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## November - January Events

Nov 15 Report Cards E Issued

Nov 16 Opening Day for Legally Blonde The Musical

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Nov 16 - 18 Grad Photo by appointment at [mountainwest.ca](http://mountainwest.ca)

Nov 22 Collab Day Early Dismissal

Nov 23 Legally Blonde Opening Night

Nov 24 Collab Day Late Start

Dec 6 - 10 recommended "I" reports as necessary

Dec 7 Winter Band Concert

Dec 8 Winter Choir and Guitar Concert

Dec 8 Drama Class event in Theater

Dec 17 Last Day before Winter Break

Jan 3 School Reopens

Jan 7 Collab Day Early Dismissal

Jan 11 Collab Day Early Dismissal

Jan 12 PAC Meeting 7 PM

Jan 19 Livestream of Band Concert

Jan 24 Pro D Day

Jan 24 - 28 Gr 10 and 12 Provincial Assessments

Jan 26 Last Day Semester 1

Jan 27 Students attend as Necessary. "Flex Day"

Jan 28 Semester Change Day

Jan 31 First Day Semester 2

## 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. The Gazette on the school website is updated daily.

If you haven't been receiving emails this year, you'll need to resubscribe to the parent portal. Information is linked to: [https://  
www.sd42.ca/forms-  
payments-portal/](https://www.sd42.ca/forms-payments-portal/)

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

### Report Card Follow up:

Report cards were issued November 15th 2021. Please be sure to **download** the report card in its digital format from the MyClass System. A how to video is posted at: <https://myedbc.sd42.ca/MyClass> . **Complete timetables for students are also accessed in the MyClass system.**

Please feel free to contact teachers via 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.

Grade counsellors or grade administrators can support conversations in support of learning. Their contact information can be found at: [https://  
secondary.sd42.ca/gss/staff-contacts/](https://secondary.sd42.ca/gss/staff-contacts/)





Garibaldi Secondary School's Interdisciplinary Arts Academy Presents...

## LEGALLY BLONDE: THE MUSICAL

Come along on the journey of a girl with big dreams and high hopes as she travels to Harvard Law School to win back the love of her life.

November 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, December 1, 2, 3  
Doors open 7:00pm | Show starts 7:30pm

\*Vaccine passports mandatory | COVID-aware seating in effect

<https://www.vtixonline.com/garibaldi-secondary-school/2132/>



### 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.

### School Calendar for 2021 - 2022

The school year has been very different, and the school calendar shows many changes as a result. Please be sure to download the school calendar found at: <https://secondary.sd42.ca/gss/21-22-gss-calendar/>

Collaboration days, are important to note. Specific attention needs to be paid to these calendar days.

*In case of  
Inclement  
Weather*



### 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 their 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.



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## The Redesigned Curriculum in BC.

### **CORE COMPETENCIES:** **What are they and why are they in the curriculum?**

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century students. The new curriculum maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy while supporting deeper learning through three core competency areas: **communication, personal and social, and thinking.**

Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in life-long learning. Core competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning.

For more information about each core competency area, visit: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>



### BC Ministry of Education Curriculum Video:

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

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

### **CURRICULAR COMPETENCIES:** **Fostering deeper and more transferable learning**

The **Curricular Competencies** are a combination of skills, strategies, processes and habits of mind that students develop over time. They reflect the “Do” in the Know-Do-Understand model of learning. Deeper learning is better achieved through “doing” than through passive listening or reading, and it immerses students in authentic tasks that connect learning to the real world.

Curricular Competencies are subject-specific, and they are linked to the curriculum-wide [Core Competencies](#). A focus on the development of competencies actively engages students in their learning, and helps them to become critical and creative thinkers.

## Attendance Notification:

If your student is ill or otherwise not at school, attendance notification can be added to the parent portal. Failing that you can contact the office to report an absence.

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

Absence reports are collected every morning and added to the daily attendee data. Once the absence is recorded by the office all the teachers will see the “excused absence”. There is no need to contact individual teachers.



## Parent Portal



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The SD42 Parent Portal allows parents/au

# Career Education

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.

**Clubs and Teams:** Despite the challenges of the current Covid situation we have worked to try to keep several aspects of school culture. Many clubs remain active, while adhering to the Health and Safety expectations. A complete list of clubs including meeting times, locations, and adult leadership are located at: <https://secondary.sd42.ca/gss/clubs>

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.

### Lice Season

We know this time of year often shows an increase in Lice. Fraser Health believes this is due to teens putting their heads together for "Selfies".

Please be sure to communicate with any school if there are issues of Lice in your family. We have zero reported case at GSS.

More info can be found at:

[https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/head-lice#.W-3Mti\\_kT8](https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/head-lice#.W-3Mti_kT8)



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## **MYP -Report Cards:**

**For grade 8 - 10 report cards,** A total score of 8 on Criteria A-D is needed to receive credit for a Grade 10 course (keep this in mind for “I”s)

Criteria A - D (This is on front page of report card)

### **Emerging**

#### **Level 0**

The student has not submitted work and/or the student does not reach a standard described by the descriptors of the MYP criteria.

#### **Level 1**

The student is not yet meeting expectations for the course.

#### **Level 2**

The student is beginning to achieve expectations for the course.

### **Developing**

#### **Level 3 - 4**

The student is developing competency and is meeting expectations for the course.

### **Proficient**

#### **Level 5 - 6**

The student is applying knowledge/skills and is proficient in the course.

### **Extending**

#### **Level 7- 8**

The student is extending further than expectations for the course.

## **GSS Coming Back to Normal**

Over the last couple weeks we were working very hard as a school to “get back to normal”.

Schools are rich places, with many activities. Meaningful connections between adults and children go beyond the scope of the classroom and the curricular programs. I am very proud of the work with staff that have begun to bring back athletics, fine arts, and a wide variety of clubs that create a positive atmosphere in our school. We are getting back to normal.

The adjustments to pathways of “COVID compliance” has had an effect on our school. Things are different, however, I'm excited as people have embraced the challenge in a positive and proactive manner. In the past week we had a band concerts, volleyball playoffs, preparation for the Legally Blonde musical, preparation's for the winter athletic season, and a student “FUNd night”. As well most days after school or club program collect students who stay engaged well after the final bell.

Garibaldi is now over 1000 students. I find it incredible the number that connect students to programs beyond a classroom. This is what makes a community, This is what makes a family.

I know that challenges remain, as we come through the backside of this pandemic. The leadership from our province has been strong and as a school we continue to make sure we have positive compliance with masks, hand sanitizers etc.

Thank you for your support. It is because we've had support from families, that we've been able to return to the activities it made last week so rich.

I look forward to a Christmas season that is “more normal” and in the spring we have the opportunity to collect and celebrate. Lastly I'm increasingly optimistic that our graduates will have a proper celebration of their successes Grad 2022

Respectfully, Ian Liversidge

