



The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School

June, 2016

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 9 – 24 – Grad Ceremony Ticket Sales
- June 13th – CAP and GOWN Distribution (Lunch time Activity Room)
- June 15 - Prom Tickets & T-shirts - pick up 12:30 – 2:00 pm (outside theatre)
- June 16 – June 27 – Exams – Schedule attached
- Thurs. June 23 – 1:00 – 2:30 – Grad Rehearsal
- Fri. June 24th – Report cards handed out
- **Fri. June 24 – Graduation Ceremony**
- **Sat. June 25 – Prom**
 - Rollin Art Centre – Grad Prom Photos 11:00 – 4:00 pm
 - Parade Marshalling – will start at 5:00 pm Old ADSS
 - Parade starts – 6:00 pm
 - 7:00 pm – 2:00 am PROM

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It's hard to believe that we're here already but tomorrow is our final day of regular classes for the year. There is a lot going on this week and next. Hopefully this final newsletter of the year will fill in any details that you are not aware of.

Wednesday, June 16th

Our main focus tomorrow will be on locker cleanout and our year-end award ceremonies. We will be working on a modified Friday schedule with classes ending at 1pm so that we can begin transforming our Gym and other areas for the exam sessions that start on Thursday. This year we will have 3 separate award ceremonies due to the increased number of students at the school. Our theatre only holds 500 seats and that isn't quite enough to fit everyone into 2 ceremonies.

Ceremony times will be as follows:

Grade 8 & 9's: 9:10 – 10:25

Grade 10's: 10:30 – 11:20

Grade 11's and 12's: 11:25 – 12:50

Times are approximate and we expect a bit the possibility that we may need to fudge 5 minutes on either end of the ceremony timeline.

Parents are welcome to attend the ceremony. If you would like to attend, we ask that you check in at the main office before going in to the theatre.

Busses will run early and pick students up at usual Friday time of 1:25.

Exams

Included in this edition of the Grapevine you will find a copy of the June exam schedule. Our first exams start on Thursday morning. As in January, Grade 9-12 exams will be held in the Gymnasium and Grade 8 exams will be held in classrooms. Please ensure your student(s) double checks their schedule. It is recommended that students are at least 15 minutes before their scheduled exam time to ensure they are seated and ready to go when the exam begins. This is especially true for any students who may be scheduled to write computer based exams as it often takes a few minutes to log in to the computer. It is also that students come fully prepared with pencils, erasers and pens. Calculators should also be brought for Math exams.

All exams are intended to last 2 hours but students are allowed an extra hour to complete the exam if they need it. All students must stay for the first hour of the exam before they will be permitted to leave the examination space.

You may note that exams seem to be scheduled after Graduation is over. This is not a typo! Due to the uniqueness of the calendar this year, there are still some Provincial exams scheduled on the 27th and 28th.

Lockers

Tomorrow morning, students will be given 30 minutes of time to clear out their lockers for the school year. If a student is away on Wednesday or does not clear out their locker, there will be a short grace period before we begin clearing out remaining lockers. All lockers that still have locks on them will be cleaned out by staff at the end of the day on Monday, June 20th. The contents of those lockers will be placed on lost and found tables in the main hallway of the school. Anything that is not claimed by students by June 27th will be boxed up and donated to goodwill.

Textbooks and Library Books

As lockers are cleaned out it is advised that students return their textbooks to the bookroom. Hours for the bookroom are included below. Textbooks and library books are expensive items that the school loans to students each year, no different than any other library. Those books are the responsibility of the student to which they are signed out to. Books that are not returned or which are returned in damaged or unusable shape will incur a replacement fee. Please encourage your student to ensure that all their books are returned. A year-end scouring of their bedroom might be helpful. Overdue books will impede students' ability to sign out new books in September and will be a barrier to participation in the graduation ceremony for Grade 12's.

Bookroom Hours:

Wednesday, June 15th 8:30 - 11:30

Thursday, June 16th 8:30 - 3:30

Friday, June 17th 8:30 - 3:30

Monday June 20 - Thursday, June 23rd - 8:30 - 3:30 pm

Report Cards

The short timeline for June this year will put a fair bit of pressure on staff to generate report cards in a timely manner. While it has been past procedure to make report cards available on the final Thursday of the exam week, we will need to push this back a day to Friday June 24th. Report Cards will be available in the main foyer of the school on the 24th. For all Grade 12 students, we will have report cards available for hand out at the Grad rehearsal on the afternoon of June 23rd.

Remember that report cards reflect the final school mark for courses. Marks for courses with Provincial exams are not final until the provincial exam result is merged with the school mark. Provincial exam results are usually released by the Ministry of Education in late July.

Summer School

SD70 will again be hosting a Summer School program during July and early August. The focus for summer school is on upgrading marks for courses that students have failed during the regular school year. To be eligible for Summer School, students generally need to have a final mark above 40%. The school will be hosted at the 8th Avenue Learning Centre. Please call 250-723-3744 for details. Applications are available in the counselling office at ADSS or at the 8th Avenue Learning Centre itself.

