# NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2022 DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY 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**

# +October +

- 5 Grade 8 Rock Solid (re-booked)
- NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving
- Early Dismissal no B block Indigenous NHL Player Visit PAC AGM Meeting 7pm
- Grade 12 Parent Meeting 6:15pm (Theatre)
- No school Pro-D Non-Instructional Day
- Parent Teacher Interviews

# > November {

Photo Retake Day

11 NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day



# **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**



# Greetings,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second week of October. We have certainly been busy at DTSS.

This fall I have had the opportunity to see so many amazing things that make DTSS special. Students are demonstrating all kinds of leadership as events and activities get planned and implement designed to build the DTSS community. I would personally like to commend students for their leadership. It is amazing to be back in school.

We have many exciting opportunities ahead for students. I would encourage you to become familiar with them through this is newsletter.

M. Hubick
DTSS Principal





# **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**



#### **ABSENCE REPORTING**

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.

PLEASE BE SURE TO USE FIRST AND LAST NAMES WHEN CALLING FOR ABSENCES. IF STUDENTS ARRIVE LATE TO SCHOOL, PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE.

If you should any questions, please feel free to contact Roxann at the number above or via email at <a href="mailto:roxann.rad@sd6.bc.ca">roxann.rad@sd6.bc.ca</a>



#### **BUSSING**



WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO ISSUE BUS PASSES FOR STUDENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE



# **CORE Block**



Monday = Homeroom CORE
Tuesday-Thursday = CORE Block

Students are to sign up for their CORE Blocks on MyWeeklyPlanner

Please be sure to sign up for & attend ALL Core Blocks

# ROCKY MOUTAIN CAFE



# MONDAY-THURSDAY a 10-MIN BREAK & AT LUNCH

Students can purchase food & drinks from the cafeteria with <a href="CASH">CASH</a> or a pre-paid Gold or Silver Card

\*Please write your name on the back of the card\*

Menus will be posted **EVERY THURSDAY** 

Cafe Cards are available for purchase from the front office

Gold Card - \$50

Silver Card - \$25



# **WHAT'S NEW**



# **SCHOOL PHOTOS**



We are excited to announce that your school photo gallery is live and ready for viewing!

- 1. On Photo Day, your student was provided with a photo flyer containing a QR login code
- 2. Use this login code to access your student's personal photo gallery at myorder.mountainwest.ca
- 3. Any active email address can be used to login

#### YOUR ORDER DEADLINE IS:

Friday, October 14, 2022

- 1.To find out more about ordering, <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> for support.
- 2. If you do not have your login code, or require assistance, please chat with us or email us at help@mountainwest.ca.
- 3. Orders will be shipped directly to your home address.
- 4. If you wish to have a re-take,
  Photo Retake Day is on November 4

Looking to access digital downloads or check on the status of your order?

Visit portal.mountainwest.ca





# DTSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



The PAC AGM will be taking place on

Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00pm

A short PAC Meeting will be held after the AGM

The PAC is looking for the following members to join its Executive:

Secretary
DPAC Representative
Members at Large

All are welcome to attend!

Copies of the PAC Minutes are posted on the DTSS website
Check them out HERE



# **WHAT'S NEW**





The Rocky Mountain International Student
Program (RMISP) is offering DTSS students in
Grades 10 to 12 a chance to participate in a
German exchange this school year. As a
reciprocal exchange, your family will get to
host a German student for the last two weeks
of February and then you will stay with your
German partner for the last two weeks of
March (Spring Break). You will have the
opportunity to live with a host family in the
town of Elsenfeld in Bavaria, attend JuliusEchter Gymnasium (high school), and explore
several other cities in Germany.

#### **Tentative Dates:**

Germans in Canada: February 13 – 26, 2023 Canadians in Germany: March 19 – April 1, 2023

Estimated cost: \$1,850 (covers chaperoned group flight, hotel, transportation, activity fees and medical insurance)

Financial assistance may be available, if needed.

