



It is our mission to develop skills, nurture personal growth, and encourage life long learning in a supportive and respectful environment.

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April 9th, 2019 – Mid-Month Update

Grade 9 Go Karts

On Wednesday, April 10th, we are asking that all grade 9 students stay to the end of the school day. A message had been sent out with a wrong date (Tuesday). The Grade 9s will be completing their safety orientation with Mr. Bafaro, the loss prevention officer from Conuma Coal.

Mrs. Hewitt will be in the class supervising from 2pm – the end of class. We will honour an early dismissal on Friday, April 12th at 2pm for the grade 9s. The procedure is that the grade 9s will leave their D block class at 2pm and leave the school premises as classes will still be in session.

Race day has been finalized for Thursday, June 6th!

Build days are confirmed! 4 groups (half the gr.9 students) will be in full day builds on May 2,3,6,7. The next 4 groups will be in full day builds on May 9,10,13,14. When students are not on build days, they will be in regular classes. Students must have satisfactory progress in all classes to be eligible for participation in build days and other special events tied to the go Kart Project.

Staff Updates

We would like to welcome Mr. Smith as our school counselor! Mr. Smith will be with us on Thursdays all day and Friday mornings, and will be working on a variety of projects from transcript verifications to course selections and Post-secondary institutions. He will be working out of the counselor's office attached to the library.

Art in the Office

Students in the senior Art class have set up a gallery of their latest work in the front office. If you are at the school, be sure to check it out!

Grad Program

Grade 11 students will be writing the Graduation Numeracy Assessment on Wednesday, June 25th in the Library from 9am-11am. The assessment is electronic and is completed from a school computer. Students can bring pencils, paper, erasers, rulers, and a calculator. The school has some calculators, but it is advisable for students to bring their own whenever possible.

Note: Cell phones are not allowed in any exam or graduation assessment.

Attendance

Class attendance, and regular communication with teachers is a vital part of success for students. Students who come to school late sign in to the office without fail. However, we are finding that chronic tardiness in the mornings and after lunch is an increasing issue. Students also don't always make it to their assigned class after signing in, or don't follow the class' check-in procedures when arriving late to class. Therefore, students who are late may sometimes still be marked absent. In these cases, the office will defer to teacher records of attendance. If parents have any concerns over attendance discrepancies, please contact your child's teacher.

Reaching Out

[Studies show](#) that when parents are made an [integral part of a child's education](#), the chances of student success are higher. I encourage parents and teachers to reach out to one another regularly. The school maintains a database of parent emails. If your email needs to be updated, please call the school or email dskillen@sd59.bc.ca. Email addresses for all teaching staff are on our school website: <http://trss.sd59.bc.ca/staff-2/teaching-staff/>

Tip: if you use Google Chrome, right click (Windows 10) or Control click (Mac) the teacher's name and choose "copy email address".

Upcoming Important Dates

April 9th– 2pm Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews begin at 2:05pm in the lobby.

April 10th – 2pm Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews. *Grade 9s will be staying through to the end of the school day today (3:02pm).*

April 11th – School Dance! 5-7pm for TRE students, and 8-10pm for TRSS students.

April 12th – Semester 2, Term 1 Incomplete notices go home. *Grade 9 Early Dismissal*

April 19th/22nd – Easter Break

April 25th – English 12 (am) /English 12 First Peoples Exam (pm) Re-writes

April 26th – Communications 12 Exam – 9am – 11am. This is the first of two possible exam days. The next Communications 12 write is on June 26th, 9am-11am.

April 30th – Academic standing for Grad ceremony cut-off

May 2nd – School Assembly – 9 am with special guest Speaker – Cody Deaner.

May 3rd – Semester 2, Term 1 Report Cards Go home

June 6th – Race day!!

June 7th – NID