

# The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School  
January 2019

## Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back!

January is here and with it comes a number of important dates and events.

For 64 years, the ADSS Totem Tournament has been the focal point of our first week back to school. This year will be no different with 16 teams from around the province landing at ADSS on Thursday.

January is also important because it serves as the half-way point in the school year. Semester 1 draws to a close on January 18<sup>th</sup> and is followed by exam week and the beginning of second semester courses on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Included in this month's Grapevine you will find information about all these events and others. If you have questions that remain unanswered, please let us know.

Rob Souther,  
Principal

### Important Upcoming Dates

Jan 10-12 – Totem Tournament 64

Fri Jan 18 – End of Semester One

Mon-Fri Jan 21-25 Exam Week

Mon Jan 28 – Curriculum Implementation Day  
– NO CLASSES

Tues Jan 29 – Semester 2 Begins

Fri-Sat Feb 1-2 – Alberni Wrestling Invitational

Tues Feb 5 – Grad Photo Retakes

### 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](mailto:cbrooks1@sd70.bc.ca) to cancel. Thank you.  
Colleen Brooks, Secretary – ADSS

## TOTEM 64 Information

### January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Our 64th annual Totem Tournament is well underway. We are proud to be the longest running high school basketball tournament in the Province! Totem began in 1956 as a four-team boy's tournament and this format continued until 1982, when the tournament expanded to eight teams. Totem continued to be a male only tournament until 2011 when female teams were included in the tournament. The format evolved to six-teams for both boys and girls and in 2015, the tournament moved to eight teams for both genders. We will be continuing with eight boy's teams and eight girl's teams once again this year. Like last year, Friday and Saturday games will be played at both ADSS and across the street from the school at the Alberni Athletic Hall. The tournament will begin with two games on Thursday evening with both Armada teams playing that night. As per Totem Tradition, the Armada Senior Boys and Girls teams always play in the Feature Games each night, as the community has been accustomed to showing up for the last two games each night knowing that they will get to see the local teams play. These games traditionally have over 500 spectators in attendance and feature not only the basketball teams, but also fantastic performances from the ADSS Cheer and Dance team and energetic musical interludes from the ADSS Totem Pep Band.

We appreciate the time and effort of the many staff members who volunteer, accommodate requests and help promote this great annual event! We are looking forward too many of you being a part of the amazing atmosphere, energy and tradition that Totem provides each and every year!

### TOTEM 64 Participating Teams:

GIRLS TEAMS	BOYS TEAMS
Alberni	Alberni
Ballenas	Ballenas
Belmont	Edward Milne
Kwalikum	Kwalikum
Pacific Christian	Mark Isfeld
Gulf Islands	Reynolds
Vic High	Spectrum
Windsor	Stellys

Game Times will be as follows:

#### **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

*ADSS Senior Boys @ 5:15pm (vs Kwalikum)*

*ADSS Senior Girls @ 7:00pm (vs Kwalikum)*

**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

*ADSS Senior Girls @ 5:15pm (vs TBA)*

*ADSS Senior Boys @ 7:00pm (vs TBA)*

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

*ADSS Senior Girls @ 5:45pm (vs TBA)*

*ADSS Senior Boys @ 7:30pm (vs TBA)*

***ADSS Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony***

Just before the feature game on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - the ADSS Athletic Department will recognize the newest inductee to the ADSS Wall of Fame. This year we will only have one individual joining an impressive group of many other athletes, coaches and builders of our programs.

*2019 Inductee:* Mr. Elmer Matthews: Builder Category – Totem Tournament Founder

***TOTEM Spirit Contest:***

This year, the Totem Spirit competition has four hard working Grade 12 students who are eager and excited to assist with the tournament. Please join us in wishing all these dedicated students' good luck and thanking them for their efforts in promoting the tournament and providing great school spirit.

