



Summerland Secondary School

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Summerland Secondary School Mission Statement
 To educate students in a supportive, diverse, and challenging learning environment where every student develops the knowledge and skills to be self-advocating and reflective lifelong learners, and a healthy, productive member of society.
 EMPOWERMENT ENGAGEMENT & ENLIGHTENMENT



Principal's Message

I wandered passed the hot rods at the 19th Annual Peach City Cruise last weekend. There was literally several kilometers of cars lining Lakeshore Drive. The owners were all sitting proudly behind their flawless, gleaming progeny glorying in the attention and responding indulgently to mundane questions. Some of these machines are priceless. They represent hour upon hour of intensive labour. Parts are scarce and sometimes need to be fabricated. These car buffs are consumed by their hobby. They love their cars.

This weekend I also visited the Sunday morning SPCA flea market in the Wholesale Club parking lot. It attracts many collectors in search of license plates, vintage signs, coins, and comic books. They too have many hours invested in their hobbies. My wife is a collector. She collects tiny, Red Rose Tea, porcelain, Wade figurines. She sometimes dreams about them. She has a catalogue and can tell you the value of a piece at a glance. She owns hundreds of them.

Last week SSS Grade Eleven student Ethan Lodermeier showed me several of his self-propelled electric longboards. He has just finished his third prototype. He claims it can transport him to the top of Giant's Head with its dual electric motors. He also has thousands of hours invested in the design. When you speak with him about it you can sense his passion. He is compelled to make it perfect.

I am not a collector. I envy the single minded focus and I respect the vast knowledge they possess. They are experts.

The end of the year is upon us this week. We are once again saying goodbye to our grads after an intensive four years in our care. Some of them walk away with a specific plan and hours already invested in an activity or passion. Many will spend the next few years exploring and surveying before they find their purpose. Their destinations may differ but their journey holds promise and expectation.

My hope for all of our students this summer is that they find something that excites and motivates them. Not all hobbies translate into vocations, but so many of the skills they learn along the way are transferable. I am excited for our grads as they embark on the next phase of their journey whether it's in a vintage hot rod or on a powerful, electric longboard. As for our upcoming grade nines and the remaining student body I also wish them a summer full of learning of a different sort. I know that my incidental knowledge about Red Rose tea figurines continues to grow and expand. Sometimes I even find myself scanning the shelves of antique shops in search of a rare and original porcelain Gingerbread man or Baa Baa Black Sheep. Yes, I admit that I am a "wannabe" collector.

My wish for you this summer is that you find a treasure, be it an object or the pursuit of a passion. I look forward to hearing about them all when you return to us safely in September. Until then, happy hunting!

Year End Reporting

Term Four Report Cards will be mailed out the first week of July.

School Opening ~ September 2019 ~ Welcome Back!!

August 26 – August 30 ~ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Office staff and Counsellors will be in on these days.

September 4th ~ Grade 9's start at 8:35 am

Grade 10 – 12's start at 10:15 am

Dismissal will be at Noon

September 5th – Full day of school

Timetable and Regular Bell Schedule

Summerland Secondary operates on a four day timetable rotation in which students rotate through four different classes each day. Our rotation schedule is as follows:

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
8:35	- 9:55	1	2	3	4
10:00	- 11:20	2	1	4	3
11:20	- 11:35	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:35	- 12:55	3	4	1	2
12:55	- 1:40	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:40	- 2:59	4	3	2	1

Bus Information

School District 67 has moved to an online bus registration system that can be found at <http://www.sd67.bc.ca/Parents/BusReg>. You must fill out a registration form in order for your child to ride the bus for the 2019-2020 school year. Students that have registered will receive a bus pass with their assigned stop. Late registrants will be placed based on available space.

Your student number is required for registration. If you do not know your student number, please contact your school. If you do not have access to online registration, please go to the District Maintenance Office to register in person.



