

Summerland Secondary School Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2011

Parent Teacher Interviews

Summerland Secondary School will be hosting a parent teacher interview afternoon on Thursday, March 10th from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm. These interviews do not coincide with Spring report cards as with previous years. Instead, we will use this opportunity to create more support for our students before the end of the third term.

We will be pre-arranging interviews from 2:30 - 3:30 so some staff may not be available during the first hour. All staff will be available for drop-in interviews from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

Open and on-going communication is key to student success and we hope that you will be able to join us. If you are not able to see a teacher on March 10th but would like to meet with them, please email the teacher directly or call our office at 250-770-7650. Our email list is available on our website and in our student agendas.

Please note that there will be two early dismissals on Thursday, March 10th and Friday, March 11th at 1:00 pm. Please also note that buses will run on their regular schedule.

We will not be holding our previously scheduled report card pick-up in April. Report cards will be mailed home at the end of April.

Thank you for helping keep the lines of communication open!

Student Transfers – Important Timelines

The deadlines for students requesting transfers from their catchment area school to another school in School District No. 67 for the September 2011/2012 school year are **8:00 am, February 1st, 2011** to **4:00 pm, April 15, 2011**. Transfer requests received prior to February 1st will be date/time stamped as "*February 1st, 2011, 8:00 a.m.*" and transfer requests received after April 15th may not be considered until September 2011. Siblings' attendance at a school should not be assumed if you live outside the school catchment area. You still need to complete a transfer request. If you are unsure, please check with your school secretary.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from classes, please notify the school by contacting the office at 250-770-7650 or by emailing sss@summer.com.

If your child is sick, he/she should stay home. Please keep the school informed of the illness.

School Fees for 2010-2011

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their school fees. If you haven't paid, please remit payment to the school office.

School Fees \$45.00

Refundable Textbook deposit \$45.00

Optional Yearbook \$55.00

If you are unable to submit payment for student fees, please contact an administrator or school counsellor to discuss.

Grad Fees

The first installment of the \$110.00 grad fee is now due. \$55.00 is payable now and \$55 is due on or before April 21, 2011.

Keep Us Up-to-Date

Please keep us up-to-date with changes to your contact information. It is important to have accurate student records. Please inform us of any changes to contact information and/or student medical and health information. Changes can be made via the main office or by emailing sss@summer.com

Stay Up-to-Date

Check out the Summerland Secondary website at <http://sd67.bc.ca/schools/sss/>

News from around the school

Welcome!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Dhaliwal. Ms. Dhaliwal joins us in the English Department.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to the families who have made donations to the breakfast club, it is much appreciated. We are still in need of the following food to store in the freezer: Muffins, bagels, bread and juice boxes. Donations can be brought to the front office.

Thanks to Billy Boerboom and "The Apple Barn" for supplying apples for our at risk youth.

Girls Soccer

This year we will be having a senior girls team (grades 11/12) coached by Mr. Fry and a junior girl's team (grades 9/10) coached by Mrs. Clarke.

The first try out for the senior girl's team will be Monday Feb. 28. All girls interested in playing must try out for the team.

The try outs for the junior girl's soccer will be March 2nd, 3rd, and 7th. All girls interested in playing must attend tryouts.

Senior Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the senior girls basketball team on an excellent season. The girls went 3 -1 in league play, defeating Princess Margaret twice by 2 points each time, and Oliver once by 6 points. In the zone playoffs, Summerland played a great game but were without the services of grade 12 starter Melissa Stathers who had injured her knee two weeks before. The Rockets battled a close game against Maggie but ended up losing 57 – 59. This meant the girls finished third in the zone and they missed earning one of the two playoff berths to the Valley championships.

The girls ended the season with 17 win – 7 loss record. They placed first in their home tournament and in a tournament in Mission and second in the Maggie tournament. All season the girls played outstanding team defense and showed great depth with balanced scoring. With eight grade 11 players returning, prospects look very promising for a great season next year.

