

NEWSLETTER / NOVEMBER 2022

DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

LEST WE
FORGET



BELL 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

≡ November ≡

10

End of Term 1

Remembrance Day

Assembly 10:30-11:10am

11

NO SCHOOL

Remembrance Day

16

Early Dismissal Day (2:10pm)

**Drop A1 & Move B1
to After Lunch**

24

**Report Cards Go Home
(Term 1)**

≡ December ≡

6

Junior Dance 6:30-9:30pm

Grade 8 & 9 Students

16

Last Day of School

Before Winter Break

School Reopens Jan 3, 2023



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

This month has proven to be another very busy month at DTSS.

With the Remembrance Day Assembly this week and the statutory holiday to follow, it is a good time for students and families to reflect on the purpose of the day each year. It is also a good time to reflect on the conflicts that face our world today, which bring more meaning and relevance to the observance for all of us.

On November 10th, the school will be hosting a Remembrance Day ceremony at the school. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us for the assembly that will begin at 10:30am.

On another note, please be aware that the school year has already closed in on the halfway mark of the first semester. Please take the time to discuss your youth's progress when the report cards come home on November 24th. Please remember to include in the conversation a discussion about student attendance. We will be looking closely at trends in attendance data as it relates to student progress. On an individual level this can occur at home also.

Best Regards,

Mike Hubick
Principal



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank You
For your service



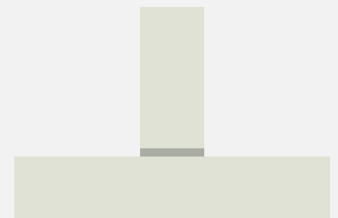
Lieutenant Henry Smith-Helmer
DTSS Grad 2012



Nolan Watt
DTSS Grad 2019



Trooper Gabe Bryson
DTSS Grad 2021



On Thursday, November 10 at 10:30-11:10am,
DTSS will hold a **Remembrance Day Ceremony**
to reflect upon and honour the veterans who
fought for our country and to show our appreciation
for those who continue to serve.

Guests will include members of the RCMP & Legion as well as
Veterans. **Parents/Guardians are also welcome to attend.**

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



ABSENCE REPORTING

Student Absences:

- If you know in advance that your child(ren) will be absent, please call and leave a message on the Attendance Secretary voicemail at 250-342-9213, ext 2.
- If your child(ren) will be going away on vacation, please be sure to inform the Main Office (in addition to your teacher)

Please be sure to use FIRST and LAST names when calling for absences

Arriving Late, Departing Early & Appointments

- Please sign in/out at the Main Office

Visitors:

- Please sign in at the Main Office

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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAFE

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

Menus are posted
EVERY THURSDAY

Cafe Cards are available for purchase from the front office
Gold Card - \$50
Silver Card - \$25

2023 GRADS



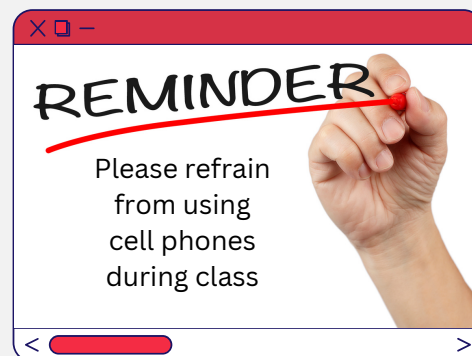
Please ensure that you have **ALL 4** of your Career Life Connections assignments submitted by **MIDNIGHT on Wednesday, November 9th.** Otherwise, you will earn an 'I' on your Term 1 Report Card



ATTENTION

Work Experience Students

Mr. Steedman needs your completed Work Experience forms and first term hours by next Wednesday, November 16 @ 3:30pm



Counselling
Academic Advising
General questions about anything!



Scan to book an appointment with
Mr. Warren, your school counsellor!

Last block drop-in available
for same day support (Room 102).
First come, first serve.

Scan the QR code to book an appointment



Look for this poster around the school. A copy can also be found on Mr. Warren's office door, which is located in Student Services

CORE BLOCK



CORE is part of instructional time that ALL students MUST attend

Monday = Homeroom CORE

- Important information & activities are planned by homeroom teachers
- Also provides students with an opportunity to plan their CORE blocks for the week ahead

Tuesday-Thursday = CORE Block

Students are to sign up for their CORE Blocks online at dtss.myweeklyplanner.net

Lower anxiety!

