



# The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School  
March, 2018

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Semester 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the same schedule as in the fall with the March 7<sup>th</sup> conferences happening from 5-8pm and the March 8<sup>th</sup> conferences happening from 2pm-5pm. We are hopeful that the varied times will allow as many parents/guardians as possible to access appointment times. You can book your appointment times through the ADSS web page or by linking directly to <https://ads.schoolappointments.com/admin/> If you have problems booking online, you can also call the counselling department receptionist at 250-724-3284 for help.

To facilitate the conferences, we will run a 'Friday schedule' on both days with classes ending at 1:22. Buses will also run on a Friday schedule, which means that busses will pick students up at 1:30 for their ride home.

We look forward to seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

## GRAD Photos for Grade 12 students

Photo sessions for your own personal grad photos will be held after school from March 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. You can book them online at <https://local.prestigeportraits.ca/bc/qualicum-beach/2701-alberni-highway.html>. Scroll down and choose Alberni District Secondary School for your location.

If your Grad did not get a headshot photo taken at the beginning of February, they can also show up at 3pm from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> and have this one free photo taken. This headshot photo is for the yearbook, wall composite and Grad newspaper insert.

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Mar. 1-3 – BCSS Provincial Wrestling Championships - Multiplex
- Mar. 6 – Parent Prom Committee Meeting 7:00  
4210 Cedarwood Street
- March 7 – 8 – School out at 1:22 (Fri. schedule)
- Mar. 7 – Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00 – 8:00
- Mar. 8 – Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:00 – 5:00
- Mar. 14 – PAC Meeting 7:00 ADSS
- Mar. 16 – Last day of classes before Spring Break
- Mar 19 – April 2 – Spring Break
- Apr. 3 – First Day back to classes
- April 9 – Pro D – Day – No school for students
- April 11 – Van. Island Concert Band Festival

## **Provincial Wrestling Championships – March 1 -3 at the Multiplex**

ADSS and Alberni Wrestling, along with title sponsor Port Alberni Port Authority, are proud to be hosting the 2018 BC Secondary Schools Provincial Wrestling Championships, March 1-3 at the Alberni Valley Multiplex. The event will highlight more than 600 athletes from 120 different schools from across BC. Preliminary rounds will take place Friday, March 2 from 8:30 am to approximately 8pm. Semi-finals take place from 8:30-11 am Saturday and finals will begin at 2pm Saturday afternoon. Tickets for finals can be purchased in advance at ADSS \$5 or at the door for \$10.

## **CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS**

At ADSS, we have a wide variety of different clubs available for our students to participate in. Here is a sampling of some that are currently up and running:

### **Model United Nations:**

Sponsor Teacher: Anne Ostwald

Room 218 Tuesdays at lunchtime

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 pertinent world issues (in Vancouver BC).

### **Bee Keepers Club:**

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

Room: Room 101 Tuesdays at lunch time

“Newcomers are always welcome! Those interested in bee-keeping are always welcome to join in each Tuesday at lunchtime. This year we continue to learn how to sustain honey bee hives and our special focus this year is on queen bee rearing so that each club member can obtain their own hive.”

### **Debate Club:**

Sponsor Teacher: Jackie Chambers

Room: Room 203 Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00

The ADSS Debate Team meets Tuesdays after school from 3:30 – 5:00 in Room 203. There are approximately 20 team members and together we discuss current events, political theory and philosophy. The team coach is Dr. Phelps Bondaroff who joins in via Skype every Tuesday and the teacher facilitator is Ms. Chambers. So far this school year, the team has participated in the University of Victoria Invitational tournament as well as the Oak Bay Secondary Invitational. Students were disappointed when they were not able to participate in the regional championships in Victoria due to poor driving conditions. In April, the team will host the provincial bilingual debate championships here at ADSS. New members are always welcome to join in, if only for a day just to see what it is all about!

### **Best Buddies and Special Olympics**

Sponsor Teacher: Dennine Guenther

Room 123 Wednesdays at lunch time

This group gets together to make new friends, have fun, and engage in sport activities.

**Drama Club:**

Sponsor Teacher: Stephanie Hopkins

Room: 118 at lunch time (days to be determined). Stay tuned to ABC News for more info!

**Wrestling Club:**

Sponsor Teachers: Jeanette Badovinac, John McDonald and Russ Bodnar

The Alberni Valley Wrestling Club is an umbrella organization that represents wrestling programs at the Valley Elementary Schools and at Alberni District Secondary School. The AVWC has wrestlers in both female and male divisions from grades 5-12. The high school membership is annually close to 50 students making up a Jr Varsity (Novice –Intermediate wrestlers) and a Sr. Varsity (Intermediate- Elite wrestlers) .

**Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays at ADSS for the Sr. Varsity athletes. All Practice times at ADSS are 3:30-5pm. We also have Tuesday and Thursday nights at A W Neill for Sr. Varsity and Alumni club members 6pm- 8pm.** The high season runs from November until March with the club season extending until the end of April to include participation at the National Wrestling Championships.

**Gaming Club:**

Sponsor Teachers: Tyler Cheetham, Mark Randall

Room: 216 Every Friday after School

The gaming club is a club for people who enjoy role playing games and tabletop strategy games.

**Fun Council:**

Sponsor Teachers: Ms. Bill and Ms. Hurst

Room: 113 Thursdays at lunch time. All are welcome

The fun council plans activities that make being a student at ADSS more interesting. Fun Council members choose the events they want to do and plan, organize and execute them. The types of events they have organized are theme days, holiday door decorating, a lip sync, flash mob, hot chocolate day, scavenger hunt and photo booth. New members are always welcome.

**Track and Field:**

Sponsor Teacher: Anna Jack

The track and field club meets every Monday and Wednesday after school starting March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to get more information, please e-mail Anna Jack at [ajack@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:ajack@sd70.bc.ca).

**STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES**

Student activity fees for the 2017-2018 school year are \$30 and can be paid to Nikki Levasseur in the counselling office. 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. Quantities are very limited at this point so don't be disappointed – order yours today! For more information about the yearbook, contact Mr. Roberts. For more information about yearbooks sales, contact Terri-Ann Wynans.

## **GRAD TRANSITIONS COURSE – Gr. 12's**

Mr. Parmar and Mr. Freethy have completed their visits to English & Communications 12 classes to explain the Grad Transitions Course requirements. This course is a Ministry of Education mandated requirement for graduation – all students working towards a Dogwood Diploma must complete this course. The booklet, explaining the requirements is available in the “Grad” section of the ADSS website at - <http://www.sd70.bc.ca/school/adss/GradZone/Documents/Grad%20Transition%20Plan%202018.pdf> If you have any questions, please contact the Career Centre staff.

Grad Transitions booklets, and the other Grad forms in the booklet are due March 7<sup>th</sup>. Grads can book their Exit Interview time in the Career Centre after Spring Break. Exit Interviews will happen for all Gr. 12's on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES**

The local package of Scholarships & Bursaries for 2018 is now out! Copies are available in the Career Centre or on our school website in the “publications” section - <http://www.sd70.bc.ca/school/adss/Publications/Scholarship-Bursary%20Booklet%202018.pdf> As well, the application form is available on our school website as a form that can be typed into. Any questions can be directed to Terri-Ann Wynans in the Career Centre – 250-723-1191 (ext. 1).

**Gr. 12's and Parents/Guardians are invited to “like” the Facebook info page about all things Grad and Prom 2018 –**



**ADSS Grad 2018 – Alberni District Secondary School**

<https://www.facebook.com/ADSSGrad2018/?ref=bookmarks>

## **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).

**FOODSAFE COURSE**

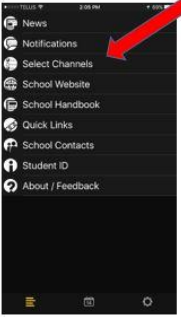
Interested students are asked to stop into the Career Centre and leave their name and contact info. The next food safe course will be offered during the June exam week – just in time to add it to your resume for those for summer job applications. The cost is \$50 per student.

**ADSS App – it’s as easy as 1 – 2 – 3!**

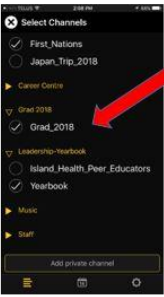

**1 - DOWNLOAD**




**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](mailto: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. We encourage all parents/guardians to subscribe to the newsletter via email, please contact our secretary Michelle Bauer [mbauer@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:mbauer@sd70.bc.ca) or at the school 250-723-6251 (extension 2401) and ask to have your name added to our mailing list.

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

Report cards were recently issued on February 8<sup>th</sup> and many students had overdue library books and textbooks. There were over 400 notices attached to report cards with the details of the replacement costs of overdue materials. If your student received a letter pertaining to this, please return the books in question or kindly remit the replacement cost of the lost book(s). Please note that ADSS is happy to receive any books or payments for elementary school library books owing, as well and we will ensure the money gets back to the elementary school in which it is owed. Payments can be made by cheque (ADSS) or cash to Nikki Levasseur in the office at ADSS.

