

David Thompson Secondary School

NEWSLETTER | NOV 2023

Principal's message

We're nearing the end of our first term, and it's been a busy one! Hopefully you have all had a chance by now to connect with your children's teachers, and I know many of you came in to speak to them during our recent parent teacher meetings. Report cards will be coming home in the next couple of weeks, which will give you another opportunity to check in on your children's progress. We've also had our first PAC meetings of the school year - minutes are available on here: <https://dtss.sd6.bc.ca/for-families/parent-advisory-council>

This newsletter has lots of useful information about what's going on at DTSS through November. As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries, comments or concerns.

M. Hubick



HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM ALL THE STAFF AT DTSS!!

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

- Nov 10 Last day of Term 1
- Nov 13 Remembrance Day (observed)
- Nov 21 Term 1 report cards go home
- Nov 29 DTSS Junior Dance (7-10pm)
- Dec 7 DTSS Science Fair (6-8pm)
- Dec 23 – Jan 7 Christmas break
- Jan 26 Last day of Term 2
- Feb 6 Term 2 report cards go home
- Feb 19 Family Day
- Feb 20 Pro-D day
- Mar 6 Parent Teacher interviews
- Mar 16 – Mar 31 Spring break



Important Information

erase

EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities - Everyone Welcome!

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Register online to secure your spot:

November 8, 2023 7:30pm – 8:30pm (MST)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator>

November 28, 2023 8:00pm – 9:00pm (MST)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

November 30, 2023 7:30pm – 8:30pm (MST)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator>

General questions about **erase** training can be emailed to: erase@gov.bc.ca

Absence reporting

GOOD ATTENDANCE

is crucial for students' academic success and wellbeing.

We use School Messenger to notify you by phone and email whenever your child is absent from class.

The call will always say that your child missed the afternoon session, because DTSS only sends calls out in the afternoon. However, if you do receive a call it means your child could have missed the morning, afternoon or a full day.

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

Clubs and Events

WILDSIGHT INVERMERE 10TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023
CV CENTRE | INVERMERE

ONLINE AUCTION STARTS November 4th!

10 EPIC FILMS CELEBRATING ADVENTURE, PASSION, AND OUR AMAZING PLANET!

Online Auction + DOOR PRIZES!

Doors, Drinks, Food 5:00pm
Films start at 6:30pm

Tickets: Wildsight.ca/Invermere
\$10 Student | \$25 Member | \$30 General Public

More info? 250.409.5708 invermere@wildsight.ca

Computer Graphics Club

IMAGINE CREATE INNOVATE EXPLORE

COMPUTER GRAPHICS CLUB

DTSS

EVERY MONDAY: RM265
LUNCHTIME

MRS. SOTNIKOVA

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

TRIVIA THURSDAYS

FORM GROUPS OF 4 AND BATTLE IT OUT!

October 26 - Halloween Themed
November 9
November 23
December 7
December 21 - Holiday Themed

In the library at lunch
Various categories
SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LIBRARY

Skills for Life

Workshops Series 1 - Food

FREE! -The first of 3 workshop series-

For young adults grade 10+ who want to gain independence and confidence in their life skills!

Featuring Chef Lucas Ruait
Wednesday
November 8th 4-8pm

Week 1
Learn basics of food safety, food costs, meal planning, basic knife skills and make a snack

Featuring Chef Lucas Ruait & Krystal Clear Nutrition
Wednesday
November 15th 4-8pm

Week 2
Learn the basics of nutrition, food storage, prep skills, and cook a meal

Featuring Chef Lucas Ruait
Wednesday
November 22nd 4-8pm

Week 3
Learn the basics of baking, bake a loaf of bread and a dessert

@The Summit Youth Centre Hub
Please register with the Summit Youth Centre to save your spot!
pc.summitcentre@gmail.com
250 342 3033

Get PAID to Participate

All Welcome Smokers, Vapers & Non-Users

Be a Teen Advisor WE NEED YOU

We are looking for feedback and advice about your smoking, vaping & nicotine experiences

To join group you need to:

- Be 13 - 19 years old
- Live in Interior Health region
- Have access to phone or computer with internet
- Participate in zoom (virtual) meetings

If Interested, email
lhpeeradvisory@interiorhealth.ca
Continually open to expressions of interest

2024 WHITE PINE AWARD NOMINEES

Join Canada's Largest Book Club
Come to the library for more info

Focus on... the Library

Way more than just books...

Fully staffed by a teacher librarian and a library technician, the DTSS library is a multi-use space designed to support all students' interests through a diverse and current collection of books and technology resources. From printing and photocopying to support with research skills, referencing and online databases, the library is an invaluable academic resource for students throughout their time at DTSS.

And it's not all about studying either. The comfortable and vibrant atmosphere makes the library a preferred space for students during classes and breaks. Whether they need to find a quiet corner to catch up on some work, want to connect with like-minded peers in one of our clubs, or get competitive and show off their creative skills - the library is the place to be!

Congratulations to the winner of this year's bookmark competition - Alyssa Schwab!

Alyssa won the student vote with this beautiful design.

Bookmarks will be distributed in the library in the coming weeks.



This month the library hosted its second annual Halloween Cafe, where students shared something creative with the group.

Anika and Ursula played a very accomplished duet of *Where is My Mind* on the piano and cello. They even impressed the audience by switching instruments midway through!



October was cookbook month at DTSS, with students making recipes from our collection of cookbooks. Looks like some of these could even give the delicious Rocky Mountain Cafe a run for its money!



Our next event will be the Holiday Cafe on 19 December