

# David Thompson Secondary School

NEWSLETTER | OCT 2023

## Principal's message

It's hard to believe it's October already - only a few weeks ago we were still enjoying some lovely late summer weather down by the lake, but now there's a dusting of snow on the mountains and thoughts are turning to wrapping up warm, sipping hot chocolate and sharpening up our skis and skates for another beautiful winter season in the Columbia Valley.

This year we have over 500 students enrolled at DTSS, and our school continues to grow and thrive. I'd like to welcome back all our returning students, and to extend a very warm welcome to all our new Grade 8s, visiting international students and new students joining us from other schools. You are joining a vibrant and supportive school community, and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all as the school year progresses.

We have a busy fall term in store, and we'll share our plans and activities with you in this newsletter on a regular basis throughout the year. I'd also encourage parents to get in touch with your child's teachers if you have any questions about any of their classes, and to reach out to me or another member of the administrative team with any more general queries or concerns. It's also great to see parents getting involved in our school community, whether that be coaching a sports team, attending PAC meetings or just coming along to a game to cheer on our fantastic student athletes.

Here's to another happy, enjoyable and productive year at DTSS!

*M. Hubick*

### 2023-24 bell schedule

Monday to Thursday: 8:50am - 3:30pm

Friday: 8:50am - 1:30pm

The full bell schedule, including period times and day rotations, is available on our website: [CLICK HERE](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 18	Photo Retakes (am)
Oct 18	PAC meeting
Oct 20	Pro-D day (no school)
Oct 25	Early dismissal (1:30pm)
Oct 25	Parent/Teacher interviews
Nov 10	Last day of Term 1
Nov 13	Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov 21	Report cards go home
Dec 7	DTSS Science Fair (6-8pm)
Dec 23 – Jan 7	Christmas break



# Important Information

**NOW  
OPEN**

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAFE

**MONDAY-THURSDAY**

**@ 10-MIN BREAK & AT LUNCH**

Students can purchase food & drinks from the cafeteria with

cash or a pre-paid card

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

Menus will be posted

**EVERY THURSDAY**

Cafe Cards are available to buy at the front office

**Gold Card - \$50**

**Silver Card - \$30**



## New staff

There are a few new faces at DTSS this year – a warm welcome to all our new staff, it's great to have you on board!

**Joe Baron**

Teacher

**Jacinthe Bilodeau**

Education Assistant

**Herman Cortes**

Teacher

**Beth Dasno**

Teacher

**Tyler Henley**

Teacher

**Ruchi Higham**

Administrative Assistant

**Stephanie Lindal**

Support

**Mark Long**

Teacher

## Absence reporting

### GOOD ATTENDANCE

is crucial for students' academic success and wellbeing.

We will use School Messenger to notify you by phone and email whenever your child is 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 have any questions please feel free to contact Roxann at the number above or by email at [roxann.rad@sd6.bc.ca](mailto:roxann.rad@sd6.bc.ca)

# Athletics



The athletics season is off to a great start, with soccer training well underway and the rugby and volleyball teams already in action during September. It's shaping up to be a busy

fall schedule with lots of tournaments coming up, so let's wish our travelling teams the best of luck.

**GO LAKERS!!!**



## UPCOMING TOURNAMENT DATES

Oct 13-14	Senior Boys Soccer	Creston
	Senior Boys/Girls VB	Sparwood
	Junior Boys/Girls VB	Cranbrook
	Bantam Boys VB	Fernie
	Bantam Girls VB	Elkford
Oct 21-22	Senior Boys Soccer	Golden
	Senior Boys VB	Invermere
	Senior Girls VB	Fernie
	Junior Boys VB	Jaffrey
	Junior Girls VB	Cranbrook
	Bantam Boys VB	Cranbrook
Oct 27-28	Bantam Girls VB	Golden
	Senior Boys Soccer	Cranbrook
	Senior Boys VB	Fernie
	Senior Girls VB	Golden
	Junior Boys VB	Kimberley
	Junior Girls VB	Golden
Nov 3-4	Bantam Boys/Girls VB	Creston
	Senior Boys Soccer	Trail
	Senior Boys/Girls VB	Kimberley
	Junior Boys VB	Elkford
Nov 17-18	Junior Girls VB	Sparwood
	Bantam Boys/Girls VB	Cranbrook
	Senior Boys VB	TBC