## **ADSS BREAKFAST CLUB - MARCH**

The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:35 am until 8:35 am. There are 22 classrooms throughout the school that offer food for hungry students; the office staff has a list. There are a few ways that you can help the Breakfast Club:

- 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.
- 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 **donations of gift cards from any grocery or clothing stores, hygiene items** such as disposable razors, tampons with plastic applicators, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, deodorant.
- For the Grad Closet; **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 the following people and community groups for their generous 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

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- President's Choice Children's Charity
- PA Toy Run
- AV Lions
- Tracy Glenn
- Bettina Thomas
- Dave and Gina Cullum
- Claudia Wong
- Lindsay Kolba
- Julie Rushton
- Ms. Chambers
- Jal Design
- Class of 1957
- Alberni Fitness
- Bauer Family
- TOPS BC 3402
- ADSS Students
- ADSS Prom Committee 2017
- Heather Maddison- Studio H
- Lyle Marsh
- Brodie Paxton
- Samantha Burton
- Capital Theater
- Brent Ronning
- Sonja Sutton
- Anna Foehse
- Marilyn and Doug Burrows
- Sandra Banfield
- Dixon Family
- Arrowsmith Flooring Center
- Deanna Kupnicki
- Wanda Keene
- The Peak
- Parks and Rec
- Tooth Fairies
- Dave and Terien Ralla
- Beta Rho Master Chapter Bet Sigma Phi Members
- Alberni Valley Christian Reformed Church Members
- Rogers Family
- Debra Hamilton
- Nikki Levasseur
- Larry Ransom
- Penny and John Van Zoeren
- Denis and Sharon Grisdale
- Earnest Bodger and family
- Shannon Crutchley
- Helen Zanette
- Erika and Jeff McLeod
- Nicole Dixon and Arlene MacMillan
- All anonymous donors

- Our amazing volunteers: Young Life, Debra at ADAPS, Nancy from Family Guidance, Jeff Cook, Susan and Tom Wall, Pat Bouchard, Camie Sogge, ACAWS, NETP, INEO, Sheila Hvid, Carrie Thorpe, City Council Rep Denis Suave, RBC Staff, Heather McNamee, NIC, USMA Guardianship Team, Joe Burton, Marilee Alexander, Bev Nickerson, Vanessa, Lisa, Colleen, Cedars Program Students, Star Porter and EAs, Cathy Cross, PAC and ADSS staff. If we have missed anyone, we are truly sorry, that was not our intention.

### **ADSS PAC- FEBRUARY 2018**

Our PAC meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at ADSS. All parents and guardians of ADSS students are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you all at our upcoming meeting on Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 7pm at ADSS.

If you have any questions or would like to be part of the PAC distribution list please send the PAC an email at [adsspac@gmail.com](mailto:adsspac@gmail.com) You can also get updates and resources through the "ADSS PAC" Facebook page.

Here are some useful community resources.

#### **Child and Youth Mental Health**

Services for children and youth up to ages 0-19 years who face mental health challenges  
250 720 2650

#### **Alberni Community & Women's Services (ACAWS) <http://www.acaws.ca>**

250 724 7111

#### **Port Alberni Family Guidance Association- Counselling for individuals and families**

250 724 0125

#### **Nuu-Chah-Nulth Child and Youth Services**

<http://www.nuuchahnulth.org/services/child-youth-services>

250 724 0202

#### **Friendship Centre**

<http://www.pafriendshipcenter.com/welcome-port-alberni-friendship-center>

250 723 8281

#### **Alberni Drug & Alcohol Prevention Services (ADAPS)**

Youth and Family Addictions Counsellor and prevention services and programming

250 724 6166

### **2018 GRAD COMMITTEE**

The next meeting for Parents and the Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. We meet at 4210 Cedarwood Street in the Youth Centre. This is the old Glenwood School. This meeting is for parents and students.

**Grad Clothing orders are starting now on Wednesdays at the Grad Info table. The deadline for orders is March 14<sup>th</sup> with a delivery date of April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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Just a reminder that your tickets for the Prom must be paid for in full by April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have done any volunteering, your points will be subtracted from the \$200 fee when you pay for your ticket. If you do any fundraising after April 11<sup>th</sup>, you will be reimbursed the amount when you get your grab bag. There are plenty of fundraising opportunities coming up in the next few months.

