



<https://gss.sd42.ca/>

Jan / Feb Events

Fri Jan 18 - School Starts - 940

Fri Jan 25 -Pro D Day - No Classes

Wed Jan 30 - IB Info session

Thurs Jan 31 -Gr 8 Dance 6 - 8 PM

Wed Feb 6 -Gr 12 Flex Assembly

Sat Feb 9 7 - 10 PM

• Dessert and Dance - GSS Music

Thurs Feb 14 -Pro D day - No Classes

Fri Feb 15 - School Closed

Mon Feb 18 - Family Day Stat

Wed Feb 20 - Sr Formal Dance

Thurs Feb 21 - Student Led Conferences

Fri Feb 22 - Late Start; 940 start

Report Card Follow up:

Report cards were issued December 7th. Please be sure to **download** the report card in its digital format from the My Class System.

We do care about each students pace and progress at school. Please feel free to contact teachers by email, or if you have a concern that is greater than a single teacher or subject, be sure to be in contact with the grade counsellor or grade administrator as necessary.

Improvements mid year are best supported with good planning and good communication. Please do not be afraid to start a conversation about your child and learning.

Parent Communication:

Maintaining contact with parents and students is important to us. We rely upon email, the parent portal, Facebook, Twitter and the planner app to keep families abreast of what's going on.

You can follow us on Facebook or Twitter for announcements and reminders. **The Gazette on the school website is updated daily.**

If you haven't been receiving emails this year, you'll need to resubscribe.

We strongly encourage parents to do this by logging onto the parent portal and subscribing on the login page.

District Grade 8 Registration Information Night on Jan. 17 THSS

SD42 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) i

Assistant Superintendent Shannon Derinzy will discuss the general registration process and answer any questions you may have about the transition from Grade 7 to Grade 8.

For more information about Grade 8 registration, please visit: <http://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>

No registration is required for the January 17 presentation.

GRAD PHOTOS THERE IS ONE LAST CHANCE FOR GRAD PHOTOS OR

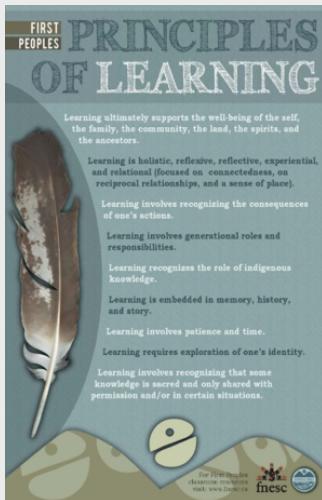
RETAKES! Online booking now open at www.mountainwest.ca "Book an Appointment". Appointments will made for Jan 24 or 25. \$20 sitting fee for new grads, not required for retakes, can be paid to photographer at time of sitting. All photos will be taken in the MRSS Annex, Mt. Crescent Staff Room



GSS Newsletter

New Year 2019





First Peoples Principles of Learning.

There are 9 First People Principals of Learning. Each is unique and reflective of positive values we look to bring to our school community:

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place)

This principle reflects the indigenous perspective that everything is interconnected and that education 1) is not separate from the rest of life, and 2) relationships are vital.

- Learning is holistic...

Effective learning environments pay attention to the whole child, including the physical, mental, social/emotional, and spiritual aspects of the learner. The holistic nature of life and education are central and critical to the discussion about

Indigenous views of education because they underpin First Peoples' understandings of human development and learning.

From: <https://firstpeoplesprinciplesoflearning.wordpress.com/>

ATTENTION SKIERS AND

SNOWBOARDERS. 2 SPOTS HAVE OPENED

up for the Sun Peaks Trip Jan 25-27th. The Whistler Ski/Snowboard trip is happening on Thursday February 28th. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Harmon or sign up on the Parent Portal.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Registration is now open for Semester 2 for nightschool. Spring semester classes at Continuing Education will begin the **week of February 4th**. The schedule is available on the CE website: <https://ce.sd42.ca>. If interested in taking a course, please see Ms. Davies or Ms. Lemieux.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Grade 12 students should begin to work on application packages for the many scholarships and bursaries that are available. The District Scholarship and Bursary applications are due in early March in the Career Centre. Students are encouraged to visit the grad webpage of the website to review the criteria and specifics for each award. SD42's Scholarship Book and application forms can be downloaded by visiting the Career Centre webpage at: <https://gssccareercentre.wordpress.com/>

Drop by the Career Centre if you have any questions.