*2019 Totem Spirit Candidates:*

Nikki Aquino: Cheer Team

Emily Benson: Senior Band

Kierra Collinge: Dance Team

Sarah Higginson: Theatre Department

***Team Contacts:***

Senior Girls Basketball: Dennis Bill & Ryan Broekhuizen

Senior Boys Basketball: Craig Brooks & Dave Eamer

Cheer Team: Liz Bill & Stephanie Selva

Dance Team: Lindsay Kolba & Jennifer Anderson

***Admission Costs:***

***THURSDAY:***

Under 5 – Free

Everyone: \$5

5-11 years: \$10 for tournament pass

12 and up: \$15 tournament pass

**FRIDAY:**

Under 5 - Free

5-11 years -\$5 per day admission or \$10 for tournament pass

12 and up - \$8 per day admission or \$15 tournament pass

**SATURDAY:**

Under 5 - Free

5-11 years -\$5 per day admission

12 and up - \$8 per day admission

***Comfy Red Couch and Draws***

When you pay your admission, be sure to enter the draw for the BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE on the Comfy Red Couch. Winners will be drawn just prior to each game.

Multiple Draws will be taking place throughout TOTEM 64 – We will have a 50/50 draw nightly.

Throughout the weekend, there will be tickets available for a draw for one of three prizes from Boston Pizza. Winners will be drawn on Saturday evening:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Free Individual Pizza weekly for 1 year – value \$800

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Free dinner for 4 – once per month for 1 year – value \$800

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Birthday Party Meal (10 People) X 4 in 1 year – value \$800

There will also a draw for one of two gift baskets. Each gift basket is valued at approximately \$800 and they each contain a Free Sports Car rental for a weekend from Cowichan Valley Auto and various prizes and gift certificates from local merchants. This draw will also take place on Saturday evening.

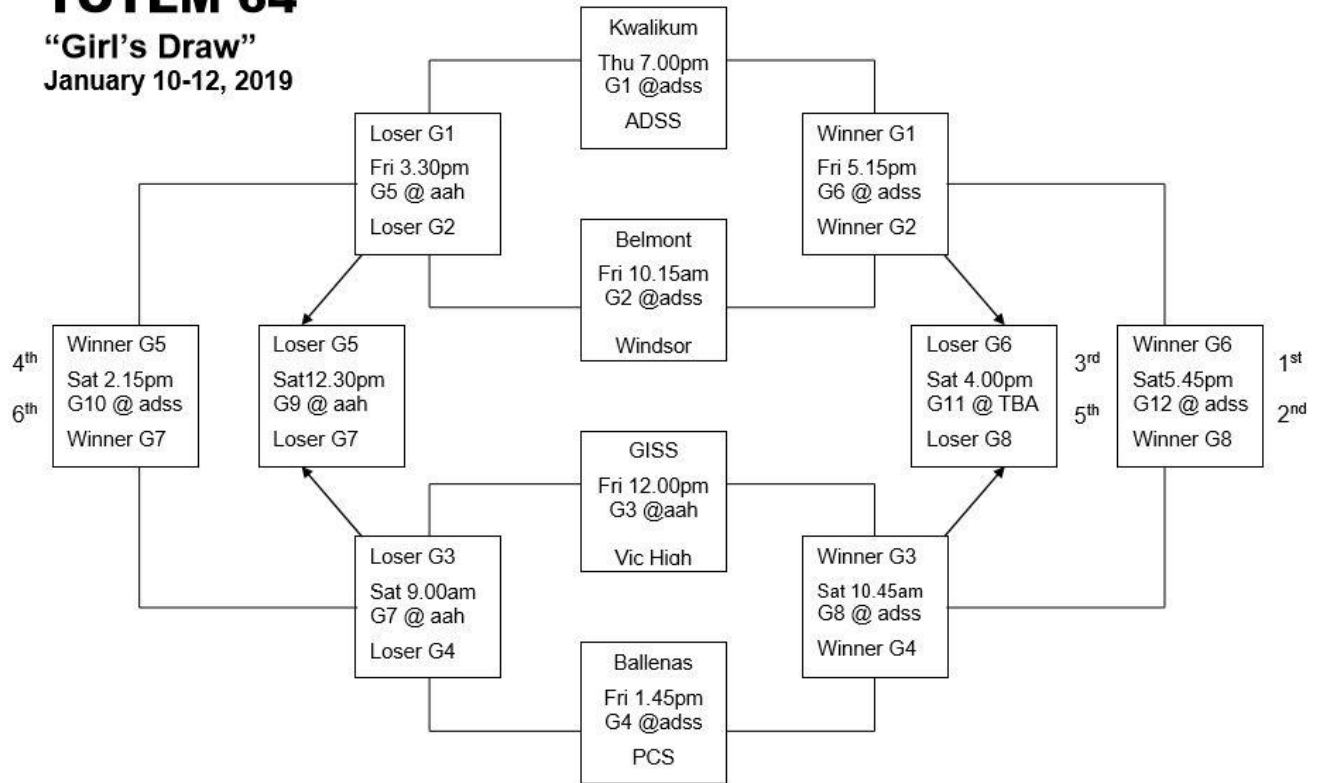
If you require any additional Totem Tournament information, please visit the Totem Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/totemtournament/> or the Totem Tournament website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/adsstotemtournament> (these sites will be updated soon). For those you that are unable to make any games, the Friday night Feature Games are being broadcast live on Shaw's YouTube channel. These games will also be replayed on Shaw Cable on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

