



The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School
September, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to another school year! Our start up has been relatively smooth and students are settling in to the routine of classes. Our Grade 8's and 9's are starting to feel right at home.

The majority of student timetables have been finalized. However, our counsellors are still in the process of balancing classes and adjusting timetables as student circumstances change. As a result, there is a small chance your student's timetable may still be altered in the next week.

We are a very full school with every classroom in use and many new students and staff this year. I'd like to welcome and introduce our new staff members. Listed below are their names and primary assignments.

- Mr. Nick Seredick – Vice Principal
- Mr. Jess Black – Teacher
- Ms. Sheena Falconer - Teacher
- Ms. Tasha Gallagher - Teacher
- Mr. Ron Gaucher - Teacher
- Mr. Rajan Gill - Teacher
- Ms. Dennine Guenther - Teacher
- Ms. Jennifer Johnson - Teacher
- Mr. Josh Kynoch - Teacher
- Ms. Meredith Pritchard – Teacher
- Ms. Jane Sawyer - Teacher
- Ms. Erika McLeod - Secretary
- Mr. Miranda Havard - EA
- Ms. Mary Maddison - EA
- Mr. Dave White - EA

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 29 – Orange T-Shirt Day
- Sept. 30 – Band Tag Day
- Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving – STAT Holiday – no school
- Oct. 11 – PAC AGM 7:00 ADSS office
- Oct. 14 – Band Bottle Drive
- Oct. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews 5-8
- Oct. 18 – Parent/Teacher Interviews 2-5
- Oct. 20 – Pro-D. Day
- Oct. 25 – Photo Retakes

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

The following clubs and/or organizations are happening in our school:

Model United Nations:

Sponsor Teacher: Anne Ostwald

Room 218 days to be determined (Tuesday and Thursday, tentative)

To learn the methods and processes of the United Nations to take on a country and committee at CAIMUN (Canadian International Model United Nations) where students solve world-pertinent issues (in Vancouver BC)

Senior Girls Volleyball:

Sponsor Teacher: John Contant

Room: Monday/Wednesday at 3:30 in the Gym

Christian Club:

Sponsor Teacher: Shaun Rust

Room: 213 Wednesdays at Lunch time

The Christian Club is a group of students from Grades 8-12 who are interested in the Christian faith, or attend various churches in Port Alberni. We meet for lunch to socialize, and watch videos, or discuss topics through a "Christian lens". All are welcome.

Bee Keepers Club:

Sponsor Teacher/Sponsors: Mr. Barber/Ms. Dalton

Room: Room 101 Tuesdays at lunch time

Debate Club:

Sponsor Teacher: Jackie Chambers

Room: Conference Room (Office) Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

Student activity fees for the 2017-2018 school year are \$30 and can be paid in Homeroom during September or 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.

GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!

Yearbook order forms are available in the Career Centre. They are \$55.00 each or \$60.00 to have your name personalized on the front cover. Sales will end December 22nd and quantities are limited so don't be disappointed – order yours today! Any additional sales after December are not necessarily guaranteed and will be at an increased cost. For more information about the yearbook, contact Mr. Roberts. For more information about yearbooks sales, contact Terri-Ann Wynans.

ADSS AGENDA APP

The ADSS App is a free download from the Google Play or Itunes stores. This agenda app is available for students and/or parents and guardians and is a great way to keep track of what's happening at school and


your timetable. Additionally, the app allows students to record their homework or other notes for each class.

The App is also a communication tool as it allows the school to send notifications directly to cell phones. These notifications are a quick simple way to convey important information such as school closures or reminders of report card release dates. You can also subscribe to specific channels to receive notifications for areas of special interest such as band, school teams or Graduation. These notifications will be another way that we can provide both parents and students with timely information updates and reminders.

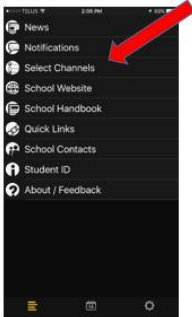
A user guide for the App is available on the ADSS website, if you require further assistance, contact Terri-Ann Wynans in the Career Centre 250-723-1191 ext. 1.

ADSS App – it’s as easy as 1 – 2 – 3!

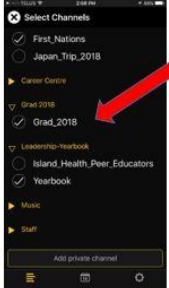
1 - DOWNLOAD




2 - “SELECT CHANNELS”




3 - CHOOSE CHANNELS



GET NOTIFIED!





Stay up to date on school events and important announcements!

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 mbauer@sd70.bc.ca

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 traditional 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 or at the school 50-723-6251 Ext 2401 and ask to have your name added to our mailing list.

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.

ADSS Breakfast Club- September 2017

Welcome back everyone! The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:35 am until 8:35 am starting Tuesday September 12th. There are 19 classrooms throughout the school that offer food for hungry students. The office staff has a list.