Application deadline: November 4, 2022

Learn more and request an application package at <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/e0frUh3mJP">https://forms.office.com/r/e0frUh3mJP</a> or email <a href="mailto:kathleen.hadford@sd6.bc.ca">kathleen.hadford@sd6.bc.ca</a> with any

questions

DTSS CLIMATE CLUB PLANT DRIVE

OCTOBER17-20/2022 ANYTIME BETWEEN 9:00 AND 15:00

- Bring any extra house plants,
- pots and/or soil.
- We will repot plants if necessary
- Drop them off in the hallway between DTSS and College of the
- Rockies
- We will take care of them and water them.
- School will have better air quality

Thank you for your participation



DTSS was alive with spirit last week - stay tuned for photos in the next newsletter of how the staff and students

ed with their creativity:)



# **Orange Shirt Week**

Two events took place the week of Sept 26-30th for Every Child Matters Week. These events provided great opportunities for students to build community connections (guardians and elders) and to learn a new skill.

September 26th - SafeTALK - a certificate course supporting students in healthy ways to support individuals struggling with suicidal thoughts.

**September 27th** – 2nd Annual Archery Day 10am-12:10pm - Grades 8-10 12:50-2:00pm - Grades 11 & 12



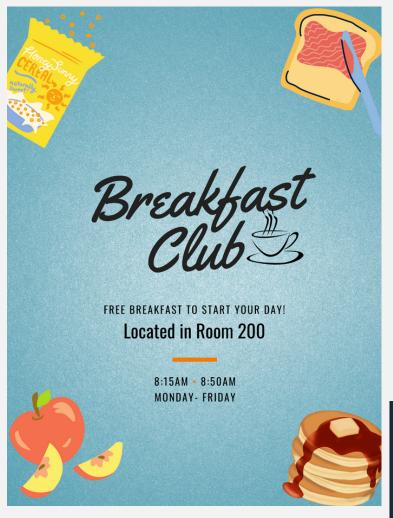


# BC Post Secondary School Fair

On Tuesday, September 27th, DTSS hosted a variety of BC Post Secondary Schools. Grade 10-12 students gathered in the gymnasium for a 1-hr presentation, during which each institution provided a brief overview to Grade 10-12 students of the programs they offer and their admissions process. Afterwards, Grade 11 and 12 students were welcome to stay in the gym and visit the booths each school had set up.









Starting on Thursday, October 13th

Meet at 4:30pm at the Johnson/Lake Lillian Trailhead

Students need to sign up as members of the CVCS and sign waivers prior to riding. Contact Beva or Justin to sign up or if you have any questions.

# **RUNNING CLUB**

The DTSS Running Club meets on the following days:

Mondays @ 3:40pm Wednesdays @ Lunch

If you are interested in going for a run, meet Mr. Warren and Mrs. Davison at the steps by the Main Office.







# ERASE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**Student Sessions with Parents** 

Social Media Awareness - Social Media, Digital Footprints and Cyberbullying. Two (2) online sessions are available as follows:

November 15, 2022 6:30-7:30pm (Online)

**CLICK HERE** 

November 30, 2022: 6:30-7:30pm (Online)

**CLICK HERE** 

Please click HERE to visit the Ministry site for the live registration links





# Parent Teacher Interviews

To take place on <a href="https://example.com/Thursday">Thursday</a>, October 27 <a href="https://example.com/from 5-7pm">from 5-7pm</a>



For registration instructions



For the registration website



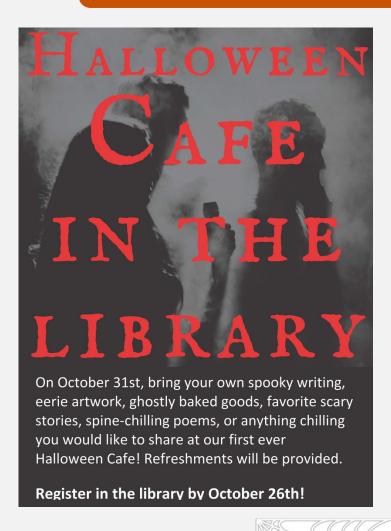
# Wellness Wednesdays Every Wednesday CORE in the Library



#### 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





# Library BOOKMARK

**CUSTOM DTSS** BOOKMARK

#### Guidelines

- Grab a template from the library
- All artwork should be original
  - Colour or Black/White
- Bookmarks are due by November 10
- Winning bookmark artist will receive 10 bookmarks to keep, a gift card and bragging rights







# READING **CHALLENGE**

Read at least 100 pages from one of our horror books. Submit your entry for a chance to win and gain points for your grade in the Student Councils grade challenges!

One entry per student.