If you require any further information or might be looking to volunteer over the Totem weekend, please see any of the Tournament Committee members listed below:

Liz Bill, Jean Contant, Greg Freethy, Neelam Parmar, Mike Roberts & Al Seredick

# TOTEM 64

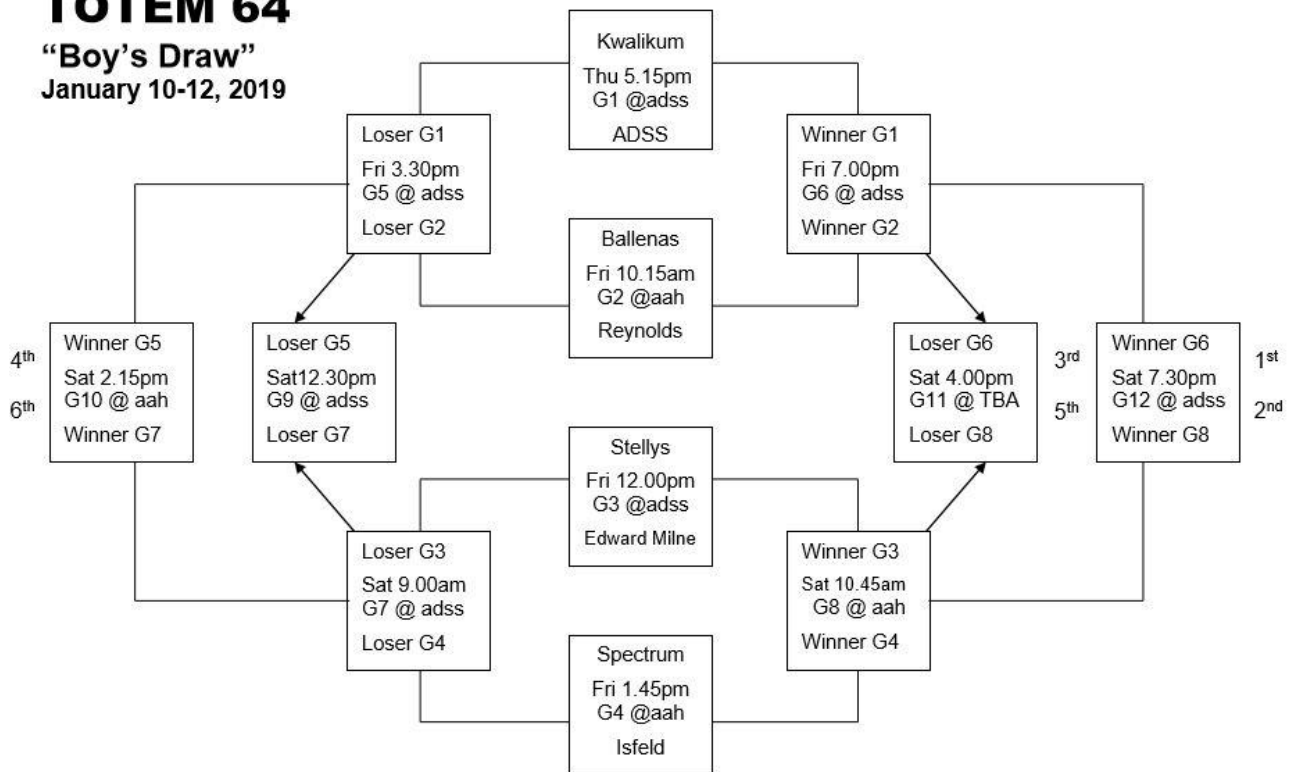
“Girl’s Draw”  
January 10-12, 2019



Ms. Badovinac is out on her rounds. I think she may be enjoying that scooter a little too much.

