



## Course Programming for 2018-19.

During the week beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> students will be working with teachers and counsellors to choose courses for next year. Paperwork will be delivered in class in the week previous with the expectation that parents and students will discuss next year's course requests before returning the paperwork to the school. That paperwork will be used to enter requests online by the students sometime during the following week. Check the PSO website for more info closer to the dates mentioned.

**Scholarships** → Various scholarship opportunities come to our attention at various times throughout the year. These opportunities are collected by Mrs. Crystal Dawn Langton and are made available to the students in the counselling area and on our website in the scholarships section. Mrs. Langton will also be presenting to the PSO PAC on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15. **Local scholarship** applications are collected just prior to spring break. We will be holding a meeting for grads interested in applying for local scholarships on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in the period before lunch. Much more info will be available on our website.

### ERASE Bullying and Violent Threat Risk Assessment Training

Schools across North America continue to explore ways of dealing with Bullying and violence in schools. Erase Bullying is a Ministry of Education initiative to train key people in schools to deal with bullying in a systematic way. One of the key things is to educate students, staff and parents as to what bullying is and then implement ways of combating it. This is one of the initiatives we'll be undertaking in the new semester. The reasons for bullying and how to address it are very complex. For more information visit:

<http://www.erasebullying.ca/index.php>

Or

[http://bccpac.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/bccpac\\_stop\\_bullying\\_manual-web-1.pdf](http://bccpac.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/bccpac_stop_bullying_manual-web-1.pdf)

## Cinderella's & Fellas Closet

For the past few years, this service has been active in PSO. It was started by grad parents and the community school years ago to help both girls and boys to enjoy a special grad and prom. Over the years, we have had many donated beautiful dresses (of all sizes), shoes, sandals, jewelry and men's suits. (Up to date styles)

If you know of a Grad who could benefit from something in Cinderella's Closet, please contact Mrs. CD Langton @PSO 250-395-2461 ext. 230

*Requests are handled confidentially, student by student.*

## OF INTEREST AND UPCOMING

**February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> will have no regular classes.**

**Thursday Feb.1** is set aside for students who are finishing off outstanding work or are in need of extra assistance. Students can attend regardless of their academic progress.

**Friday Feb.2**, students can attend but teachers are getting ready for the next semester and a new set of classes. If students still are not in a passing position they should know that by the end of the day on Thursday and can get help on Friday bearing in mind that teachers will be focused on getting ready for the new semester.

**February 5 - 1st day of semester#2**

**February 5 – Grad meeting at 6pm**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> – Grade 12 meeting and local scholarship workshop.**

**February 7 - Grad Retakes**

**February 7 – Grad/ Teacher Hockey Game starts at 6pm**

**February 12 – Family Day- no school**

**February 15 – Report Cards out**

**February 16 - Pro D- no school**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – Amnesty concert 1pm.**

**March 13 - Parent/ Teacher Night**

**March 16 - Scholarships (local) due**

**March 19-29 – Spring Break – no school**

### **PAC Meeting** (Parent Advisory Committee)

We meet every third Monday of the month @ 6:15 pm in the Library.

**Grad ceremony fees are due the end of March -\$50.00**

\*There are still a lot of Activity Fees of \$25.00 not paid yet.

PLEASE SEE LYNN AT THE OFFICE

### YEARBOOKS 2017-2018

PRE-ORDERS ARE HAPPENING NOW. ORDER NOW, PAY NOW

SEE MR. MURRAY

**\$40.00 EACH – NO TAX ☺**

January 8, 2018	First Day Back After Winter Break
February 12, 2018	Family Day – Students Do Not Attend
February 16, 2018	Professional Development Day – Students Do Not Attend
<b>March 19 – 22, 2018</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
March 23 – March 29, 2018	Not In Session Days – Students Do Not Attend
March 30, 2018.	Good Friday Holiday – Students Do Not Attend
April 2, 2018.	Easter Monday Holiday – Students Do Not Attend
April 3, 2018	First Day Back After Spring Break
April 19, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day – Students Do Not Attend
April 20, 2018	Professional Development Day – Students Do Not Attend
May 11, 2018	Professional Development Day – Students Do Not Attend
May 21, 2018	Victoria Day Holiday – Students Do Not Attend
June 28, 2018	Last Day Students Attend School
June 29, 2018	Administration Day – Students Do Not Attend
<b>July 2 – September 2, 2018</b>	<b>Summer Break</b>

## News from the Career Center

### ACE-IT (Now called Youth in Training) Students Accepted

Congratulations to Nathanael Bedford , Saffanyah Meeks, Kennedy Edlund, Allison Carr, Jaime Harper (Health Care Assistant) and Hunter Swalwell and Ryan Sullivan (Electrical) who will continue their schooling next semester at TRU in Williams Lake.

### Work Experience 12 Students Recognized

Congratulations to Denny Gosselin for completing 120 hours of Work Experience and receiving credit for Work Experience 12A. Denny is continuing his hours and is working towards completing Work Experience 12B. If you are working or volunteering at a job that is aligned with your career goals, and are putting in a minimum of 120 hours, then you can apply for Work Experience credits.

Candy strippers - We have thirteen students who are currently volunteering at the hospital as part of their volunteer hours

Big Brothers and Big Sisters- Kira Mitchell from Big Brothers and Sisters is in the process of interviewing and matching twenty students with the in-school mentoring program.

### Junior Initial Attack Fire Crew

Successful applicants will start their training in the New Year with the hope of being hired on as a firefighter in the summer.

### RCMP Youth Academy

Successful applicants for this program have been selected. This program will run out of the TRU Campus in Williams Lake from April 17-23, 2018.

### Grad Transition Plans

A reminder that the December section of the Grad Transition Plan was due on Monday, January 8, 2018. Please see Mr. Summers or Mrs. Wood in the Careers Centre if you have any questions. Parents are encouraged to sign up with My Blueprint to track the progress of their child's work. Parents can get access to their child's account by going to [www.myblueprint.ca/sd27](http://www.myblueprint.ca/sd27) and signing up as a parent. **Note: parents must get approval from their child before they can get access to their account.**

### My Blueprint

All Grade 8-12 students and their parents in School District #27 have access to a program called My Blueprint. This is a comprehensive career exploration tool that will allow students to do self-assessments, align the results of the surveys to careers that they may be best matched up with, plan what high school courses they want to take, explore post-secondary opportunities, explore and compare various careers, build resumes, cover letters, budgets, see real-time jobs that are available, and much more. Students can build, save, and reflect on various portfolios depending on what their goals are. They can also earn points and win **prizes!** **Graduating students have access to their accounts even after they leave school.** Portfolios can be submitted as part of an application package for university entrance, scholarships, or jobs. To access My Blueprint, go to [www.myblueprint.ca/sd27](http://www.myblueprint.ca/sd27) , choose the school, and create a student or parent account. If you have any questions or would like more information, email Brad Summers at [brad.summers@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:brad.summers@sd27.bc.ca).