

The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School
May 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

MAY 8TH – DRUNK GRAD

Once again, we have reached mid-May and I have the unfortunate duty to talk about 'Drunk Grad'. As I have said in past years, I am hesitant to acknowledge this event as the school in no way sanctions it. That said, as a school we need to acknowledge that the event unfortunately exists and be prepared to deal with the fallout that comes with it.

The 'Drunk Grad' celebration happens every year on the evening of the second Wednesday in May. Grade 12 students meet on the Wednesday night at a predetermined out-of-the-way location, usually a gravel pit or a space in the woods and spend the night drinking. Some students will stumble home and others will stay out all night and attempt to go to class the following morning. We are thus presented with two concerns – student safety the night of and a safe and orderly school the morning after.

Tomorrow, school administration and RCMP will speak with Grade 12 students about safety and the perils of drinking and driving. We will also caution students about the very real concern that not every person that is at the party will be a grade 12 student. Every year people that are much older than the grads show up at the party. They are generally older men and their intentions are often to take advantage of kids who have been drinking. The primary message of this presentation will be preventative, but it will also address the issue of 'what to do' if you are in a situation with someone who has had too much to drink and what to do if you need help. We hope that the presentation will help students make better decisions surrounding 'Drunk Grad'.

On the morning of May 9th, ADSS administration and security will be meeting all students at the door as they arrive for classes. We will be enforcing a no tolerance policy for students who elect to come to school under the influence of drugs/alcohol or sporting the customary white t-shirts and faces covered in marker pen. Those who come to school looking like they have just rolled in from a night of partying will be sent

Important Upcoming Dates

Wed, May 8th – PAC Meeting – 7pm

Mon, May 13 – Non – Instructional day – NO SCHOOL

Mon, May 20 - Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

May 27-June 1 – BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Mon, June 3 – Grad List Posted

home to freshen up. Those that arrive to school under the influence can expect to face suspension just as they would on any other day of the school year.

In short, we expect that students who arrive for school on May 10th are here to learn and participate fully in their courses, not to glorify drinking.

Rob Souther, Principal

DRESS CODE: As the weather warms up and summer comes into view we need to remind students and staff about expectations regarding dress at school. The expectations are simple. School is a place where our focus is on learning and we should dress appropriately for that environment.

For the vast majority of our students, there is no concern here. Their attire is just fine. For a handful of students there seems to be a desire to dress in ways that are inappropriate for school. When we say inappropriate this generally means that their clothes are excessively revealing or their clothing features images or words which are offensive, promote hate or advertise illegal activities such as drug or alcohol use. If a student dresses in such a way, and school administration determines that their clothing has crossed the line of appropriateness, the student will be asked to cover up with a jacket or other clothes. If a student does not have other clothes available to them or refuses to cover up, their parents will be contacted, and the student will be sent home to change.

Dressing in a way that may be perfectly acceptable for the beach or a nightclub is great if you are going to one of those places but not if you are going to a school or work environment. We appreciate your support in helping your student make good choices about their daily fashion statements.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

Student activity fees for the 2018-2019 school year are \$30 and can be paid to Ms Levasseur in the counselling office. This is not a textbook fee. The fee supports various students' activities and special events throughout the year.

Gr. 12's and Parents/Guardians are invited to "like" the Facebook info page about all things Grad and Prom 2019 – ADSS Grad 2019 is what it is called.

GRAD 2019 – *VERY IMPORTANT****

Cap & Gown Form and the \$60 package fee (cash or cheque to ADSS) – this includes 2 Ceremony tickets – These must be handed in to Ms Levasseur in the **COUNSELLING OFFICE** before **Friday, May 10th**. The order will be going in on Friday, so if your form and payment are not received by Friday, you are not

guaranteed to have proper fitting attire for the Graduation ceremony. ***Check the Grad Page on the website for current updates.

GRADE 12 PARENTS – has your grad completed their Grad Transitions Coursework and Grad Paperwork? Many grads have not submitted their grad script (what is read out as they cross the stage) or baby/young child photos for the grad slideshow at the ceremony. Please send these in to adsscarrer@gmail.com

Here are some examples of what we are hoping to receive:

1. **During her time at ADSS, Sarah has enjoyed participating in sports, music and academics. She would like to thank her family and teachers for their constant support. In September, she will be starting the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Vancouver Island University.**
2. **Connor has enjoyed his time at ADSS and would like to thank all his friends and family, especially his mom for supporting him over the years. He plans to travel for the next year before pursuing an education at a university.**
3. **Jon plans on attending Camosun College to start his bachelor's degree in athletic therapy. He would like to thank his family, friends, teammates and his coaches Neelam Parmar, Dave Eamer and Craig Brooks for helping him along the way**

LIBRARY AND OVERDUE BOOKS: Library currently has 334 overdue books!

ADSS currently has several students with overdue library and textbooks. If your student receives a letter attached to their April report card, please return the books in question or kindly remit the replacement cost of the lost book(s). *Graduating students will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation Ceremony with outstanding items on their account. As well, all other students will not be permitted to pick up their final report card, until the account is settled, or books returned.* Payments can be made to the accountant, Nikki Levasseur at ADSS (cash or cheque only).

