

# The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School  
December, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians:

## YEARBOOKS

2016 Yearbook sales are almost complete! Get yours before they are all gone! They are \$55 each, which includes the time capsule insert, and can be personalized for an additional \$5 with your name on the front cover. Yearbooks can be ordered from Mrs. Wynans in the Career Centre or purchased online using the link below. Please note that PayPal will add a transaction fee of \$2.75 to your order. Sales will end December 18th and quantities are limited so don't be disappointed. Any additional sales after December are not necessarily guaranteed and will be at an increased cost. If you order yours between now and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> your name will go in a draw to win a "Totem Package" that includes a t-shirt and tickets to Totem.

<http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/300700>

If you have any questions about the Yearbook, see Mr. Roberts. If you have any questions about purchasing a yearbook, see Mrs. Wynans.

## ADSS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

The ADSS Christmas concerts are being held on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Admission is by donation. There will also be a 50/50 draw that tickets can be purchased for. Tuesday's concert features the Choir, Band 8, Band 10, Dyer Jazz 8/9, Band 10, Jazz 10, Coby Wan Kenobi Combo, The Music Awakens Combo and EJ Dunn Band 7, while Wednesday's Concert features Band 9, Band 11/12/ McNally Jazz 8/9, Jazz 11/12, Clarinet Quintet, Sieto Musicos Combo and A.W. Neill Band 7. **All performers must be at the school by 6:45 pm on the night they perform.**

### Important Upcoming Dates

- Tues. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – ADSS Band Concerts Doors open at 6:30
- Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of classes before Winter Break
- Friday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Last day to order Yearbooks
- Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 – School reopens
- Thurs. Jan. 7, 2016 – 61<sup>st</sup> Totem Tournament begins

## **CLUBS, TEAMS AND GROUPS**

**ADSS Model United Nations Club** – Tuesdays, Lunch time – Activity Room 1 – Oliver Witham, President

**Debate Club** – Meets Tuesdays after school and Wed. at lunch time – Rm. 203 – Mme. Chambers – Teacher

**Wrestling Junior Varsity (8's/9's and beginners)**, Tuesday and Thursday (3:30-5pm)

**Wrestling Senior Varsity (10-12's)**, Monday and Wednesday (3:30-5pm)

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Russell Bodnar, [rbodnar@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:rbodnar@sd70.bc.ca)

**Drama Club** meets Thursdays at lunch in the DRAMA ROOM (room T-9).

## **STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES**

Student activity fees for the 2015-2016 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.

## **OVERDUE TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS**

One of the single largest expenses that our school deals with on a year to year basis is related to the replacement of textbooks and library books that have been borrowed but not returned. On average, replacement of lost, damaged or non-returned textbooks costs the school \$25,000 each year. This a very large number and greatly impacts the funds that we have available to support other needs in the school. Whether your student attended ADSS, EJ Dunn or AW Neill last year, it would be greatly appreciated if you have a look around the house for any books that belong to the school district. Any books can be returned to ADSS. We will ensure that books belonging to other schools make their way back to the appropriate library.

## **START A NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION – PURCHASE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AT ADSS**

All proceeds from the Christmas Tree Sales go directly to support the Sustainable Resource and Rugby programs at ADSS. There are two options to choose from:

1. **U-Cut at our Christmas Tree Farm** – Enjoy free hotdogs, hot chocolate and Christmas music. Take a break from the cold and have a seat in our heated Sustainable Resource Classroom and have your picture taken with Santa or enjoy making Christmas crafts. Location: ADSS Christmas Tree Farm, by the Alberni Airport (follow the signs to our magical wonderland of trees)

Dates: Weekends starting Nov 27 through to December 20, 2015

Hours: Friday : 2 pm until dark

Saturday: 9 a.m. – dark

Sunday: 9 a.m. – dark

Santa will be there from Noon until 2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays

2. **Come and Pick out your pre-cut Tree at ADSS** – Come and choose from our Huge selection of Douglas Fir, Noble Fir, Grand Fir or Sequoia.

Dates: December 5 & 6 and December 12 & 13 from 10.a.m. – 3 pm. (Located at the west end of school by the Automotive Shop).

