves etc. look for a donation bin in main lobby).

Add these to the food drive and there are certainly a lot of options to help out. Do what you can, it will all be appreciated more than you realize. I hope you are able to donate a thing or two.

LIBRARY AND OVERDUE BOOKS

The ADSS Library is open to all students before school, during lunch and after school, until 4pm (2:15 on Fridays). There are 38 computer stations in the library where students can do homework and access the printer.

Out of 1538 library books checked out, 471 are now overdue and we have over 1200 lost textbooks. Students are responsible for the cost of both lost library books and textbooks. All fines must be settled, or books returned, in time for graduation. If your student has something outstanding, we recommend they do a thorough search at home. Payments can be made to Nikki Levasseur in the Counselling office (cash or cheque).

ADSS BREAKFAST CLUB

- On behalf of the ADSS Breakfast Club, I want to thank everyone who helped out with the recent bake sale at Scotiabank. I want to thank the Scotiabank staff for hosting our fundraiser once again, they have been great supporters of the breakfast club. A special thanks to Ms. Wood and Ms. York's cooking classes that made a lot of our baking. The kids did an amazing job!! Also, to the parents, students, ADSS staff and the Scotiabank staff that helped out and dropped off baking. I want to give out a special thank you to Marilee, Geraldine and Jonah who came out and helped sell items at Scotiabank. Because of all of you, the bake sale was a huge success.
- Potluck Ceramics announced the winner of the Spotlight on the Community contest, ADSS BC was one of the lucky winners, we received \$5000 on Saturday. \$5000 also went to the Read and Feed program. I want to thank the Port Alberni Fundraising Co-op and Potluck volunteers as well as everyone that nominated the ADSS Breakfast Club; your votes over the last couple of months showed amazing support for the program. You all made this happen, thank you again!! I would also like thank Pot Luck Ceramics for all that they do within the community.
- I want to give a special thanks to all our amazing volunteers that continue to support our students and program on a daily basis, we truly appreciate your dedication.
- The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:35 am until 8:35 am. There are 23 classrooms throughout the school that offer food for hungry students; the office staff has a list. We would

like to thank the following people and community groups for their generous donations to Breakfast Club and their continued support of our students and program:

- SD 70
- Save On Foods Management and Staff
- Circle Dairy
- Swale Rock Café
- Little Bavaria
- Salvations Army
- Port Alberni Rotary Club
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- President's Choice Children's Charity
- AV Lions
- Port Alberni Toy Run
- Linda LaRochele
- 2016 Prom Committee
- Anne and Russ McLaughlin
- Marybeth Forcier
- Tina Lampard
- Andrea Knoll
- CO-OP Gas Stations
- Arrowsmith Flooring Center
- Alberni Eco Dry Cleaners
- Susan Addy
- 2018 Prom Committee
- Nanaimo Grad Closet
- Wanda Keene
- Costco
- Cox Lake Blueberry Farm
- Kelly Hepp
- Sarah York
- ADSS Cooking Class Students
- 1968 Grad Reunion Class
- Arrowsmith Flooring Center
- Mark Heatherington and Brenda Spencer
- Best Western
- Lee Harrigan
- Parks and Rec
- Ruby Petersen
- The Peak
- Jowsey's Furniture
- Capitol Theatre
- Heather Eyford
- Alberni Valley Christian Reformed Church Parishioners
- Amy Mather
- Deb Miller
- Potluck Ceramics – Port Alberni Fundraiser Co-op
- All Anonymous donors

Our amazing volunteers: Bev Nickerson, Young Life reps Shaylene Balle and Jonathan Behnke, Sharanne Gaiga, Jenny Geddes, Brenda Kraneveldt from Family Guidance, Susan and Tom Wall, Pat Bouchard, Sheila Hvid, Gregory Thomas from NETP, Camie Sogge, Heather McNamee, Lisa Jenkins, Trish LaPointe from INEO, NTC Youth Workers Lisa Forryan and Amelie Duquette, NIC reps Janis Almond, Jessie Broekhuizen and Heather Thompson, USMA Guardianship Team reps Penny Matthews, Arlene Bill and Kim Erickson, Joe Burton, Marilee Alexander, Jonah Thomas, Geraldine Dick, Vanessa Schoen, Lisa Duncan, Colleen Oxley, Lindsay Kolba, Cedars Program 1 & 2 Students, Star Porter and EAs, Cathy Cross, PAC and ADSS Admin and staff. If we have missed anyone, we are truly sorry, that was not our intention.

