



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

Sometimes, in our spare time my wife and I like to visit flea markets. They are like outdoor museums that provide a window into the past where you can buy artifacts that have personal significance. Some items from the recent past that you see over and over again include things like Lego, GI Joes, Barbies, comic books, hot wheels, and the list goes on. It is difficult not to idealize these bygone times, and for me associate these items with a simpler, easier way of life. I am not certain if things are more complicated today or just different. Technology has simplified things and complicated things at the same time. In schools we continue to face some of the same issues from the past. Take bullying for example. Students still bully one another with the added dimension of social media and all the new challenges this media represents. One of the systemic issues facing all students today relates to anxiety and depression. This, too, is a theme from the past. One of the biggest differences is that today, we

are more willing to speak more openly about these concerns. On the other hand, the more openly and plainly we speak about these challenges, the more we realize how limited the resources and support are for individuals who are struggling with their mental health issues. Summerland Secondary School prides itself on its connection to the past and yet it embraces the future too. This building, with all of its quirks and charm echoes these themes. The architecture and mechanical system are an amalgam of characteristics dating back to the 1950s. We recently installed a state of the art geothermal heating and cooling system. We look forward with anticipation to the promise of a new gymnasium. Change is inevitable and we embrace how progress can make life easier and better. Daily, we continue to deal with the issues of emotional health. We attempt to build strong partnerships with community organizations. Classroom teachers have received training in strategies and techniques that support students where they are on that continuum, and we continue to teach parents some of these same

techniques and strategies to empower their children and to promote wellness. The nostalgic era preceding the technological tsunami is past. In a short time our children, whose technological fluency far exceeds that of many adults, will be teaching their children about self-regulation and wellness. There will likely be an opportunity for them to be wistfully reminded of bygone times when they see a replica of an old cell phone they once owned back in high school at a flea market some time in the future. The medium, whatever it is, is often only the tool; the message is what counts. Teaching resiliency, critical thinking, and problem solving is, and always will be, the most important part of teaching and parenting.

Remembrance Day

Students and staff of SSS and SMS gathered Memorial Park on November 8th for a very memorable Remembrance Day Ceremony. The ceremony had all the very best ingredients of an event that enabled the audience to engage with the themes of loss, sacrifice, and courage that are associated with Remembrance Day. The cadets, the RCMP members, the music, the middle school letters, the poem, the veterans, and even the weather created a thoughtful synergy. Thank you to all who helped to capture the spirit of the ceremony and made it meaningful for everyone.

MyEd BC Family Portal

On Monday, November 19th, Summerland Secondary School issued MyEducation BC Family Portal Accounts to the parents and guardians of our students. The MyEducationBC Family Portal allows parents and guardians to log in to our student information system to review attendance and, if teachers are using the MyEducation BC Gradebook, progress information for their students at our school. Each term, we also publish report cards to the Family Portal, allowing parents to log in to view their children's report cards, in the event the ones we hand out to students do not reach their intended destination.

In order to receive a MyEd Family Portal account, a student contact

- Must be listed as the parent or guardian of a student;
- Must have a valid email address on record with the school; and
- Must agree to receive emails from the school.

If you meet the above criteria and were not issued a Family Portal account but would like to receive one, please contact the school.

ERASE = Expect Respect & a Safe Education

The Ministry is pleased to announce the [new erase website](#) is now live. In addition to bullying and violence prevention, the new *erase* site includes information and resources on online safety, mental well-being, substance use, and sexual orientation and gender identity. The site was created following extensive consultation with students, parents and educators. Please visit the new *erase* site at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase> and explore the tools and information it contains.

SSS Wellness Group

Members of the **SSS Wellness Group** have started their mentorship of Gr. 8 advisory classes again at Summerland Middle School. Fourteen Gr. 10-12 students, along with Ms. Wise (school counsellor), will assist in a year-long mentorship that involves teaching wellness practices, breaking down stigma around mental health, and how to create a safe and supportive environment for students and teachers. SSS leaders will be facilitators of these lessons and provide support for Gr. 8's in their transition to high school. Wellness mentors will also be sharing lessons with Gr. 5 classes at Giant's Head Elementary.

International Week at SSS, Nov 26-30

Check out the activities where international students from Germany, Korea, Japan and Spain will showcase their culture!

- Tuesday- Food day in the foods room! Samples of international foods will be given out!

- Wednesday- Writing! Have a phrase you've always wanted to learn in another language? Come to the common area and ask!
- Thursday- Learn how to origami in the common area!
- Friday- Q and A- ask the international students questions about their country in the common area

We will be saying good-bye to some of our International and Exchange students before the end of the year: Farewell *Nanase, Natsumi, Reino, Lauraly and Maxim!* We will miss you, and safe travels home.

All Things Home Ec

Does your child take Foods Studies, Cafeteria or Textiles at SSS? Are you interested in seeing what goes on in the Home Ec department? Check out our Instagram account for updates on all things Home Ec! Follow us at: [sssfoodsandtextiles](#)

SSS Careers Center

There are a number of both new and annual programs coming up in the Careers Dept. Be sure to talk to Mr. Lay in the CAVE if you are interested in taking part in any of these opportunities. Here is a calendar of upcoming events.