The Chairperson and for the Prom committee is Corrie Allen - [caeford@telus.net](mailto:caeford@telus.net)

**The fundraising events that we have dates for so far are:**

**Bottle Drive** will be May 24 and it will all run 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

There are a lot of other fundraising events but we just don't have the dates for those yet.

There will be Tag days, QF Bagging, Mother's Day Flower sale, Pub Night, Auction, Samosa Sale and more.

**We are really needing students to come out and fund raise. For each fundraiser they attend, they will get a point, which is money off of the price of their ticket.**

There will be lots of opportunities for all students to do some sort of Fundraising to earn a refund off of the price of their prom ticket. And, for ever fundraising event a student attends, they will earn a ballot to have their name put in the raffle for one of the numerous large prizes. Every student will win a prize but we will also have a minimum of three great prizes.

**Spring Break 2019 - Italy tour**

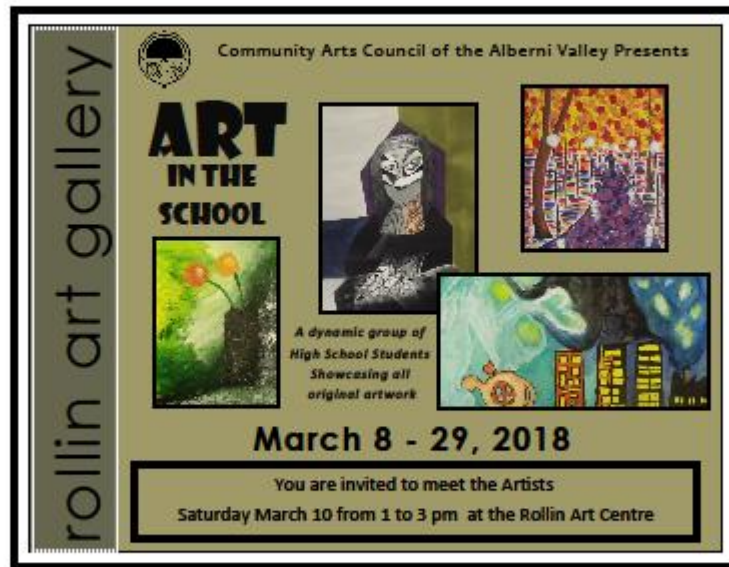
Travel to Italy at Spring Break and enjoy the sights and culture of Venice, Florence, Pisa, Assisi and Rome. Trip highlights will include visiting the Grand Canal, St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace in Venice; The Doumo, Ponte Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria in Florence; The Leaning Tower of Pisa; The Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi; and The Colloseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Sistine Chapel, Pantheon and the Piazza Navona in Rome. We will be accompanied by a dedicated tour guide, and we will have walking tours in each of the main cities with a local guide. The tour includes your flight, bus travel, accommodations, breakfast and dinner and admissions to most of the tour highlights. Join us for an amazing tour through Italy to learn the history, language, culture, and to enjoy the flavours that the country has to offer. Students and their parents are welcome to join in on the tour. Ciao!

For further information please contact Laurie Hurst at [lhurst@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:lhurst@sd70.bc.ca)

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

Rob Souther  
Principal





**ALBERNI JUNIOR BASEBALL  
REGISTRATION  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> AT ECHO CENTRE  
6:30pm-8:00pm**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Tadpole	2009-10-2011	\$25.00
Mosquito	2007-2008	\$110.00
Pee Wee	2005-2006	\$120.00
Bantam	2003-2004	\$130.00
Midget	2000-2001-2002	\$140.00

Please note that Alberni Junior Baseball is a volunteer based organization and relies on fundraising as a mainstay for our Association. We will be asking for a \$50 opt out cheque payable at registration. If you are unable or do not wish to volunteer your time on Tag Day or at other needed times during the season, your cheque will be cashed in lieu of volunteer hours. Please ensure you bring an extra cheque to registration that is designated solely for fundraising and date it for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

All cheques for Registration and Fundraising can be made payable to Alberni Junior Baseball.

Please also bring a birth certificate for proof of age.

Thank you!

*Alberni Junior Baseball*



## **Youth Transition and Resource fair**

### **Attention: Families of Special Needs Youth**

**Making the transition from school & youth services to adult services can sometimes be challenging.**

**School District #70 and the  
Port Alberni Association for Community Living  
invite you to come and meet with service  
providers that can help make the  
transition smoother for your family.**

**Date: Thursday March 8, 2018**

**Time: 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Place: Alberni District Secondary school 4000 Roger  
Street**



PAACL - Celebrating 60 Years of Community Inclusion