Pre Spring Break Holiday ? Attendance Notification:

If your student is ill or if you are planning a holiday, attendance notification can be added to the parent portal. This will push to all the teachers directly. Failing that you can contact the office.

<https://parents.sd42.ca/Parents/ParentLoginPage.aspx>

Absence reports are collected every morning and added to the daily attendee data. Once the absence is record by the office all the teacher will see the "excused absence".

Inclement Weather:

The decision whether or not to close schools due to inclement weather conditions is the responsibility of the Superintendent who must balance safety with the need to provide learning. The Superintendent will use her best judgement to make a school closure decision. The decision making process is complicated by the fact that weather conditions can vary significantly between neighbouring communities, may change and may differ from original forecasts. A final decision is made by 6:00am so that a timely communications process can be initiated. The decision is posted on the district website <https://www.sd42.ca> and sent to major radio and television outlets such as All News 1130 and CKNW 980.



CAREER EDUCATION *A lifelong journey*

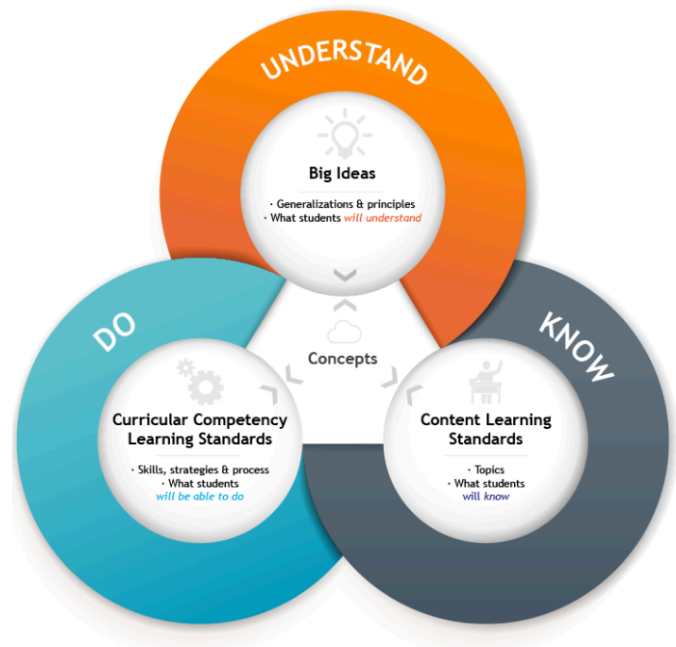
A person's career is considered their journey through life, and career education encourages students to pursue this journey in personal, meaningful and goal-oriented ways. Educated citizens in today's ever-changing world are open to multiple career-life possibilities for the future and are flexible and able to adapt to emerging opportunities that fit their overarching values and aspirations.

The **career education** curriculum is designed to help students from kindergarten to Grade 12 learn how to effectively manage their life journey towards several possible preferred futures. Through purposeful career-life development, students learn to recognize their evolving interests and strengths, refine their learning goals, and apply this self-knowledge to the exploration of career-life possibilities. Career-life development is a lifelong process of self-discovery, growth in competence, and learning from experiences in educational, work-related, and personal life contexts.

"Last April the **Garibaldi Robotics Team** (known as Iris) was part of the Pacific Regional Champion Alliance in Victoria, earning them a place in the World Competition in Houston. This was a marvellous trip for many of our students who competed with thousands of others from around the world. They were also lucky enough to tour NASA in Houston.

Starting in January, the Robotics Team will be meeting again after school for six weeks to build a robot for competitions in March and April.

Meetings are open to anyone who wants to help. If you want to Draw, Create, Invent, Build, Code, Organize, Communicate, or Manage, we hope you can come 2 or 3 times a week to help out. Contact Mr Skartvedt if you have any questions.



NUMERACY: *Using mathematical and logical thinking in context*

Numeracy is the ability to understand and apply mathematical concepts, processes, and skills to solve problems and make decisions in a variety of situations, including real-life scenarios. Numeracy goes beyond mathematics in that students solve problems by using the five processes: interpret, apply, solve, analyze and communicate across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12.