## **2016 GRAD PROM COMMITTEE**

Volunteers are needed to make this prom happen. As we are getting closer to the end of the year, we are also getting closer to Prom. So far with the bottle drive, poinsettia sales, grad wear, and a school bake sale out of the way, we still have a lot of fundraising left to go. Our next major fundraiser is a Craft/Bake/Small Business sale happening on December 5<sup>th</sup> **on the lower level floor at ADSS. Please enter through the West entrance doors by the Christmas tree sales.** We hope that this will bring in some much needed funds. At the sale there will be handmade crafts and baked goods, as well as small businesses including Thirty-One, Scentsy, Epicure, Sweet Legs, Norwex, Monat, and South Hill. We also have a few designated driving opportunities in mid-December which still need volunteers. After that we will have a small break over the winter holidays to resume with another bottle drive in the New Year. In February we will have a month full of Bulldogs games. As well as all of these fundraisers, there is also an account set up at the bottle depot under ADSS Grad 2016 where you can donate the money from your empties. Quality Foods and Save-on-Foods have also been kind enough to set up a “donate your points system”. When buying groceries at either of these stores, please remember to specify that you want your points to go towards ADSS Grad 2016 and we will then use these points to go toward food platters for Prom. Prom tickets are also now on sale for \$50 and can be purchased at the Grad info table on Tuesdays at lunch. As of February 16<sup>th</sup>, the prom ticket prices will go up to \$75. Yearbook forms can be picked up in the office and can be returned with the fee to the counselling office. Please stay tuned for any new fundraisers or information to come. All information can be found on the ADSS Grad 2016 Facebook page. Please urge your students to come out and help at as many fundraisers as they can, all volunteering will be kept track of with a ‘points’ system and will go towards getting money back for your prom ticket in the spring. Here are some important dates to remember:

- December 11<sup>th</sup>- Pickup for grad hoodies and sweatpants
- December 19<sup>th</sup>- Designated Driving, still need more student/parent duos to help out with driving
- **Next Prom Executive Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at Smitty’s.**

*Dates for the New Year to be announced*

## **TOTEM TOURNAMENT**

Plans to host our 61<sup>st</sup> annual Totem Tournament are well underway. Join us for some exciting basketball action Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a full few days of competition with 8 boys and 8 girls teams in attendance – Go Armada! Saturday evening will see the awarding of the 2016 Totem Spirit Candidate. Competing for your vote this year are

The TOTEM 61 Spirit Candidates for this year are:

- Shelby Clydsdale, Sr. Girls Basketball
- Courtenay Lescorbeau, Girls Rugby
- Kelly White, Cheer Team
- Brooke Dol, Forestry
- Jamie Vissia, Red Cross
- Julia Clarke, Track & Field
- Bret Watts, Sr. Boys Basketball
- April Davidson, Dance Team

## **ADSS BREAKFAST CLUB**

The ADSS Breakfast Club is always accepting monetary donations, they can be dropped off at the ADSS office or at any Scotiabank teller, just specify that it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. 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. We appreciate your help

If you have grad clothing that you would like to donate, we will gladly accept it, please bring it to the ADSS office. Or if you or your business has any services that a grad may need (free haircuts, dry cleaning services, nails, etc.) please feel free to email Melody at [mjburton@shaw.ca](mailto:mjburton@shaw.ca).

We also accept all QF and Fairway receipts; they are collected and turned into gift cards that are then distributed to at-risk students. Receipts can be dropped at the school office for Melody.

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

- Port Alberni Toy Run
- Maggie Hodge Kwan
- Arrowsmith Flooring- Johnny and Kathy Rusissen
- Mel and Bryan Bontron
- The PEAK staff
- Save On Foods staff
- The Bulldogs
- Samantha Burton
- Centennial Belles
- Melissa and Brennen Cross
- SD 70
- AV Times
- Peter Mugelson
- Scotiabank
- Heather Mallory
- Amy and Tyler Komjati
- Tricia Knight
- Allana Tweedie and Dr. Fouad
- Nicole Steinbach
- Doug Book @ Fairway Market
- Marilee and Cory Alexander
- Dry Grad Committee 2015
- Circle Dairy
- Neelam Parmar and Family
- Sharon Reyes
- Breakfast for Learning
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- Best Western Plus Barclay Hotel staff
- Hospital Employees Union
- Rodney Rogers and wife
- Bauer Family
- Rotary Club
- Preceptor Gamma Beta
- Scotiabank
- Our Amazing Volunteers!!!

**If we have missed anyone, we are truly sorry, that was not our intention.**

## **ACADEMIC DUAL CREDIT – NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE**

**English 115** – Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm

**Psychology 130** – Mondays and Wednesdays 1-3pm

**1<sup>st</sup> year Biology** – proposed for Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 – 5pm, with a lab on Fridays at 2pm.

These courses are offered during our second semester at NIC in Port Alberni. Get a head start on your 1<sup>st</sup> year of University while completing High School. If you are an interested Grade 12 student who would like to take either of these courses, the applications forms are in the Career Centre and need to be filled out and handed back in **before** Christmas break – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. For more info call the Career Centre at 250-723-1191.

## **GRAD TRANSITIONS COURSE**

In order to meet graduation requirements and be awarded a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), students must earn a minimum of 80 credits. These must include 48 credits for required courses, a minimum of 28 elective credits, and 4 credits for Graduation Transitions.

