



The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School
January, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians:

YEARBOOKS – Deadline Extension

We have had a sales extension! You can now purchase the 2016 for \$55 until the end of January. Come to the Career Centre for an order form!

Important Upcoming Dates

- Thurs. Jan 14 & Fri. Jan 15 – “The Way It Is” – ADSS Theatre
- Fri. Jan 22 – Last day of classes Sem. 1
- Sat. Jan. 23 - Grad Prom Bottle Drive
- January 25-29th Provincial Exams (exam schedule attached)
- Mon. Feb 1 – Beginning of Semester 2 – DAY 2
- Feb 5 – 7 – Alberni Invitational – ADSS Gym
- Feb 8 – Family Day Stat holiday – No School

The Way It Is – ADSS Drama Class Production



Our Drama Grade 8 -12 class has been working very hard on their latest production of “The Way It Is” and are pleased to invite you to come and see it on January 14th and 15th in the ADSS Theatre. It is a one act play that starts at 7 pm (Doors open at 6:30) and the cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students 11 and over, 10 and under are free. Tickets are available at the door (ADSS Theatre). Please be aware that it contains some mature content.

EXAM WEEK – January 25 – 29, 2016

see attached schedule

Final exams for all semester one academic classes will be held from January 25th – 29th. On the exam schedule included at the end of this newsletter you will note that some exams are in bold 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.

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 25th and Tuesday, January 26th 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.

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)

Contacts: Jeannette Badovinac, jbadinac@sd70.bc.ca

John McDonald, jmcdonald@sd70.bc.ca

Russell Bodnar, rbodnar@sd70.bc.ca

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

Bee Keeping Club – TBA

ADSS CLOTHING SALES

ADSS Clothing can be purchased on-line at the following website. <http://www.adssstore.com/> Order deadlines are the last day of each month with items being available to be picked up in the Career Center by the 10th of the following month. (i.e. Order deadline of January 31st, pick up February 10th.)

2016 GRAD PROM COMMITTEE

First of all, I would like to thanks all the parents that have been giving a tremendous amount of their time to help with all the fundraisers, it can't be done without you and you are all wonderful, if any of you students see parents at the fundraisers working or stop at the prom table next week and just take the time to say thanks, it's a little thing but keeps us remembering why we volunteer ☺

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.

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We will start with another bottle drive in the New Year. In February we will have a month full of Bulldogs games.

- **BOTTLE DRIVES** - we have set 3 days to do bottle drives, please sign up for either driving or sorting by email or on the Facebook page or at the prom info table Tuesdays at lunch, the dates are Jan. 23rd, April 2nd, and May 28th, the times are 10-ish. They are all Saturdays; please sign up ASAP if you can make the Jan.23rd bottle drive.
- **BULLDOGS GAMES** - Volunteers needed for the Bulldogs Concession – dates are Fri. Feb 5, Sat. Feb. 6th, Thurs. Feb. 11, Sat. Feb 13th, Sun Feb 14th, Sat. Feb, 27th and Sun. Feb. 28th. Please give Heather Green a phone call at 778-421-0455 if you can help or email Kayla Caddy at kaylacaddy@gmail.com

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 has 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.

- **RESTAURANT RAFFLE** - One of our lovely parents will be going around to the local restaurants to ask for a donation of a gift certificate, once we have them all collected we will begin selling tickets to raffle them all off, it is quite a big prize and wonderful to win all the nights out to dine, ☺ the goal is to have the raffle tickets ready to sell by February 2nd, if you would like a book of tickets to sell please email or Facebook message me or sign up at the prom info table on Tuesdays at lunch, thank you ☺

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 16th, the prom ticket prices will go up to \$75.

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.

Next Prom Executive Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 26th at Smitty’s.

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.

GRAD PHOTOS

A friendly reminder about Grad Photos. Currently, only about half of the Grad class of 2016 has had a Grad photo taken. We like each Grad to have a photo taken so we can create the large composite photo that hangs in our Theatre hallway as a memory of the Grads of 2016 as well as having their photo in the Yearbook. There are several choices – Stirling Images, Lifetouch and Walmart. You are encouraged to arrange this soon, there is a March 1st deadline to have the photos in the Yearbook.

Stirling Images – book your appointment directly with Erica Watson.

250-723-2950 (H)

250-720-5575 (C)

Email - stirlingimages@shaw.ca

Facebook – Stirling Images Photography or ADSS Grad Portraits

Lifetouch – they are offering a free Grad Portrait Sitting offer for appointments booked on February 17th or 18th.

To book an appointment, go online to: www.lifetouch.ca/qualicum, scroll down to "choose your location" and select your school name from the drop down menu. When the new page opens, hit "schedule", choose no charge sitting. If you prefer, please call our office to book your appointment. 250-738-0983.

Your sitting includes a variety of 15 poses. For photos with friends, family or pets, please bring \$10.00 to the photographer. Please dress in your favorite personal attire as some poses will be taken in your own clothes as well as the grad gown. Please feel free to bring your own props, such as Sports Equipment, Musical instruments, etc. Ladies, please wear a tank type top that will not be visible in the V neck of the gown. Gentlemen, please wear a dress shirt with a button up collar. We can provide a tie. Everyone, please be sure your hands and nails are looking their best as they will show in some poses! Please come 10 minutes early to check in and get ready.

ADSS BREAKFAST CLUB

Happy New Year!!

The ADSS Breakfast Club accepts 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.