All students will write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment, which is a new provincial assessment and a graduation requirement. It assesses a student's understanding, application of knowledge and deeper learning, and has students apply mathematical reasoning learned throughout their education.

BC Ministry of Education Curriculum Video:

This is a excellent summary of the changes occurring in BC Education:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>





Congratulations to all participants of the 2018 **Gingerbread Competition** edition. Their many hours in planning, baking and decorating during school hours and after school paid off. The array of projects from Hogwarts School to Pyramid of the Sun and the Christmas Mansion gave the judges a hard time to make their selection. Students earned 3 Gold medals, 1 Silver and 3 Bronzes, with prize for **Best use of Icing** for "La Casita Papisita" project and **Most original idea** for "Hogwarts School". Way to go Garibaldi....

\$1500 in scholarship prizes to first second and third. Garibaldi won ALL three places!
Congratulations to Chef Lesnes, 1st place Alejandra and Lucia, 2nd place Regan and Emma, 3rd Mackenzie and Joseph. Well done.

Meadowridge Sports Heroes Society

HOMETOWN HEROES Night

January 23, 2019
 Maple Ridge Secondary School

Catering by: Chef Randle and his team

- Tickets only: \$50
- Doors open at 5:00 pm
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Silent Auction

A Fun Night out for a great cause!

Support your local Hometown Heroes Program and Honour our 2018 recipient, Tyler O'Neill now a St. Louis Cardinals player.

Tickets available at
 Leisure Centre 2nd floor reception

On December 4, students in Social Studies 11 visited the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre to learn about the Holocaust. Students were able to reflect on the lessons of the Holocaust through examining artifacts and hearing about personal stories in the concentration camps



GRAD NEWS:

Tickets for all the Grad events are now available for purchase either on the parent portal or in person by cash or cheque in the main office through Mrs. Klassen. The Grads have been given all the forms for each of the events at the January 9th Flex meeting. Please check the GRAD 2019 tab on the GSS website (under students) for all information regarding Grad 2019.

District #42 Scholarship "How to" Seminars will be held on January 15th in the Library during either Flex or Block F and on January 16th in the Library during D block or right after school. These seminars will provide the students with all the necessary information to apply for district scholarships. Students must be a Canadian Citizen or a permanent resident (landed immigrant) to apply. The deadline to hand in the completed application packages to Ms. Lemieux is **MARCH 5TH AT 8:30 AM**. No extensions will be given.

The Grad Parent Committee is always looking for more members to help organize DRY GRAD. If you are able to help in any way please contact Tamara Gardner at royalfan@shaw.ca. The parent "Fun Night" is the next fundraiser held on Feb. 2nd at the Legion. Contact Tamara for tickets.



REBELS Ballers were working hard over the Winter break. The Grade 8 Boys Basketball team finished 7th at the Annual Pitt Meadows Marauders Cup over the two-day tournament. The boys beat SRT 61-49 to secure the top 7 finish.

The Grade 8 Girls Basketball team also tasted success this past week. After continually being defeated by large margins, the girls displayed the ultimate example of resilience. The girls battled at the entire game in a back and forth game against the Westview Wildcats and came out **WINNERS 24-23**.

Congratulations to Miss Kerry Anderson (Coach), Anisa Grewal (Assistant Coach), Abhinav Nair (Assistant Coach), Teagan Cross (Assistant Coach) and the girls: Kaylin Selvege, Marian Ruiz, Linda Oshlani, Areen Afaq, Hana Nicholson, Farah Ibrahim, Maaya Peshin

Your courage and resilience is the absolute example of what a REBEL should aspire to. Thank you for representing our school in such an authentic manner.

Literacy Week...Coming soon

April 15-18 marks our first Literacy Week at GSS. The idea is to encourage and inspire literacy across all subjects and grades. The Literacy Team (Mrs. Kuszak, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Thompson) are currently organizing several events and contests to create some fun around reading. The staff is already getting involved by posing for pictures with their favorite book and listing some great reads! Through the week, we will be welcoming about 200 elementary students to interact and participate in several events with us as well. Thanks to the district and our GSS administration, we are able to offer several prizes throughout the week to help us celebrate and value reading. Our theme this year is: A reader today, a leader tomorrow. Stay tuned for more information. Happy Reading!