At ADSS, the Grad Transitions Program includes 4 parts: a booklet (questions, budget, future planning), 30 hours of recorded work or volunteer hours, 90 hours of documented physical activity (excused if you have taken PE 11 or 12) and a Grad Exit interview. Mr. Freethy, Mr. Ostwald and Mr. Parmar are visiting classes this week to explain the steps required and answer any questions. For further information contact the Career Centre at 250-723-1191. The booklet in a fillable form will be available this week on the ADSS website for students to download and complete – **it is due February 26<sup>th</sup>**. This year the booklet includes some extra Grad Ceremony and yearbook paperwork including the Cap & Gown order form. The exit interviews will take place during school on **Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**.


## **UPDATED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

We want to keep our demographic and contact information for students and parents as current as possible. We know that for some students, our parental contact information and mailing addresses may be out of date. Our information is generally inherited from the records that have followed your child from elementary to middle school and then finally to us. If you think your child's contact information may be incorrect, please update us. You can contact the school by phone at 250-723-6251 or by email [adss@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:adss@sd70.bc.ca).

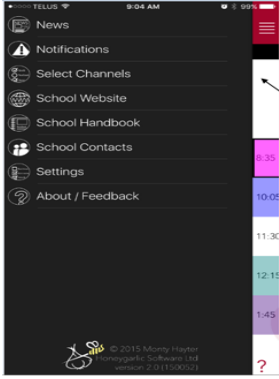
## STAYING CONNECTED

The ADSS app has now been downloaded just over 1000 times. It is a great way to stay connected and available for free on the apple or google play stores. Once downloaded, be sure to select the channels that you would like to receive specific school and program information about.

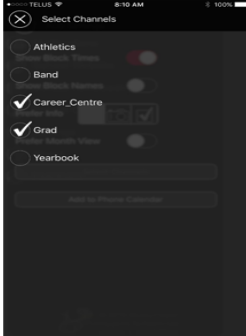
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**STEP 2 – CHOOSE THE SELECT CHANNELS TAB**

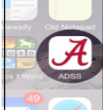


**STEP 3 – SELECT THE SPECIFIC CHANNELS YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INFO FROM**



**You've downloaded the app – now what?** Don't forget to **select the channels** you would like to receive specific information from. Follow the 3 easy steps below to get important information about Athletics, Band, Career Centre, Grad 2016, and the Yearbook Committee and more!


**Download the ADSS app – become a connected & informed student!**



## NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

The Grapevine newsletter is one of our primary ways of keeping parents up to date on info and events at the school. The costs associated with printing 1300 copies of this newsletter are substantial. In order to limit both costs and waste we traditionally only send home a printed copy of the newsletter for the first month of the year and then move to emailing electronic copies directly to those who wish to subscribe. If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email, please contact our secretary Michelle Bauer [mbauer@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:mbauer@sd70.bc.ca) and ask to have your name added to our mailing list.

If you have received this newsletter via email and you no longer wish to receive The Grapevine, please contact school secretary Michelle Bauer at (250) 723-6251 extension 2401 or email her at [mbauer@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:mbauer@sd70.bc.ca) to have your name removed from our mailing list.



Rob Souther  
Acting Principal



## School District 70 (Alberni)

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December 1, 2015

Dear Parents:

On September 28, 2015 the Ministry of Education announced a support plan to assist in the implementation of a revised curriculum for BC's schools. Part of this support plan was an additional 10 hours of non-instructional time in the 2015/16 school year to be locally determined through consultation between school districts and their local teacher associations.

**This letter is to confirm that the Alberni District Teachers' Union and School District 70 have agreed to designate Monday, February 22 and Monday, May 16, 2016 as additional non-instructional days in School District 70 (Alberni).** On these days, teachers, administrators and district staff will participate in professional learning activities designed to better understand curriculum changes and to plan for a successful, district-wide implementation of these changes.

In selecting these two additional days, the teachers' union and district staff sought to minimize the impact on parents and families by consolidating the 10 hours into two full days and by connecting these days to existing non-instructional days. As shared with the District Parent Advisory Council, we collectively sought to avoid a series of afternoon dismissals, three-day school weeks and/or mid-week non-instructional days as they were understood to be most disruptive to parents and families.

Information on the additional non-instructional days and the Ministry of Education's support plan are available at <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2015EDUC0063-001605>. If you have questions about the local scheduling of additional non-instructional days please contact either Greg Smyth, Superintendent of Schools, at 250.720.2770 or Ken Zydyk, ADTU President, at 250.724.5021.

Yours truly,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 (ALBERNI)

Greg Smyth  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Pam Craig, Board Chair  
ADTU  
CUPE  
PVPA  
DPAC  
NTC

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