Parent Advisory Committee(PAC)

The first PAC meeting of the 2016/17 school year will be on September 14th at 7pm. New members are always welcome. We have a great group of parents in our PAC that makes for a comfortable and accessible group. If you are interested in getting more involved with your child's school, please consider joining us. You can also check out the ADSS PAC facebook page for more info.

First Day of School for 2016/17

Our first day of classes in September will be September 6th for Grade 8 students and September 7th for Grade 9-12 students.

June Exam Schedule	Thursday June 16	Friday, June 17	Monday, June 20	Tuesday, June 21	Wednesday, June 22
9:00 – 11:00 am	<p><u>In Classrooms</u> Math 8 – Gillis Day1/C (22) Room 209 Math 8 – Gillis D1/D (13) Room 211 Math 8 – Pearson D1/C (28) Room 205 Math 8 – Pearson D1/D (25) Room 207 Math 8 – Organ D1/C (26) Room 201 Math 8 – Organ D1/C (26) Room 203 SS9PBL – Ms. Watkins portable</p> <hr/> <p><u>GYM</u> Social Studies 9 (97) Science Humaines 9 (20) Physics 11 (23) Calculus 12 (12)</p>	<p><u>In Classrooms</u> French 8 – Bordal – Day1/A (24) Room 207 French 8 – Bordal – Day1/B (13) Room 205 French 8 – Gillis – Day1/A (23) Room 209 French 8 – Gillis – Day1/B (13) Room 211</p> <hr/> <p><u>GYM</u> Biology 12 (45) Pre Calculus 11(69) English 9 (87) English 9 Core (39)</p>	<p><u>GYM</u> Biology 11 (50) Science 9 (75) Sciences 9 (20)</p>	<p><u>GYM</u> Apprenticeship Workplace Math 11 (33) Foundations of Math 11 (33) Foundations of Math 12 (17) Math 9 (105)</p>	
1:00 – 3:00 pm	<p><u>GYM</u> English 11 (98) Chemistry 12 (9) Communications 11 (22)</p>	<p><u>GYM</u> French 11 (24) FRAL 11 (28) Social Studies 10 (99) Science Humaines 10 (29)</p>	<p><u>In Classrooms</u> Sciences 8 – Bordal D1/D Room 205 Sciences 8 – Bordal D1/C Room 207 Science 8 – Omilusik D1/C Room 209 Science 8 – Omilusik D1/D Room 211 Science 8 – Bill D1/C Room 201 Science 8 – Bill D1/D Room 203 Science 9 PBL – Ms. Watkins Portbale</p> <hr/> <p><u>GYM</u> Chemistry 11 (55)</p>	<p><u>GYM</u></p>	<p><u>GYM</u> Social Studies 11 (paper) Social Studies 11 (E-Exam) • Computer Lab 122</p>
	<u>Thursday, June 23</u>	<u>Friday, June 24</u>	<u>Monday, June 27</u>	<u>Tuesday, June 28</u>	<u>Wednesday, June 29</u>
9:00 – 11:00 am	<p>English 10 Paper – GYM (85) English 10 Electronic – Comp Lab 122 SS11 Marking Session</p>	<p>English 12 (73) - GYM</p>	<p>Communications 12 ***Room 219***</p>		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	<p>English 10 Marking Session</p>	<p>Science 10 (150) - GYM</p>	<p>Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10 (54) ***Room 209 & 211*** Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus (30) ***Room 216***</p>		



GRADUATION 2016 NEWSLETTER



We are getting close! Thirteen years of schooling will soon come to an end and it will be time to celebrate your high school graduation. The excitement and anticipation is building. This newsletter will outline exactly what you need to know so that you can have the best graduation experience possible!

If, after reviewing this newsletter, you have any questions about graduation please text or email:

David Maher dmaher@sd70.bc.ca or (250) 720-6496



YOUR GRADUATION CEREMONY

7:00 pm – 9:15 pm, June 24th

Alberni Multiplex

IMPORTANT GRADUATION DATES AND TIMES:

June 9 – 24

GRADUATION CEREMONY TICKET SALES

Eligible graduates (those on the grad list) will be admitted into the Graduation Ceremony for no fee. For each invited guest, a \$9.00 ticket fee will be charged. Students and parents-guardians will be able to purchase these tickets starting **Monday, June 6th from Ms. Levasseur in the ADSS Counselling office**. Eight tickets will be reserved for each graduate during the first round of sales. If needed, please request wheelchair seating when purchasing tickets. **Please make cheques payable to “ADSS.”**

June 13th (Monday) GRAD CAP and GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Lunchtime in the Activity Room.