Get extra help!

Catch up in a class!



Attend a featured presentation!

Workout!

Self-care!

Catch up on tests!

CORE Opportunities

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Opportunity to Learn Woodcarving

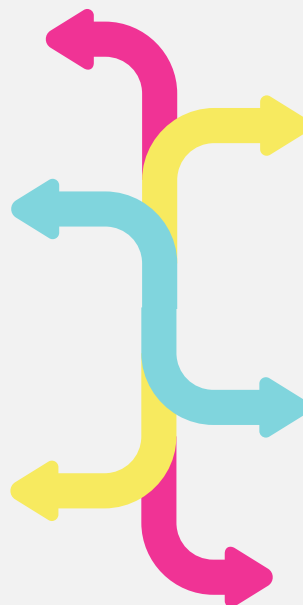
Either Wednesday or Thursday during CORE in the Shop

Open to Junior and Senior students

Expectations: To sign up on either Wednesday or Thursday **but not both** in each week for a minimum of 4 CORE sessions to create a finished product.

Space is limited so advanced sign-up is required.

Appropriate safety and shop protocol will be expected.



GYM CORE SCHEDULE

Homeroom Classes	Grades 8-12	Seniors only	Grades 8-12
	GYM: 30 students	GYM: 30 students	GYM: 30 students
	WEDNESDAY ROOM: 10 students	WEDNESDAY ROOM: 10 students	WEDNESDAY ROOM: 10 students

Please remember:

- Gym strip is a requirement for CORE
- Only 2 gym CORE per week
- Please wait at the Gym doors for a teacher to sign you in

WHAT'S NEW



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Photo Retakes took place on
Friday, November 4th

Photos will be available on the
mountainwest studios website

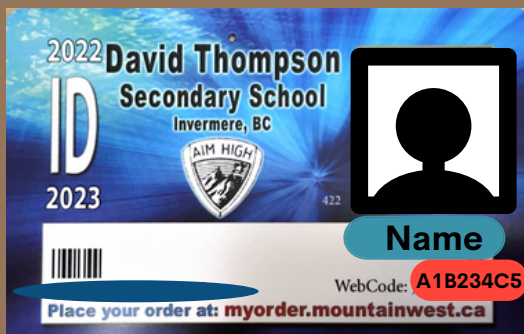
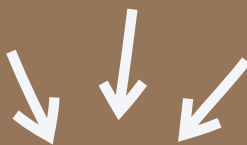
10 business days

after photos were taken at

<https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>

Students will be able to choose from
BOTH their old photos taken in
September **AND** their retakes.

Login codes and information can be
found on the Student ID cards!



DTSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



**Wednesday, November 9th
at 7:00pm**

In Person and via Zoom
Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting

**At this meeting, PAC reopened
the AGM Meeting, during which they
presented an amendment to the
constitution.**

**In addition, the Secretary position is
only temporarily filled – the PAC is still
accepting nominations for anyone
willing to put their name forward for
this position.**

All are welcome to attend!

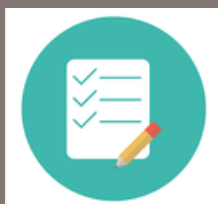
**Copies of the PAC Minutes are posted
on the DTSS website
Check them out [HERE](#)**



WHAT'S NEW



REPORT CARDS & K-12 STUDENT REPORTING POLICY CHANGES



Report Cards for Term 1 will be going home on Thursday, November 24



In preparation for the changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy that will take full effect in the 2023-2024 school year, please note that Grade 8 and 9's will be graded as follows on their report cards this year:

Grade 8's

- **Core Academic Courses (ie. Math, English, Science, Social Studies, PE)** - students will be graded using the Provincial Proficiency Scale
- **Mixed Grade 8/9 Electives (ie. Drama, Media Arts, Drawing, Sculpture, Woodwork, Foods)** - ALL Grade 8 & 9 students will receive a letter grade

Grade 9's

Core Academic Courses & Mixed Grade 8/9 Electives - students will receive a letter grade

Grades 10-12

All students will receive a percentage (%)