There are a few ways that you can help the Breakfast Club:

- We are always in need of donations of gift cards from any grocery or clothing stores, hygiene items such as Tampax Tampons (regular and sports with plastic applicator) or Always Infinity Pads (**not liners**), **disposable** razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream, men's and lady's deodorant. If you can donate these items, they can be brought to the school office.

- The Breakfast Club has a **QF points card** if anybody would like to donate their points to the program. The points will be used to purchase gift cards for vulnerable students and groceries when needed. You can donate your points at any QF cashier and state it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. **Please** save your Quality Foods receipts for the breakfast club; they are collected, totaled (QF \$5000 before taxes= \$20) and turned into gift cards for that are then distributed to vulnerable students. Receipts can be dropped at the school office for Melody.
- We are always looking For the Grad Closet; **Suits, tuxedos, ties and grad dresses** are always appreciated.
- The ADSS Breakfast Club accepts monetary donations. If you would like to donate \$50 or more and would like a tax receipt, cheques can be made out to SD 70, subject line- ADSS Breakfast Club, if cash (\$50+), please include your name/address information. Please drop them off at the ADSS office or the School Board office. We appreciate any help.

CAREER CORNER

ADSS APP

Do you want to keep up to date on what's happening at ADSS? Our school app is the way to do that! Download the free "My School Day" app from the Google Play or Apple Stores and stay connected. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Wynans in the Career Centre at 250-723-1191 ext. 1





My School Day

school app for 2018/19

Quick Introduction

1. Download the app

On your phone or tablet, go to the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search for "My School Day". Install it - *it's free!* Make sure to allow it to receive notifications if asked - the school will send out important reminders, information and alerts through notifications.



2. Select Your School

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*



3. Enter your classes

Tap on the gear icon in the bottom right corner.



Enter your class names and select colours. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities.

4. See your schedule.

The calendar view shows school events at the top and your classes below.

Swipe left and right to move through the days.

Tap the date to go back to today. Press and hold on the date to choose a date to go to.

Tap on a class to enter notes, take photos, and add To-Do list items for that class.

To see a week or month at a time, turn the phone sideways. Once there, you can view a single day, 5- or 7-day weeks, or the whole month.

5. Browse the menu.

Tap the menu icon to get access to news, notification history, links, and more.



Remember to check "Select Channels" for subjects and groups you can subscribe to get notifications for.



For Parents too!

Subscribe to the same subject channels as your student and get all the same notifications as they do. If you have multiple students in the school, enter up to 5 schedules to keep track of them all: Tap the lightning bolt icon, and select "Student" as the action. From then on, tapping that button will let you switch between student profiles.



Switching to the new My School Day app

What it means & how to switch

Why is there a new app?

Starting with 2018-2019 school year we are moving to a new, unified app instead of individual apps for each school. The new app is needed to comply with recent changes to App Store requirements.

Do I lose any features or functionality?

NO. The new app has all of the same features as your previous app: school-specific schedules, note taking, notifications, etc. We will actually be able to add new features faster with the new app.

What about our school logo and colour?

Within the app all the same branding remains, with the logo visible as a watermark and the school colour used for the header and other elements, and of course all of the information remains school-specific once a school is selected. iOS users (10.3+) will have the opportunity to switch the app icon to match the school.

What do I need to do?

To install the new app, search the app store for "My School Day" (or use the QR code/Snapcode below), and download it. The first time the app is opened it will guide you through selecting your school. *This only needs to be done once.* From that point on, the app will behave as if it was an individual app for your school.

What about my notes, photos, classes?

Once My School Day is installed and you have selected your school, go into the previous app for your school, and look in the settings: there will be a new button there to transfer your info¹. When you tap it, it will save all of your photo notes to the camera roll, and automatically transfer your notes, todos, class names, and channel subscriptions to the new app.

1. Requires iOS 8+ or Android 5.1+. Older devices will need to cut and paste notes, export photos, etc manually.

Once you have checked that all of the info you need has been transferred, the old app can be deleted. Leaving it installed will not interfere with the new app, but you will receive double notifications (once in each app) unless you disable notifications for one of them.

What if I don't install the new app?

You will still be able to use the old app and will receive notifications for now, but you will not get any new features.



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