

NEWSLETTER / OCTOBER 2022

DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

✧ October ✧

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Grade 8 Rock Solid
(re-booked)

10

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving

12

Early Dismissal - no B block
Indigenous NHL Player Visit
PAC AGM Meeting - 7pm

13

Grade 12 Parent Meeting -
6:15pm (Theatre)

21

NO SCHOOL - Pro-D
Non-Instructional Day

27

Parent Teacher Interviews

✧ November ✧

4

Photo Retake Day

11

NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day



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



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 roxann.rad@sd6.bc.ca



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 MOUNTAIN CAFE

**NOW
OPEN**

MONDAY-THURSDAY

@ 10-MIN BREAK & AT LUNCH

Students can purchase food & drinks from the cafeteria with **CASH** 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, [CLICK HERE](#) 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



ROCKY MOUNTAIN
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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 Julius-Echter 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

<https://forms.office.com/r/e0frUh3mJP> or email kathleen.hadford@sd6.bc.ca with any questions



**DTSS CLIMATE CLUB
PLANT DRIVE**
OCTOBER 17-20/2022
**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 **Wow** ed with their creativity :)

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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.



CVCS YOUTH BIKE CLUB



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.

COLUMBIA VALLEY CYCLING SOCIETY YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

FOR GRADES 8-12

THURSDAYS

4:30-6:00PM

See Beva or Justin
to sign-up or for
more details.



SCAN FOR CVCS MEMBERSHIP & WAIVER

SCAN ME

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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
Thursday, October 27
from 5-7pm

[CLICK HERE](#)

For registration instructions

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



HALLOWEEN CAFE IN THE LIBRARY

On October 31st, bring your own spooky writing, eerie artwork, ghostly baked goods, favorite scary stories, spine-chilling poems, or anything chilling you would like to share at our first ever Halloween Cafe! Refreshments will be provided.

Register in the library by October 26th!

Library BOOKMARK CONTEST

DESIGN THE 2023
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



Horror 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.