June 23rd (Thursday) GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL at the Multiplex

1:00 – 2:30 pm - All graduates are expected to attend the Graduation rehearsal at the Multiplex. Graduation is a big event. Please make the time to be here as you need to understand how the event works and what to do at each stage of the event.

Friday, June 24th - The Big Day

5:45 pm

GRAD 2016 CLASS PHOTO

Students meet in the Coulsen Rink of the Alberni Valley Multiplex. Please do not be late for this photo. We want to include all our students.

All Grads must be in the Multiplex, Coulsen Rink by 5:45!

ADSS GRAD COMMITTEE

Things are coming together for Grad Prom 2016. Just an overview of what is happening on that day.

- Photographs at the Rollin Art Centre 11:00 - 4:00
- 5:00 pm - Line up for Parade. Burde Beans Coffee and Things is allowing us to use their washroom facilities, so please support them by purchasing any refreshments you might need.
- 6:00 pm - Parade Starts. You should end up at the Athletic Hall by around 6:30 pm.
- 7:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. PROM

We are still looking for volunteers throughout the evening. If you are able to help, please give Kristeena Forbes a phone call at 250-720-6629.

Prom Tickets and T-shirts will be available for pickup on Wednesday, June 15th outside of the Theatre from 12:45 - 2:00pm. If you are unable to pick them up at this time, please give Kristeena a phone call (250-720-6629) and arrange a time for pick up.

ADSS BREAKFAST CLUB MAY 2016 UPDATE

Thank you to all of our volunteers that donate their time every week. You are very much appreciated!!

We need your help. We are looking for donations of some hygiene items such as disposable razors, tampons with plastic applicators, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, as well as suits, tuxedos, ties, shoes and grad dresses. All decades and sizes would be appreciated. If you have grad clothing that you would like to donate, we will gladly accept it, please bring it to the ADSS office.

If you can donate any services that a grad may need (free haircuts, dry cleaning services, nails, etc.) please feel free to email Melody at mjburton@shaw.ca or call at 250-724-6115.

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

We accept all QF and Fairway receipts; they are collected, totaled (Fairway- \$3000 before taxes and QF (\$5000 before taxes) 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 Ruissen
- Mel and Bryan Bontron
- The PEAK staff
- Save On Foods
- AV 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 CUPE local 6160 Fir Park/ Echo
 - Rodney Rogers and wife
 - Bauer Family
 - Rotary Club
 - Preceptor Gamma Beta
 - Nikki Levasseur
 - Carl Poole
 - Laura Boyce
 - Nicole Dixon and Family
 - 1977 Grad Reunion Class
 - Swale Rock
 - Salvation Army
 - Don Ferster of Jim's Clothes Closet
 - Heather Maddison of Studio H
 - Dave Ralla
 - Francine Emmonds
 - Sandy and Ted Gilbert
 - Circle Dairy
 - Kathy Horst
 - Parks and Rec
 - Scotiabank
 - Brock Family
 - Little Bavaria
 - Mike Cole
 - Brodie Paxton
 - Karly Blats
 - Nanaimo Grad Closet
 - Ladies at Bridges
 - Laurie Smith
 - Tanya Duvall
 - Alberni Valley Christian Reformed Church
 - Andrew Schneider
 - Our Amazing Volunteers from John and Vonnie and members of Young Life, ADAPS, ACAWS, RCMP, Family Guidance, Jeff Cook, Susan and Tom Wall, Pat Bouchard, Camie Sogge, NETP, INEO, Carol Devries, PA City Council Rep Denis Suave, RBC Staff, NIC, ACAWS, USMA, Myra, Joe Burton, Marilee Alexander, STEP UP Class, Life Skills Students and ADSS staff.
- If we have missed anyone, we are truly sorry, that was not our intention.

CAREER CORNER



ADSS Career Centre



SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities for summer volunteers – come to the Career Centre and check the binder – The Alberni District Fall Fair needs youth volunteers to help get the fairgrounds ready and decorated for the 2016 Fall Fair.

Thank you to the many ADSS students who volunteered for the Provincial Emergency “Coastal Response Exercise” held in Port Alberni from June 7-10.

GRAD LIST

The Grad list has been posted and will be updated regularly. If your name is not on it, please come to the Career & Counselling Office to find out what you have outstanding – school fees, text & library books, courses to complete, etc.

YEARBOOKS

Our Yearbooks have been released! There are a very few left – first come, first served – get yours for \$55 in the Career Centre!

THANK YOU

The Career Centre would like to send out a huge thank you to Catalyst Paper, Alter Ego Studio & Cosmetology Institute and Christina Proteau, Crown Counsel for hosting tours of their respective facilities in the past month for our ADSS Students. As well, thanks to Vancouver Island University for visiting ADSS with their Heavy Equipment simulation trailer earlier this month.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AND 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.

Student Activity fees for the 2015-2016 school year can be paid to Ms. Levasseur in the counselling office. This fee supports various students’ activities and special events throughout the year.

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.

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