# TOTEM 64

“Boy’s Draw”  
January 10-12, 2019



## STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

Student activity fees for the 2018-2019 school year are \$30 and can be paid to Nikki Levasseur in the counselling office thereafter. This is not a textbook fee. The fee supports various students’ activities and special events throughout the year. If the \$30 is a financial challenge at the beginning of the year, please contact the school about breaking the fee up into smaller chunks, payable in installments.



### SCHOOL SPIRIT – TOTEM CLOTHING

Show your School Spirit. Totem 64 is upon us. You can make purchases from Mr. Roberts' room during lunch hour and throughout totem at our merchandise table. 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

### EXAM SCHEDULE – EXAM WEEK – JANUARY 21-25TH

**\*\*see attached schedule\*\***

Final exams for all semester one academic classes will be held from January 21st – 25th. On the exam schedule included in this newsletter you will note that some exams are in italicized print. These exams are provincial exams. The times and dates of these exams are set by the Ministry of Education. All other academic courses have school-based exams which the school schedules to fit around the government exam times. This schedule has been posted around the school and teachers are making students aware of specific exam times for their courses. Although we do our best to create a schedule that works for every student, there are inevitably conflicts that occur where students are scheduled to write two exams at the same time. This most often occurs when a student is taking courses from different grade levels in the same semester. *It is the responsibility of each student to check the exam schedule in*

advance of the exam week and to inform administration if they have a conflict. Alternate times can be arranged for any school-based exam that is in conflict with another exam.

<b>January Exam Schedule</b>	<b>Monday January 21</b>	<b>Tuesday January 22</b>	<b>Wednesday January 23</b>	<b>Thursday January 24</b>	<b>Friday January 5</b>
9:00 – noon	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p>English 10 Creative Writing 10 Literary Studies 10 New Media 10 Chemistry 12 Pre-Calculus 11</p>	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p>Math 9 Biology 11 History 12 French 10</p>	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p>Chemistry 11 Pre-Calculus 12 Comm 11 FRAL 10</p> <p><b><u>Computer Labs</u></b></p> <p><b>GNA Workplace 10 (122 &amp; 126) GNA Grade 12 (126 &amp; 132)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p><b>English 12 – Provincial</b> Physics 11 Science 10</p> <p><b><u>Computer Labs</u></b></p> <p><b>English 12 – E Exam (132)</b> <b>GNA Grade 11 (122 &amp; 126)</b></p>	<p><b>Communications 12 E-Exam Room 132</b></p>
1:00– 4:00 pm	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p>English 11 Workplace Math 10 Science 9</p>	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p>Foundations &amp; Pre-Calculus 10 FRAL 11 French 9 Physics 12 FRAL 9</p>	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p>Biology 12 Intro Spanish 11 Spanish 11</p> <p><b><u>Computer Labs</u></b></p> <p><b>GNA Foundations Math 10 (122, 126, &amp; 132)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Gym</u></b></p> <p>Social Studies 11 Foundations Math 11 Social Studies 10</p> <p><b><u>Computer Labs</u></b></p> <p><b>GNA conflicts (122)</b></p>	<p><b>FRAL 12 – E Exam Room 132</b></p>
	<p><b>***Grade 8 classes run as a normal day ***</b></p>	<p><b>***Grade 8 classes run as a normal day ***</b></p>			



Exam week is considered to be a week in session for all students and staff. Teachers will be in their classrooms at all times that they are not overseeing exams. Each teacher will post a schedule of their exam supervision times on the door of their classroom so that students know when they will not be available. At all other times, teachers will be in their classroom working with students on exam preparation, project completion and incomplete assignments.