School District No. 67 Maintenance Shop
1295 Commercial Way
Penticton, BC
V2A 3H4



Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, Sept 4th - First day back to school

Tuesday, Sept 10th - Student Photo Day

Monday, Sept 23rd - Professional Development Day ~ Students not in session.

Youth Work In Trades

formerly named SSA

Is your daughter or son working at a job site where a Red Seal Trades person is working? If so they are eligible to begin a Youth Work In Trades apprenticeship. Students can start the work-based training of their trade apprenticeship while they are still in high school. Thanks to this partnership between ITA and the BC Ministry of Education, students can earn 16 credits towards their high school diploma and 480 hours towards their trade credential.

<http://youth.itabc.ca/educators/youth-programs/work/Apprenticeship Basics>



If you've been thinking about a career in the trades, an apprenticeship can help you get there. Check out our Apprenticeship Overview video and Apprenticeship Guidebook: <https://www.itabc.ca/about-apprentices/apprenticeship-basics>

Preliminary-Standardized Achievement Test (PSAT) – October 16th, 2019

What types of students write the PSAT?

Approximately 1.3 million students in grades 10 and 11 take the test each year in October. Canadian students will often take the PSAT if they are considering attending a US college for either academic and/or athletic programs.

What are the most common reasons students take the PSAT?

1. To practice for the SAT
2. To receive feedback on strengths and weaknesses in the areas of critical reading, writing and math
3. To compare performance among peer groups
4. To be added to mailing lists for US colleges and receive school specific information
5. Canadian students who wish to attend college in the United States and be considered for either, or both, an academic or athletic scholarship.

What is the format of the PSAT compared to the SAT?

The PSAT is a slightly shortened version of the actual SAT. The test is composed of two sections: Math and Critical Reading /Writing and is two hours and forty-five minutes in length. In comparison, the SAT exam is about three hours long.

When students take the PSAT, they are not required to recall facts—even the math formulas needed are supplied to them. Instead, the PSAT measures reasoning skills—for instance, knowing when to choose one of those math formulas and how to use it to arrive at the correct answer.

Each of the two sections is scored on a scale from 160 to 760. The maximum score one can achieve is 1520. The scoring system for the PSAT closely parallels the SAT, which is graded on a scale of 200 to 800, and has a maximum possible combined score of 1600.

What are the required fees to take the PSAT?

There is a charge of \$25.00 for the PSAT.

How to register for the PSAT?

In September, attend the information session and complete the registration form. For more information, please see Ms. Wells

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Test Date: Wednesday, October 16th, 2019

I, _____ would like to register for the Saturday, October 16th,
Print student's name

2019 PSAT sitting at Summerland Secondary. Fee \$25.00

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*Have a safe and happy summer from the staff at
Summerland Secondary School!!!*

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)
2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR
FOR ALL SCHOOLS**

School Improvement Day – schools closed	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Schools Open	Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Monday, September 23, 2019
Thanksgiving Day – schools closed	Monday, October 14, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, October 25, 2019
Remembrance Day observance – schools closed	Monday, November 11, 2019
Schools close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2019 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, January 6, 2020
Family Day – schools closed	Monday, February 17, 2020
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, February 21, 2020
*Schools close for Spring Break	Friday, March 13, 2020 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday – schools closed	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday- schools closed	Monday, April 13, 2020
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Monday, April 20, 2020
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, May 8, 2020
Victoria Day – schools closed	Monday, May 18, 2020
Administrative Day (students not in attendance)	Friday, June 26, 2020

Ŷ	Number of Days of Instruction:	181
Ŷ	Number of Non-Instructional Days in calendar:	6
Ŷ	Number of Administrative Days:	1

Notes: The above calendar meets the hours of instruction required by the Ministry of Education.
*School District No. 67 schools are closed for spring vacation, March 16 through March 27, 2020.

2019-2020 Secondary Provincial Examination Schedule (to be confirmed):

2019 Middle School “I” Days:

Middle School (Grades 6 – 8) pupils excused from attending school except for “I Day” assigned time(s) (June 23, 24). Students attend school on Thursday, June 25 .