Starting in 2023-24, all students in Grade 8 and 9 will be graded using the Provincial Proficiency Scale

Provincial Proficiency Scale for Grades K-9				
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

CLICK HERE



For more information from the BC Ministry of Education about the upcoming Reporting Policy changes

COMMUNITY EVENTS



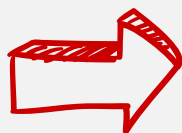
HOCKEY PLAYER VISIT

On October 12, Indigenous Hockey Player Jason Simon came to speak to the students about his career and following your dreams :)



Legion Youth Remembrance Contest

Deadline: November 15th, 2022



CLICK HERE

For more information
about the contest



**HUNGER
BANQUET**



On Thursday, November 3rd, DTSS Student Council and the Invermere Interact Club hosted a Hunger Banquet during Lunch

The event was held to help bring awareness to the different types of meals that people eat within the three different classes

On the day of the event, students drew a colored paper from a bin to determine if they would be eating a meal from either



first, medium
or low class



ENTER THE
Legion Youth Remembrance Contest
ART • VIDEO • WRITING

Are you an artist, a wordsmith, or a filmmaker?

Create something about Remembrance and what it means to you and your country, and you could win local and national prizes, including: *Cash and Travel!*

Deadline:
November 15th, 2022

Who Can Enter?
All kids and youth, grades 1-12, in BC and Yukon.

Contest Categories:

- Poster – Grades 1-12
- Essay – Grades 4-12
- Poetry – Grades 4-12
- Video – Grades 5-12

You could *Win* local & national prizes!

For more information, please go to
legionbcyukon.ca/what-we-do/youth-and-remembrance

Legion

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR LOCAL LEGION BRANCH

CLUBS & PROGRAMS



CROSS COUNTRY 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.



DTSS ART CLUB

Starting Nov 3rd, 2022 Until December 15th, 2022
Weekly Thursday, 3:30 – 5:30 after school

Art club will occur weekly for the duration
of the school year or until otherwise notified.

Nominal Fee of \$5.00 cash to cover some materials.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I give permission for _____ to stay for Art Club after school.

Signed Parent/Guardian: _____

Please return this form signed by parent/guardian to Mrs. Stanbury.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at maegan.stanbury@sd6.bc.ca

The school is not responsible for transportation of student therefore **arrangements must be made for pick up.**

See Mrs. Stanbury for a copy of the
permission form, print this page of the
newsletter OR **download a PDF version**



CLUBS & PROGRAMS



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



Every day @ Lunch with
Mr. Sherk (265) or Mr. Walker (210)
Please see either of these teachers
to join the waitlist!



COLUMBIA VALLEY INTERACT CLUB

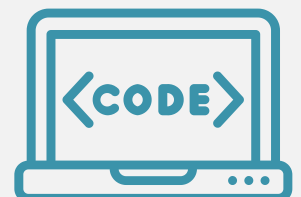
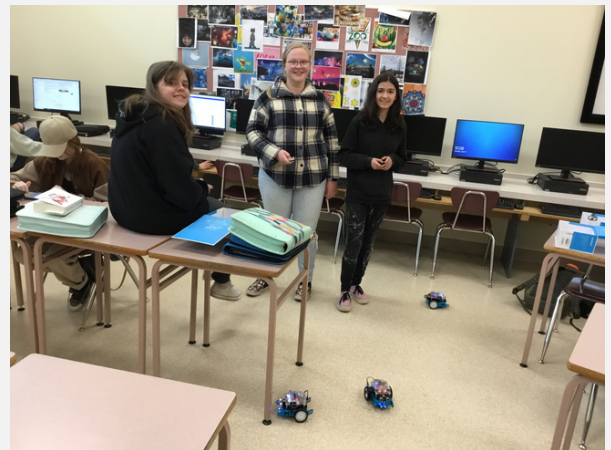
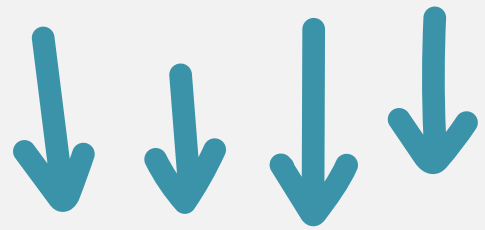


The Interact Club is for service-minded youth,
aged 14-18, that are keen on providing support
to our community!

