

NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2022

DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

WELCOME
BACK
TO
School

SCHEDULE 2022-2023

Monday-Thursday:

8:52am - 3:30pm

Fridays:

8:52-1:30pm

For a copy of the full bell
schedule, including period times
and block rotation

CLICK HERE



IMPORTANT DATES

September

19

NO SCHOOL - National Day of Mourning - Queen's Funeral

20

Rock Solid in Radium
(Grade 8)

21

School Photos

26

**BC Post-Secondary
Schools Visit**

29

Orange Shirt Day

30

NO SCHOOL - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

October

10

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving

12

Early Dismissal - 2:10pm

21

NO SCHOOL -
Non-Instructional Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my great honor to join you at David Thomson Secondary School as the school's new principal. I am looking forward to an excellent year together.

Already, I have had the opportunity to meet many amazing DTSS students. Even before the start of the year we hosted two events and had no trouble recruiting several dedicated student volunteers who put their best foot forward to welcome our guests.

Our mission for each DTSS student is that they become knowledgeable, caring, resilient and contributing members of our global community. Our work in this regard is something we take seriously.

To this end we have set goals in the following priorities areas:

- Equity and Inclusion: To increase a sense of connectedness of students at DTSS.**
- Success for all Learners: To increase students' critical thinking skill across the curriculum.**
- Excellence in Teaching and Leadership: To increase staff knowledge in using Trauma-Informed practices.**

Over the course of the year, these three priority areas will be the centre of planning, assessment, professional development, and decision making. This will, in addition, permit us to focus our work in the highest leverage ways to accomplish our mission.

I wish each of you a remarkably successful school year.

**M. Hubick
DTSS Principal**



FRIENDLY REMINDERS



ATTENDANCE

We believe that **GOOD ATTENDANCE** is an important factor contributing to the academic success of students.

To keep you informed of your child's class attendance in a timely manner, we will be using School Messenger to notify you by phone and email whenever your child is marked absent from class.

If you know in advance that your child(ren) will be absent, please call us via the Attendance Secretary voicemail at 250-342-9213, ext 2.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Roxann at the number above or via email at roxann.rad@sd6.bc.ca

BUSSING

ALL students must be registered **annually** as an **eligible or courtesy rider** (NO bus passes at this time)



For a printable registration form

[CLICK HERE](#)

Forms are also available from your child(ren)'s bus driver and should be **returned to the bus driver or Operations Supervisor**

CAFETERIA



Students can purchase food & drinks from the cafeteria with **CASH** or a pre-paid **Gold or Silver Card**

Menu will be posted on **Thursday, September 22**

Cafe Cards are available for purchase from the front office starting on **September 19**

Gold Card - \$50
Silver Card - \$25



WHAT'S NEW



NEW

STAFF



Mike Hubick
Principal

Matt LeBourdais
Athletic Director
Physical Education 9 & 10, Science 8

Kyla Hambly
English 8, Social Studies 8
& Career Education 8

Kaisha Gretzmacher
Learning Services & Science 8

Jason Walker
Science 9 & 10, Chemistry 11 & Math 9

Maegan Stanbury
Art 10-12, Drawing & Sculpture
& Textiles 10-12

Marie-Eve St. Laurent
French 8 & Science 9

Sophie Timmermans
Education Assistant

Justin Keitch
Education Assistant

Tristin Campbell
Youth Care Worker

Brandi Merrie
Community Links

Krystal Haggard
Administrative Assistant

Lynsay Chalmers
Administrative Assistant

NEW

ABSENCE REASON



In recognition of the fact that families will occasionally prioritize important community events and/or learning opportunities that contribute to a student's learning,

SD6 has introduced a NEW absence reason in our Student Information System.

This new attendance reason will be known as **"Cultural/Community Event"** and is meant to help document absences to increase staff awareness and potentially lead to **opportunities for students to share what they learned and their experiences at the event.**



DTSS would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new and returning staff & students for the 2022-2023 school year

WHAT'S NEW



NEW

INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED GRADUATION REQUIREMENT



The BC Ministry of Education is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all secondary students, **beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.**

This transformative change to the Graduation Program represents the Province of British Columbia's commitments to truth, reconciliation and anti-racism. All BC students will be provided with the necessary time and opportunity to develop deeper understandings of the experiences, cultures and histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

The proposed change to the B.C. Graduation Program will require that 4 credits of the current 80 credit requirements for the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) include an Indigenous-focused course(s). Secondary students will be able to meet the new requirement through a variety of existing and new course options.

Implementation of the new requirement involved a phased-in approach and the Ministry of Education engaged with Indigenous communities, the education sector and the public on the implementation plan, which will take effect in the 2023-2024 school year.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**For more information on this change to the
B.C. Graduation Program**



Ministry of
Education



We are pleased to announce that DTSS is now offering **English First Peoples Literary Studies & Spoken Language 11**, which is a 4-credit course that will fulfill this graduation requirement.

All current Grade 11 students will be enrolled in this course
to ensure that they are able to fulfill this graduation
requirement for the 2023-2024 school year.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Wellness Wednesdays

Every Wednesday CORE in the Library



What to Expect

- 5-10 minute guided meditation
- Silent space for the full 40 minutes of CORE
 - Doodle, colour, read, LEAN-IN
- Homework and cell phones prohibited

MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB



For anyone interested in joining the Mountain Bike Club, we will hold our first meeting on **Monday, September 12th** at the start of lunch

We will be meeting **outside in the front entrance beside the bike racks.**

This will be a club that meets **once a week** to go on group rides.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **Friday, September 9**, the school hosted a delicious pancake breakfast to kick off a new school year.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Salzbrenner & Ms. White for organizing this event and to all of the staff and students that assisted with food prep, set up and take down. **Everyone left fuelled up for the day (and year) ahead!**



DTSS ATHLETICS



New Athletic Director: Matt LeBourdais
Email: matthew.lebourdais@sd6.bc.ca

Fall Sports - Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Cross-Country, E-Sports

Fall Gym / Practice Schedule

TIME	AREA	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
MORNING 7:45 – 8:30am	Gym					
3:40 – 5:00pm	School Fields	Cross-Country 3:40pm	Boys Soccer 4:30pm		Boys Soccer 4:30pm	
	Gym	Bantam Boys VB	Junior Girls VB	Bantam Boys VB	Junior Girls VB	
5:20 – 6:50pm	Gym	Junior Boys VB	Bantam Girls VB	Junior Boys VB	Bantam Girls VB	
7:10 – 8:40pm	Gym	Senior Boys VB	Senior Girls VB	SR Boys VB	Senior Girls VB	



CLICK HERE 

For the Tentative Tournament/Travel Schedules

WELCOME BACK ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, September 8, the gym was alive with school spirit as students clapped each other in, grade by grade!

Mr. Hubick welcomed everyone back to school and wished everyone a safe, healthy & successful year ahead. He introduced new staff as well as the international students joining us from Mexico, Ukraine, Germany, China, Netherlands, Switzerland and Spain.

The assembly wrapped up with an exciting relay race of staff vs. students