## FALL GYM / FIELD SCHEDULE (2023-24)

TIME	AREA	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI
3:30 - 5:00pm	Gym	Junior Boys VB	Bantam Girls VB	Junior Boys VB	Bantam Girls VB	
5:05 - 6:40pm	Gym	Bantam Boys VB	Junior Girls VB	Bantam Boys VB	Junior Girls VB	
6:45 - 8:45pm	Gym	Senior Boys VB	Senior Girls VB	Senior Boys VB	Senior Girls VB	
See Start times	School Fields	Boys Soccer Grades 10-12: Starts @5:15pm  Rugby (All grades) Starts @ 3:30pm		Boys Soccer Grades 10-12: Starts @5:15pm	Rugby (All grades) Starts @ 3:30pm	





# Clubs and Events

WANT TO MAKE OUR  
SCHOOL/COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE?  
JOIN

**DTSS  
CLIMATE CLUB**

Join us to meet likeminded students, share  
your voice as a climate concerned youth,  
and make a difference! Be a part of climate  
education and action in your community!


Meetings are Thursdays at lunch in Ms.  
Rievaj's room (232)



*October is*

**COOKBOOK  
MONTH**

1. Sign out a Cookbook
2. Create one of the dishes
3. Take a picture of the recipe/photo  
from the book and your food
4. Submit to the library to show off  
your creation and win a prize



**Reusable  
DISH  
SALE**

RECEIVE 50 CENTS OFF IN THE  
CAFETERIA FOR A WASTE FREE LUNCH!

**PLATE- \$6**  
**UTENSILS: SET OF 3- \$3.50**  
**INDIVIDUAL- \$1.50**  
**FULL SET: PLATE+ 3 UTENSILS- \$9**



**DTSS GSA**  
for LGBTQ+ and allies!



EVERY TUESDAY AT LUNCH IN  
ROOM 211

**IMPROV. GAMES —  
WEDNESDAYS AT  
LUNCH**

**IMPROV**

**ALL STUDENTS  
WELCOME**

Ms. Little — in Theatre



**GYM FITNESS ROOM**



Open 3 times  
a week at  
lunchtimes  
for students  
to work out

# Focus on... Science

## ‘Hand-on’ learning

In Science classes this year, students have been getting their hands dirty (metaphorically at least) and learning to apply the scientific method at the same time...



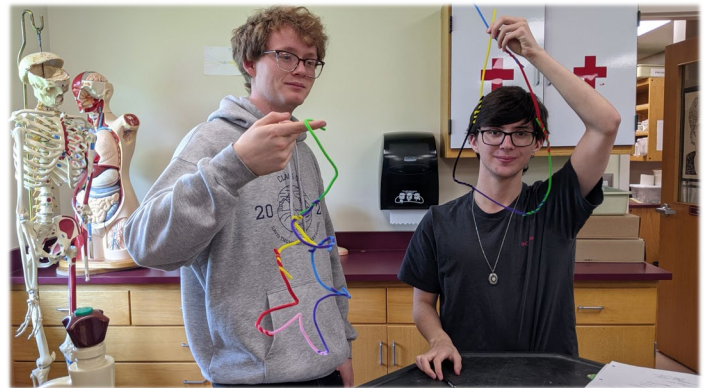
Studying water densities with Grade 11



Grade 9s finding out how far a paper airplane can fly



Grade 11 finding out about plant leaves



Building protein models with Grade 12



This year's Science Fair will take place on  
**Thursday December 7th.**

Come view our amazing array of projects from  
6:00 to 8:00 pm that evening!