- **Kelowna Education & Career Fair** –sometimes life is just about asking the right people the right questions! The Education & Career Fair takes place Nov. 30 in Kelowna and is open to all students. Limited space.
- **Penticton Hospital Visit** – December: for any students interested in a possible career in the Health Industry
- **TRADES Gateway Program** – in partnership with OK College Penticton Campus,
- **TECH Gateway Program** – Starting in February in partnership with OK College, Penticton Campus, for students interested in a career in technology and coding
- **Youth Fire Academy** – Spring Break: in partnership with the Penticton Fire Department for students interested in a career in firefighting

- **RCMP Youth Academy** –The 2019 RCMP Youth Academy will be running in Vernon, May 5-11, 2019. This is open to students who are 16-18 and interested in a career in law enforcement or specifically the RCMP. Applications are due Jan 31, 2019.
- **Women in Trades Info Session** – December, at the Trades Training Complex in Kelowna.
- **Gateway to Building Trades for Women** – is an exploratory program for those who are unsure which skilled trade is right for them.

How can you become a Registered Apprentice?

- 1) If you are employed, and your employer will take you on as an apprentice, you can be part of the **ITA Youth Work in Trades Program**.
- 2) If you do not have an employer able to take you on as an apprentice, you have not yet graduated from high school, and you are under 19 years of age, you can apply to **ITA Youth Train in Trades Program**.

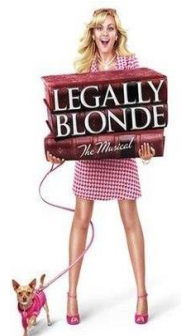
Coming to a Theatre near You

You won't want to miss the **SSS Acting 11 Comedy show** on Dec. 13th at 7 pm, at Centre Stage Theatre. Admission is by donation.

SSS proudly presents:

Legally Blonde

- Feb. 20-23 and Feb. 27-Mar. 2
- Centre Stage Theatre
- All shows start at 7 pm
- Tickets go on sale Dec. 1



Anyone interested in seeing the Broadway Musical **"Come From Away"** in Vancouver on March 9, see Ms. Ayris.

SSS Concert & Jazz Bands

Mr. Lind and our Concert and Jazz Band students will be performing holiday themed selections at lunch on December 18. Keep a look out for more information in the hallways and in the daily announcements as the date draws nearer.

Athletics - Fall Sports

SSS had a very busy, successful fall sports season with 106 athletes participating in five sports.

Cross Country

The SSS X-C program continued to grow participation and reap impressive results this fall building momentum at the Maggie and Pen-Hi events, as well as at our host race at Cartwright Mountain. Fit, fast, and unified the squad competed at the Valley Championships in Kamloops against over 30 schools, decisively winning the Senior Boys Championship and qualifying more runners (13 athletes, male and female combined!) for provincial competition than any other school in the Okanagan Valley. Of note, SSS Boys' teams have won three Valley Championships - 2016, 2017, and 2018 - remarkable for a smaller school.

The BCSSA Provincial Championships were held on November 3rd on the Island where 1006 runners from 186 schools competed in the near perfect conditions of rain and mud. Thirteen SSS athletes (plus several Pen-Hi runners) combined for an EPIC NANAIMO WEEKEND! The hard working Junior Boys team of Jacob Mullin, Connor Berrisford, William Rodrigues, Holden Berrisford and Evan Gupta all ran for personal bests placing 18th! Tayla Ingram ran strong to place 26th of 239 girls. The talented Senior Boys team of Keagan Ingram, Jason Scherban, Ben Geertz, Ethan Sands and Simon Groot charged to an incredible 7th place overall! Stand out Senior Girls runners, Natalie Benoit and Alyssa Robinson had gritty performances against the best runners in BC.

Thank you coach Berrisford, Mitchell, and Sands.



Swimming

Our swimming team was very successful with one of our largest fields of swimmers in years. Thank you coach Sands!

Girls Field Hockey

The field hockey team was very competitive in every game they played making it to the Valley championships. Thank you coach Becker and Carriere!

Boys Soccer

Our Senior Boys Soccer team demonstrated a high level of skill competing well in several exhibition and league games. Thank you coach Lay and community coach Holman.

Jr and Sr Volleyball

Our Senior Boys, Junior Boys, and Senior Girl's teams all won the South Zone Championships while our Jr Girls finished second in a very close finals game. At the Valley Championships, all four teams represented Summerland Secondary School with exceptional play and positive sportsmanship. The Senior Boys, Junior Boys, and Senior Girls narrowly missed earning berths to their respective Provincial tournaments. It has been a very long time since all four of our volleyball teams made it to the Valley Championships in the same season. Thank you coaches Dueck, Lodermeier, Lemier, and community coaches Pham and Girard!

Basketball Season is now underway

Thank you to the Junior and Senior Girls Basketball players who helped coach **Mini Hoops** on Mondays from 3:00-5:30. The last session is Dec. 3. Way to inspire the youth of Summerland. Be proud of your contribution. Now let's all get ready for your season.