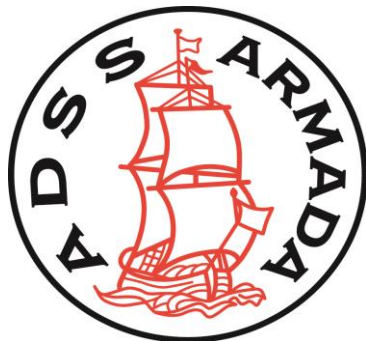
GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!: Less than 20 yearbooks left for sale! \$55.00, order forms available at the Career Centre. Yearbook order forms are available at the main office and the Career Centre. Money and order forms will be collected by the accountant Nikki Levasseur.

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.

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.

TRACK AND FIELD: Track & Field practices will be Monday/Wednesday/Friday(optional) right after school at Bob Daily Track. Come on out and run, jump, and / or throw. Lots of events to try. First practice was March 4th but it's not too late to come on out. Great sport to increase speed and agility for other sports as well as being a whole lotta fun! Any questions email Anna Jack ajack@sd70.bc.ca

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."

MODEL UN NEWS: The Model United Nations Club is heading to Vancouver to participate in the Canadian International Model United Nations May 17 - 19. The seven students attending will be in the World Health Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, and will represent Iceland, Bangladesh, the Maldives, Spain, Sweden and Australia. One student will be the Treasury Secretary in Truman's Cabinet.

SAFE Club News: (Student Allies for Equality) has participated in a variety of forums, including being part of the district pro-d keynote speakers. They will be attending a School Board Meeting to request board-sanctioned approval for the second annual Pride Day.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLASS Update: In Social Justice 12, the students are working on three group projects and four individual ones. The individual projects are: closed captioning for online videos, which includes setting a legal precedent for inclusion of all people; working with the RCMP to bring Safe Places to Port Alberni; hosting an upcycle fashion show with all proceeds going towards a skatepark, and; publishing a fully illustrated book. The group ones are: Save the Waste - examining food redistribution in the Alberni Valley, and ways it can be streamlined to service more people; Heroes Spend Zero - researching the reasons why Tim Hortons has a free cup of coffee for RCMP and paramedics when they're on duty, and wanting them to include fire fighters, and; Crappy Conditions - ensuring our bus drivers have consistent access to a toilet on their short breaks.

FIRST NATIONS EVENT: Spring Fest- Always remember your Roots- Showcasing Indigenous culture in our schools- At ADSS on May 16th from 4pm-7pm. Everyone Welcome!

DEBATE TEAM EVENT: The debate team is finishing the year with a workshop and in-house tournament on May 14th. We are grateful to the ADSS PAC for sponsoring a visit from head coach, Dr. Phelps Bondaroff, who is based in Victoria.

This year, the team held weekly practices and participated in several tournaments in Victoria. More recently, some students put on a show debate for Mr. Brooks' class at Wood school. Others participated in the Mock trial competition at the Supreme Court of British Columbia in April. It's been a great year of learning and fun.



They did a fantastic job and received the highest of compliments from adjudicators from Universities in Alabama, Washington, and Las Vegas. They're very proud of their achievements so if you see any band 9 students, they would love to tell you all about it.

ADSS Breakfast Club May Report



The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:30 am until 8:35 am. There are 21 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. Your support helps to continue .:

- SD 70
- Save On Foods Management and Staff
- Circle Dairy
- Swale Rock Café
- Little Bavaria
- Kathy Krznarc
- 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
- 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

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- 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
- Samantha Burton
- ~~Meloney Edghill~~
- Theresa Thompson
- ~~Cathy MacFadden~~
- Cathy Rothwell
- Susan Addy
- Landon Morin
- Heather McNamee
- Lynn Horrocks
- Tia Sogge
- Leanne Murphy
- Tricia Knight
- Andrew Johns- Cash Management Group
- Port Alberni Port Authority
- Judy Lowe
- Melissa Williamson
- 7-Eleven on Redford Street
- Colleen Brooks
- ~~Corena Brown and Bread of Life~~
- Kaley Ruel and ~~Helené Dufour~~
- Doreen Charleson
- Cathie Waddington
- Wanda Keene
- Helen Zanetti
- 7-Eleven on Johnston Road
- Gary Tottenham
- Soap for Hope
- All anonymous donors
- Our amazing volunteers: Bev and Gord Nickerson, Young Life reps: ~~Shaylene Balle~~ and Jonathan Behnke, ~~Sharanne Gaiga~~, Jenny Geddes, Brenda Krangveldt 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, ~~Qu'asa~~ Youth Worker Amelie Duquette, NIC reps Janis Almond, Jessie Broekhuizen and Heather Thompson, USMA Guardianship Team reps Penny Matthews, Arlene Bill, Wilma Gus and Kim Erickson, Theresa ~~Thompson~~, ~~Joe~~ Burton, Marilee Alexander, Jonah Thomas, Geraldine Dick, Vanessa Schoen, Lisa Duncan, Colleen Lange, Cedars Program 1 & 2 Students, Star Porter, Myles, Caroline Ellis, Deb A., April Mclean and EAs, Cathy Cross, PAC, Anne and Rob Ostwald, 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~~ Tampax (regular and sports with plastic applicator) or Always Infinity Pads (not liners), disposable

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razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream, men's and ladies deodorant. If you are able to 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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