See Clare Hatalcik or Cameron Dickson for more
information or if you want to join!

CODING FUN

Students in Mrs. Sotnikova's classes
have been hard at work learning about
coding. They have been having a lot of
fun applying their coding skills during
class time and CORE.



CLUBS & PROGRAMS



COLUMBIA VALLEY CYCLING SOCIETY

YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB



The Mountain Bike Club had a great fall start kicking up dirt on three Johnson Trails, cruising down Swansea and braving the first snow fall on Castle Rock. Watch for announcements in the spring where we will also have a focus on competing in XC and Enduro, meeting up with schools around the region. Come chat with Beva & Justin in room 301 if you want to learn more.

Join DTSS Climate Action Club

Join us in working together to make the world and our school a better place! Anyone is welcome!

Meetings are weekly at lunch in Ms. Rievaj's room (232) EVERY THURSDAY

So far we have:

- distributed plants around the school
 - talked to local gov. about climate action
 - cleaned up school grounds
- More projects to come with your help!

Follow us on instagram @DTSS_climate_club



About **current**
Clubs & Programs on the
Clubs Page
of the DTSS Website



DTSS ATHLETICS

A message from
our Athletics
Department



Congratulations to all of our fall athletes! Most importantly, thank you to all of the individuals who have worked tirelessly to make this season happen: Richard Brunner, Sam Kloos, Christine Shaw, Jay Lightfoot, Bridget McGuire, Shelbie Clarke, Cory Stanbury, Pete Bourke, Julia Staniszewski, Sue Bradley, Colin Hardwick, Shannon Warren, Matt LeBourdais and all of our dedicated Administrative Assistants, Bus Drivers and Custodians - it truly does take a village!

We saw amazing improvement in our Bantam boys and girls, continued growth in our Junior athletes, and leadership, maturity and determination in our Senior group. The Senior volleyball teams will compete at Zones next weekend...good luck! **A special congratulations to our provincial qualifiers in X-country Timm Denecke, Erik Lindheimer, as well as our Senior Boys' Soccer team who are off to provincials in a few weeks!**

As the volleyball, cross country and boys' soccer season winds down, it is time to start thinking about winter! Basketball for all ages will be up and running the week of November 28th. Stay tuned for more information about the Ski and Snowboard team. **We are always looking for volunteers to help manage/coach teams (especially Senior and Bantam Girls). If you think this is something you would be interested in, please contact matt.lebourdais@sd6.bc.ca**



DTSS ATHLETICS



Bantam Girls Basketball

Your first team tryouts are:

Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, 3:40-5:10pm

Your practice times are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:40-5:10pm

Your tournament schedule is as follows:

Dec 9-10 Selkirk

Jan 6-7 Parkland

Jan 13-14 Fernie

Jan 20-21 Jaffray

Jan 27-28 Selkirk

Feb 3-4 ZONES at DTSS

*We have yet to find a coach for Bantam Girls Basketball. Anyone interested in coaching can get in touch with Mr. LeBourdais.

Bantam Boys Basketball

Your first team tryouts are:

Nov. 28 and Nov. 30, 3:40-5:10pm

Your practice times are:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:40-5:10pm

Your tournament schedule is as follows:

Dec 9-10 Jaffray

Jan 6-7 Laurie

Jan 13-14 Sparwood

Jan 20-21 KRSS

Jan 27-28 Fernie

Feb 3-4 Golden - ZONES

*One of your coaches this year will be Anna Steedman.

Jr. Girls Basketball

Your first team tryouts are:

Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, 5:10-6:50pm

Your practice times are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:10-6:50pm

Your tournament schedule is as follows:

Dec 2-3 Laurie

Dec 9-10 Fernie

Jan 6-7 KRSS (Creston)

Jan 20-21 MBSS (Cranbrook)

Jan 27-28 Jaffray

Feb 3-4 Elkford

Feb 10-11 ZONES - Jaffray

Feb 24-25 Selkirk (post season tournament)

*Your coaches are Denise and Chris Hardwick

Jr. Boys Basketball

Your first team tryouts are:

Nov. 28 and Nov. 30, 5:10-6:50pm

Your practice times are:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:10-6:50pm

Your tournament schedule is as follows:

Dec 2-3 Parkland

Dec 9-10 Fernie

Jan 6-7 KRSS

Jan 13-14 Jaffray

Jan 20-21 MBSS

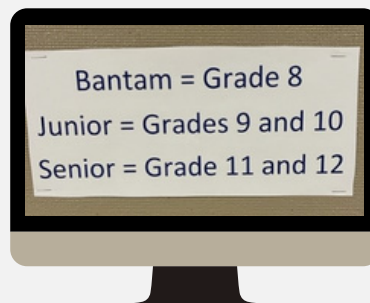
Jan 27-28 Selkirk

Feb 3-4 Sparwood

Feb 10-11 Fernie - ZONES

Feb 24-25 DTSS (post season tourney)

*Coaches are Sam Dodington and Jordan Smith



**FOLLOW
@DTSS_ATHLETICS
ON INSTAGRAM
FOR LAKERS
CONTENT**

DM us pictures and game stats from your school sports to get you and your team featured



Sr. Girls Basketball

Your first team tryouts are:

Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, 6:50pm-8:45pm

Your practice times will be:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:50pm-8:45pm

Your tournament schedule is as follows:

Dec 9-10 DTSS Home tournament

Jan 13-14 Selkirk

Jan 27-28 KRSS (Creston)

Feb 3-4 Fernie

Feb 10-11 Sparwood

Feb 17-18 ZONES

Mar 1-4 Provincials

*We have yet to find a coach for Sr. Girls Basketball. Anyone interested in coaching can get in touch with Mr. LeBourdais.

Sr. Boys Basketball

Your first team tryouts are:

Nov. 28 and Nov. 30, 6:50pm-8:45pm

Your practice times are:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:50pm-8:45pm

Your tournament schedule is as follows:

Dec 9-10 Golden

Jan 13-14 Elkford

Jan 20-21 Selkirk

Jan 27-28 KRSS (Creston)

Feb 3-4 Fernie

Feb 10-11 Sparwood

Feb 24-25 ZONES

Mar 8-11 Provincials

*Coaches are Rick Kubian and Justin Woodman

UPCOMING



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



JUNIOR DANCE

Who:

Grade 8 and 9 Students



When:

**Tuesday, December 6
6:30–9:30pm**



Where:

DTSS Gymnasium



Tickets:

\$5.00



Tickets can be purchased during lunch in the cafeteria or from the Main Office until December 6.

The event is being hosted by DTSS Student Council and will be chaperoned by 6 teachers/staff members & 6 parent volunteers



GRAD CORNER



GRAD INPUT SURVEY



Grad planning is underway!

A survey has been created to obtain input from students and parents about what you would like to see at this year's grad festivities, including:

- **Venue location preferences**
- **Timing of events**
- **Possible themes/colours**
- **Style for the dinner reception**
- **Dry Grad location And More!!**

The survey was open to grad students last week and is now open to you as parents this week.

The survey will close on **Friday, November 11 at 11:59PM.**

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide your input – it will be extremely valuable in ensuring that we can put on the most memorable experience for graduates and their families.



TAKE SURVEY



TD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS



- This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community leadership and have a minimum average of 75%
- Up to 20 scholarships are available to be awarded annually to students across Canada
- Learn more at td.com/scholarships

Deadline: Tuesday, November 15, 2022



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



The following Scholarships and Bursaries are available for students:

1

Scholarships from throughout the Columbia Valley (from local businesses and organizations) will be available for students to complete around April 2023. At this time, Grade 12 students will be invited to the theatre, where they will be informed about the process of applying through our SD6 platform.

2

Scholarships and bursaries through the universities can usually be found somewhere on university websites – typically under headings such as "Student Aid" or "Financial Planning." In addition, once students set up an account or profile for the universities they have applied to, those student accounts will then often have links to scholarships.

3

There are Two (2) free platforms through which to find scholarships as follows:

[ScholarshipsCanada](#)

[Scholarships Made Simple](#)



The DTSS website will be updated regularly with the most recent information about scholarships (and ALL things Grad!)

Click on For Students -
Grad Info - Scholarships

CLICK HERE



Additional Scholarship Opportunity