Keep up-to-date with game and practice schedules by viewing our Athletics Calendar on the SSS website.

Gym Reminders at Lunch and Break

Students are asked to please:

- Wear indoor shoes
- Put bags, jackets, etc. up in the bleachers
- NO kicking or power spiking any balls
- NO food or drinks allowed on the gym floor
- Return equipment to designated bins
- Playing areas must be safe and controlled

Recent & Upcoming Activities

- Sept 14, Terry Fox Run
- Sept 17, Royal Military College Visit
- Sept 20, Grad Assembly and Parent Meeting
- Sept 20, Youth Exhibition Powwow & Tour of Okanagan College
- Sept 21, First Rocket Rally
- Sept 26, Post-Secondary Schools Visit
- Oct 1-5, Bamfield Marine Science Centre Trip
- Oct 2, Orange Shirt Day
- Oct 2, 3 Crows Cultural Presentation
- Oct 3 & 5, Indigenous Cultural activities
- Oct 4, Grad Class Photo at KVR Train Station
- Oct 4, Sisters in Vigil Gathering
- Oct 9, UVIC presentation
- Oct 10, PSAT Exams
- Oct 10, Safer School Presentation
- Oct 15, Grade 9 and 10 Assemblies
- Oct 16, Grade 11 and 12 Assemblies
- Oct 18, Environmental Science Field Trip
- Oct 18, Choose Kind Day
- Oct 23, Univ. of Calgary Visit
- Oct 24, Café Francais Opens Wednesdays at Lunch in Mme. Bazin's room
- Oct 25, Univ. of Alberta Visit
- Oct 25, Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Oct 29, Beyond the Blues, Mental Health Screening
- Oct 30, Halloween Dance
- Oct 31, Rocket Rally & Halloween for Hunger
- Nov 1, McGill Univ. Visit
- Nov 1, Food Safe Level 1 Course
- Nov 6, Social Justice 12 Project get underway
- Nov 8, Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 8, Public Health Visit for Gr 9 Immunization
- Nov 13, First Day of Term 2
- Nov 14-16, Grad Photos
- Nov 16, PJ Day
- Nov 19, Term 1 Report Card Distribution
- Nov 21, Me to We trip to Vancouver
- Nov 27, Blood Donor Clinic
- Nov 28, Drop In Homework Completion Room Opens (Wed & Fri at lunch)

- Nov 30, Kelowna Education & Career Fair
- Nov 30, Summerland Festival of Lights
- Dec 6, Law Courts Field Trip
- Dec 7, Gr 9 Immunization
- Dec 11, Acting 11 Comedy Show
- Dec 21, Rocket Rally
- Dec 21, Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

School Fees

School Cash Online is our **PREFERRED** method of payment for school fees. Online payment options are Credit Card, eCheck or myWallet. The portal also allows you to stay informed and keep track of which school fees are outstanding and require your attention. ****Parents can now make partial payments online.**

<https://sd67.schoolcashionline.com/>

Student fees can also be paid by cash or cheque at the Office. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We recognize that it can be a difficult time with an abundance of fees for student activities and would be happy to arrange a payment plan option should the need arise. Please contact school administration directly to discuss this. All students must be in good standing in order to attend school events.

- Annual School Activity Fee, \$50
- Textbook Deposit, \$50 (one-time fee for students enrolling for the first time)
- Grad Fee, \$140 (1st installment due Nov. 13/18, 2nd installment due Jan. 29/19, Final payment due Apr.16/19.
- PE 9-10, \$30
- PE 11-12, \$60
- Multisport 9-12, \$60

Keep Us Up-to-Date

We ask that all families keep us up-to-date with your current mailing address, email address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and/or changes to legal or medical situations as they arise. Please notify us of any changes via email at sss@summer.com.



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)
 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR
 FOR ALL SCHOOLS

School Improvement Day – schools closed	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Schools Open	Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Monday, September 24, 2018
Thanksgiving Day – schools closed	Monday, October 8, 2018
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, October 19, 2018
Curriculum Implementation Day – schools closed	Friday, November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day observance – schools closed	Monday, November 12, 2018
Schools close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, January 7, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, February 15, 2019
Family Day – schools closed	Monday, February 18, 2019
*Schools close for Spring Break	Friday, March 15, 2019 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, April 1, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Monday, April 15, 2019
Good Friday – schools closed	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday- schools closed	Monday, April 22, 2019
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, May 3, 2019
Victoria Day – schools closed	Monday, May 20, 2019
Administrative Day (students not in attendance)	Friday, June 28, 2019

- Number of Days of Instruction: 180
- Number of Non-Instructional Days in calendar: 7
- 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 18 through March 29, 2019

2018-2019 Secondary Provincial Examinations Schedule:
 Monday, January 21 through Friday, January 25, 2019
 Friday, June 21 through Thursday, June 27, 2019

2019 Middle School “I” Days:
 Middle School (Grades 6 – 8) pupils excused from attending school except for “I Day” assigned time(s) (June 25 ,26).
 Students attend school on Thursday, June 27.