Last Year's totals: June's food consumption totals: 30,962 apples, 7314 oranges, 4455 bananas, 175 1L of cream cheese, 17.952 bagels and 4368 individual packages of yogurt.

There are a few ways that you can help the Breakfast Club:

- **Save On Foods Fundraiser-** Now until October 12th, Save On has provided a gift basket that will be drawn in October. Tickets are on sale at Save On Foods through the cashiers for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We would appreciate any support that you can give the BC. On Tuesday October 3rd and Friday October 6th from 4:00-6:00 pm, **I am in need of student volunteers to help bag groceries, carry out groceries and greet customers. Students can sign up for this volunteer opportunity in the Career/ counseling office.**
- We are in need of Tampax Tampons (regular and sports with plastic applicator) or Always Infinity Pads (**not liners**). If you are able to donate these items, they can be brought to the school office.
- **NEW****The breakfast club now 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 **donations of gift cards from any grocery or clothing stores, hygiene items** such as disposable razors, tampons with plastic applicators, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, deodorant. **Suits, tuxedos, ties and grad dresses** are always appreciated.
- The ADSS Breakfast Club accepts monetary donations. They can be dropped off at the ADSS office, 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 or the School Board office. We appreciate any help.

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:

- SD 70
- Save On Foods
- Circle Dairy
- Swale Rock Café
- Little Bavaria
- Salvations Army
- Port Alberni Rotary Club
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- Breakfast for Learning
- Tracy Glenn
- Bettina Thomas
- Dave and Gina Cullum
- Claudia Wong
- Lindsay Lloyd
- Julie Rushton
- Ms. Chambers
- Jal Design
- Class of 1957
- Alberni Fitness
- Bauer Family
- TOPS BC 3402
- Our amazing volunteers: Young Life, Debra at ADAPS, Nancy from Family Guidance, Jeff Cook, Susan and Tom Wall, Pat Bouchard, Camie Sogge, NETP, INEO, Sheila Hvid, City Council Rep Denis Suave, RBC Staff, NIC, USMA, Crown Prosecutor Christina Proteau, Joe Burton, Deana Clutesi, Marilee Alexander, Bev Nickerson, Vanessa, Lisa, Colleen, Life Skills Students, Cathy Cross, PAC parents and ADSS staff.

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

WELCOME FROM THE ADSS PAC – SEPTEMBER 2017

PAC AGM – October 11th at 7:00 pm in the ADSS Office

Positions to be filled:

Chair

Vice-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

DPAC rep

PAC meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month and typically last about an hour. These monthly meetings are open and available to EVERY parent/guardian of an ADSS student. The meetings provide an opportunity to connect with other parents and school administration to hear about what is happening in the school and to ask any questions you may have (thanks to the updates by the Principal or Vice-Principal) In addition, parents can lend their voice to decision making around how to allocate PAC funds that best support the ADSS student body.

For more information, leave a message at ADSS at 250-723-6251 and a PAC member will return your call. Or stay connected via the ADSS PAC facebook page to receive invites and updates.

Please contact me at (250) 723-6251, extension 2405, if you have questions or concerns about this newsletter.

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
Principal

**Come join us for
the ADSS PAC
AGM!**

**The 2017-2018
Annual General
meeting will be held
October 14th at 7:00.**

All current PAC
positions will be
open. The current
executive is:

Chair:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Vice-Chair

D PAC rep

CAREER CORNER



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WEST COAST GENERAL HOSPITAL YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

The STEP-UP program, formerly recognized as the "Candy Stripe" program will begin soon. There will be a lunchtime meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 26th in the Activity Room for all interested students. Applications will be available at that meeting and then in the Career Centre for our students to volunteer at West Coast General Hospital.

FIRST AID

First Aid courses (CPR-C with AED, Emergency Child Care with CPR=B, Standard First Aid and CPR-C/HCP) will be offered to our students for a fee. For more information, come out to the lunchtime meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 27th in room 222. Need more info? See Mr. Hall or the Career Centre.

FOOD SAFE

We are hoping to offer a Food Safe Course this fall for students. The Career Centre is taking names, stop by and let us know if you are interested.

TOURISM CERTIFICATE

We are happy to partner with the Chamber of Commerce to offer training opportunities for our students. The first of several modules offered by the Alberni Valley Tourism Training Program is the Tourism Module. Come to the Career Centre and sign up for this session which will be held on Monday, Sept. 25th at ADSS from 9:30 – 3pm (part in a classroom/part in the community).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the binder in the Career Centre for upcoming opportunities that might need your help – currently we have some from the Alberni Valley Bulldogs and the Breakfast Club.

ADSS CLOTHING

The first order of the year will be going in soon – get your order form for an ADSS Hoodie, Tshirt, Sweatpants, etc. from the Career Centre. Order forms and payment are due by October 19th.

STAY CONNECTED!

Don't forget to "like" us on FB and select the Career Centre channel on the ADSS app to keep up with all the great things happening around our school!

Thank you to the students who filled out the Career Centre survey this past week. We appreciate your input in helping us to shape the programs we offer to the students at ADSS!