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

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- Mel and Bryan Bontron
- The PEAK staff
- Save On Foods
- 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
- Nikki Levasseur
- Carl Poole
- Laura Boyce
- Nicole Dixon and Family
- Kathy Ruissen
- 1977 Grad Reunion Class
- Swale Rock
- Salvation Army
- Don Ferster of Jim's Clothes Closet
- Heather Maddison of Studio H
- Our Amazing Volunteers!!!

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

STAYING CONNECTED

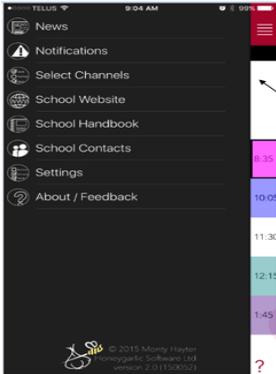
The ADSS app has now been downloaded nearly 1200 times. It is a great way to stay connected and available for free on the apple or google play stores. Once downloaded, be sure to select the channels that you would like to receive specific school and program information about.

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!

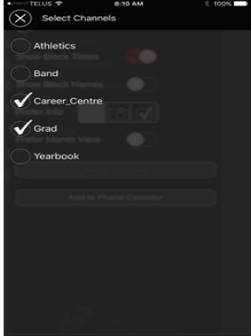
STEP 1 – OPEN THE MENU TAB



STEP 2 – CHOOSE THE SELECT CHANNELS TAB



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





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

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 26th**. 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 28th**

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 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 to have your name removed from our mailing list.



Rob Souther
Acting Principal



January 11, 2016

Re: 2016/17 Elementary school enrolment projections

Dear Parents:

Enrolment projections for the 2016/17 school year have been provided to Valley elementary school administrators and elementary schools are in the process of confirming enrolment for the upcoming school year. Of particular note is the projected 2016/17 enrolment at John Howitt Elementary and Wood Elementary schools, both of which will exceed operating capacity largely based on out-of-catchment registrations.

The challenge of accommodating out-of-catchment registrations was identified during the school closure/reconfiguration process and efforts were made to manage some school populations by limiting out-of-catchment registrations and/or considering out-of-catchment registrations on a yearly basis. Unfortunately, demographic changes in the Wood Elementary catchment area and the historically large number of out-of-catchment registrations at John Howitt Elementary mean that these two schools are projected to exceed capacity starting in 2016/17.

The *potential impact* of out-of-catchment enrolment at John Howitt and Wood elementary schools is that some out-of-catchment students may not be able to continue at these schools. The *actual impact* will be dependent on catchment area enrolment and whether or not families want their children to continue as out-of-catchment students at these schools. **It is our plan to resolve enrolment issues at John Howitt and Wood elementary schools prior to March 11, 2016.** Other Valley elementary schools remain under capacity and will likely be able to accommodate current and future catchment area students as well as continued enrolment of out-of-catchment students.

As per *SD 70 Policy 500 – Student Admission and School of Choice*, all elementary schools will be contacting parents of out-of-catchment students to confirm their enrolment intentions for September 2016. All out-of-catchment students wishing to continue at their current school will be required to complete the yearly Out-of-Catchment Request Form. Students intending to return to their catchment school will be directed to register at their catchment school prior to February 26, 2016.

I also want to remind parents that *Policy 500 – Student Admission and School of Choice* identifies the priority by which schools accommodate student registrations. According to this policy, priority is given to

1. Catchment students continuing at their catchment school
2. Catchment students returning to their catchment school

3. Out-of-catchment students continuing at the out-of-catchment school
4. New requests for out-of-catchment enrolment

It remains our intent to try to accommodate out-of-catchment requests but we cannot guarantee that John Howitt and Wood Elementary schools will be able to accommodate all current out-of-catchment students. **Further, no new out-of-catchment requests will be considered at these two schools.**

It is also our intention to confirm catchment area enrolment by February 26, 2016 and then to confirm out-of-catchment requests by March 11, 2016. In the meantime, *all schools* are taking registrations for catchment area children, particularly new kindergarten students. Additionally, AW Neill, Alberni, Maquinna and EJ Dunn elementary schools will accept out-of-catchment requests and will process these requests once all catchment area students have been accommodated.

I appreciate the frustration or anxiety caused by the potential uncertainty regarding your child's enrolment at your school of choice. It is a problem limited to two schools and one that is primarily driven by out-of-catchment registrations rather than catchment area overcrowding. Again, it is our goal to resolve out-of-catchment challenges at John Howitt and Wood elementary schools in a timely manner and we thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Yours truly,



Greg Smyth

cc: SD70 Board of Education
PVPA

January Exam Schedule:	Monday, January 25th	Tuesday, January 26th	Wednesday, January 27th	Thursday, January 28th	Friday, January 29th
9:00 – 11:00 am	English 12 (74) English 11 (78) Communications 11 (24) French 10 (17) Social Studies 9 (95) Intro Spanish 11 (16) (304)	English 10 (139) Communications 12 (9) Physics 12 (17) Chemistry 12 (8) Psychology 11 (57) (230)	Social Studies 11 (80) Sciences Humaines 11 E-Only (29) Pre-Calculus 12 (40) FRAL 9 (23) French 9 (30) 173	Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10 (44) Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10 (88) Chemistry 11 (59) Intro Japanese 11 (22) (213)	
1:00– 3:00 pm	Science 10 (59) Biology 12 (47) History 12 (22) Pre-Calculus 11 (25) Science 9 (114) (267)	FRAL 12 E-Only (16) English 9 (77) English 9 PBL (20) FRAL 10 (29) Physics 11 (55) Social Studies 10 (87) 248	Civic Studies 11 E-Only (26) Psychology 12 (17) Biology 11 (55) Math 9 (63) Math 9 Core (51) Math 9 PBL (20) (206)	Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 (51) (51)	