**For Grade 8 students, Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be normal school days.** Their scheduled classes will happen as usual and they will be writing final or term end exams in those classes. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will follow the same pattern as listed above for in session days. They will be able to move from teacher to teacher during the day to spend time working on projects and assignments that are incomplete or need additional work.

On exam day, please encourage your student to arrive well in advance of the scheduled start time. There will be 200-300 students writing their exams during each session. It takes time for each student to find their exam, get settled and, possibly, ask questions of exam invigilators. It is advised that students arrive 15 minutes prior to their exam. It would also be wise to come fully prepared. This means ensuring that they have a pencil, an eraser, more than one pen and possibly a calculator if their exam requires it. We will have additional supplies on hand but, when multiple students have hands up for help at the beginning of the exam (or during) it slows things down for everyone. It all amounts to big waste of exam writing time for that student and a significant disruption to their train of thought as they work on the exam.

Busses will run at regular times throughout the exam week. This may mean that your student will need to wait for a trip home if they only have a morning exam and are not choosing to work with teachers in the afternoon.

The cafeteria does not operate during exam week, but the ADSS Breakfast Club and their many volunteers will be providing both breakfast and lunch for all students Monday-Wednesday, breakfast on Thursday and snacks on Friday. There is no charge for any of the food provided through Breakfast Club.

### **GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!**

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.

### **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

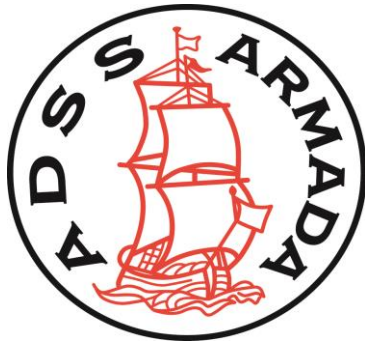
**ADSS PAC**

Happy New Year from the ADSS PAC.

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 January 9th, 2019 at 7pm at ADSS.

**FRANCE & BARCELONA TRIP 2020**

Plans are underway to organize a trip to France during Spring Break 2020! In conjunction with EF Tours, ADSS is going to Europe for 11 days to see the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the walled city of Carcassonne and during our 2-day extension to Barcelona we will also visit the Sagrada Familia and the Picasso museum, plus much more! EF Tours focuses on "Education First" with trained tour guides and leaders who manage the tour from start to finish. If your child loves history, sightseeing and trying new things, this tour is a must! Information packages are available from Mr. J. Contant for students to pick up if they did not attend the meeting in October.

**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 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](http://www.adssmusic.weebly.com)."

### **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.

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**

The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:30 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
- Salvation Army
- Port Alberni Rotary Club
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- President's Choice Children's Charity
- AV Lions
- Port Alberni Toy Run

- 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
- Deb Wood
- ADSS Cooking Class Students
- 1968 Grad Reunion Class
- Arrowsmith Flooring Center
- Mark Hetherington and Brenda Spencer
- Best Western
- Lee Harrigan
- Parks and Rec
- Ruby Petersen
- The Peak
- Jowsey's Furniture
- Capital Theatre
- Heather Eyford
- Alberni Valley Christian Reformed Church Parishioners
- Amy Mather
- Deb Miller
- Potluck Ceramics Port Alberni Fundraising Co-op
- Alberni #100- Order of the Eastern Star
- Port Alberni Christian Women's Club
- TOPS Chapter 3402
- Lindsay Kolba
- Boomerangs Café
- Scotiabank
- Bev Nickerson
- Rodney Rogers and family
- Costco
- Samantha Burton
- 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, Quu'asa Youth Worker Amelie Duquette, NIC reps Janis

Almond, Jessie Broekhuizen and Heather Thompson, USMA Guardianship Team reps Penny Matthews, Arlene Bill, Theresa Thompson, Wilma Gus and Kim Erickson, Joe Burton, Marilee Alexander, Jonah Thomas, Geraldine Dick, Vanessa Schoen, Lisa Duncan, Colleen Oxley, 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 info<sup>1</sup>. 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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