Graduating members of the senior Rockets include Allyssa Hooper, Katrina Sopow and Melissa Stathers. Returning grade 11 players include Lauren Antonovitch, Sarah Bergstrom, Alison Braid, Chloe Kennedy, Grace Manders, Shannon Parker, Ellen Rutherford and Clara Salter.

Sew News

Students in Fashion design 9/10 took to the "runway" with their garbage bag designer wear. Designers featured included Dior, Stella McCartney, Calvin Klein, Zang Toi, Vera Wang, Ralph Lauren, Gucci, and Marc Jacobs.

These girls are also making cloth library bags which are filled with information for new moms and handed out by the health nurse. Last semester 52 bags were completed and our goal is to match that this semester.

Sew News Continued

March 12 - Lindsey Jenner will be competing in the Skills Canada Regional Competition in Kelowna. She will represent Summerland in the Fashion Design section. In 7 hours her task will be to design and sew a skirt from a basic pattern.

April 5 and 6 - Students from SSS, Pen High and Maggie will be traveling to Vancouver for Kwantlen's year end fashion show. In addition to the fashion show at the River Rock, students will tour the fashion degree program at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and the diploma program at the University of the Fraser Valley. For more information about this trip see Mrs. Gartrell in the Textiles room.

April 21- Youth giving back to Youth. An evening made possible by Penny Lane. This will be an exciting charity evening where students will model over sixty semi formal and summer dresses for auction. Penny Lane has generously donated these dresses which came to them with broken zippers. A team of sewing students from grades 10-12 are presently busy taking out the broken zippers and sewing in new ones. Erin from Penny Lane will be helping the team decide what charity the money raised will support.

Check the next newsletter for more information as the evening comes together.



Europe Trip 2012 - France and Spain!

You are invited to participate in an incredibly exciting Europe Trip opportunity! This trip will occur during Spring break 2012! This trip will have a historical and cultural focus. You will experience and learn about the influence France and Spain has had on our western society. You will also have an opportunity to learn about and observe modern French and Spanish culture on a 12 day trip.

Day 1 Bus to Vancouver. Flight direct to Frankfurt, Germany. Flight on to Paris.

Day 2 Arrive in Paris. Do a walking tour. Visit the downtown area: Ile de la cite, Saint-Chapelle (the most incredible stained glass in the world) and the Notre Dame Cathedral.

Day 3 Take a guide tour of Paris. See L'Arc de Triomphe, Les Champs-Élysées, Les Invalides, Eiffel Tower. In the afternoon, visit Versailles. In the evening, return to the Eiffel Tower for the night view.

Day 4 Visit the Louvre. Then get on a high speed train, TGV, and travel to Avignon.

Day 5 Take a tour of Avignon. Visit the Pope's Palace. Visit the bridge. In the afternoon, go to Pond du Gard...the most incredible aquaduct in the world. Go to Arles and see the incredible Amphitheatre.

Day 6 Travel to Cassis on the seashore. Cruise the Calanques. Then have a tour of Aix-en-Provence.

Day 7 Travel to Carcassonne a truly medieval city. Tour the old city. Possibly buy a sword. Then drive on to Barcelona.

Day 8 Do a tour of Barcelona. Visit Parque Guell and the Sagrada Familia(an incredible church building project). Visit the Gothic quarter. In the evening, see Flamenco dancing.

Day 9 Spend the day in beautiful Barcelona. Shop on Las Ramblas. Do a walking tour. Climb the Sagrada Familia and see the view. Visit Camp Nou where the incredible soccer club Barcelona FC plays.

Day 10 Travel to Madrid by Ave high speed train. Tour Madrid. Visit the Prado.

Day 11 Visit the home of Real Madrid: the Bernabeu. Visit the Plaza Meyor and the Puerta del Sol. Visit the Royal Palace.

Day 12 Depart for home.

Day 13 REST!

This is an all-inclusive trip Meals, flights, hotels, entrances and the cost will be around \$3700.00.

See Mr. Fry for more details or contact him at jfry@summer.com