

Summerland Secondary School Newsletter

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A Word from our Principal, Mr. Dave Searcy

Student Rubric and our School Plan

The SSS Student Rubric was developed as a means to report on skills and characteristics that are keys to success both in and out of school. With this newsletter you will be receiving a copy of a report based on the rubric. The score is an average of those reported by each of our teachers and is meant to be a reflection of the work done within their classes.

Although we are working to help our students improve in all of the areas in the rubric our specific focus this year is to help our students improve in the area of Personalized Learning. The question we are asking ourselves as a school community is: If we have a school-wide focus on increasing personalized learning skills for our students, will students become more engaged in their classes and will academic achievement improve?

As always we are looking for feedback here at SSS and we realize that our efforts will be far more likely to succeed with your continued support. Many parents told us that they appreciated the Rubric Scores last year as it gave them a starting point for a conversation both with their 'student' and with their teachers!

Report Card Pick-Up and Teacher Conferences

Report Cards for the First Term will be available at SSS on Thursday, November 25th from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM and then later that evening from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Report Cards and our teachers will be in the Science Wing at this time. Due to last minute adjustments, report cards will not be available prior to 2:30 PM. Report cards will be available for pick-up by parents all day Friday. Students may pick-up their own report card with written permission from a parent/guardian.

We will be having early dismissals from SSS at 1:00 PM on both Thursday, Nov. 25th and Friday, Nov. 26th, however, Parent Teacher Interviews will only be taking place on the Thursday.

If you are not able to see a teacher on the Thursday but would like to meet with them please try emailing the teacher directly or by calling our office at 250-770-7650. Our email list is available on our website and in our student agendas.

Thank you for helping keep the lines of communication open!

Upcoming Events

November 11	Remembrance Day – school not in session
November 12	School closure – school not in session
November 17	Band parent meeting 7:00 pm – band room
November 25	Report card pick-up and conferences 2:30 pm Early dismissal 1:00 pm
November 26	Early dismissal 1:00 pm
December 1	PAC meeting 7 pm
December 18 – January 3	Winter vacation

Student Messages

We continue to receive a high volume of requests to provide messages for students. We understand that last minute emergencies do arise; however we would appreciate if non-emergent messages are kept to a minimum and that appointment reminders are made prior to coming to school. We are unable to disrupt classes to forward messages.

Stay Up-to-Date

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

News from around the school

From the Math Department

Have you ever forgotten what your teacher assigned for homework?

Have you ever not known what was going to be on your test tomorrow?

Have you ever missed a whole days worth of notes?

Well your troubles are over...just use www.summerlandmath.com to find notes, homework, practice tests and more. Grade 9's check out "Math Maintenance".

French Immersion Online

The French Immersion classes of SSS have been supplementing their learning with the Wiki Website Tool. Each French Immersion class has it's own web page to:

- Make digital classroom resources available for access at school and at home
- Review / Post / Work on homework and assignments
- Reviewing before tests and quizzes
- Creating written projects / media projects and commenting on each other's work
- Facilitating group work on media projects
- Keeping students who are absent on track
- Offering an additional online communication tool between the teacher, parents and students

Each student and parent involved has signed a contract guaranteeing that:

- Only registered members can see the wiki
- Only the teacher can enter registrations
- Only students, parents, teachers are allowed to view, add to or edit the wiki.
- All wiki content is subject to teacher approval and/or deletion.
- The teacher will be notified of any edits to the wiki.
- Private communication between students has been disabled.
- Wikispaces usernames will be deleted after the 2010-2011 school year has ended.

If you'd like to hear more about the Wiki project work our French Immersion students are currently involved in, please contact Madame Hughes at chughes@summer.com

Students Vote No in Mock Referendum

Students at Summerland Secondary School gave the "thumbs-down" to the proposed new community police station in a mock referendum vote. The 42 students, in Law and Social Studies classes, voted 22 (NO) , 18 (YES), with 2 spoiled ballots in a classroom simulation exercise. "It was a close vote," says Teacher Dave Stathers, "but more importantly, the students took part in the democratic process!" Stathers says the classes were told to research both points of view, discuss their opinions with their parents, and possibly attend the community information forum earlier in September.

He says most students became informed, active citizens who practiced responsible decision-making. Grade 10 student Rhiannon Wrzeisien says "we felt some power for the first time ever." 15-year-old Miriam Bambey adds "teens should be able to vote because we have a voice too!" The voting age in B.C. is 18. The students were looking forward to seeing the actual results from the referendum the next day. The yes/no vote asks Summerland citizens if they support the borrowing of 3.1 million dollars for a new RCMP building.

Fly Tying Club

The SSS Fly tying club is up and going with a keen group of fly tiers from grade 9 to 12. We have both beginner and advanced tiers working at Tuesday and Friday lunch hours. Students who participate over the entire year will have an opportunity to use their flies on a 3 day trip in early June. Most of the materials and equipment used by this club have been donated by people in Summerland. The P.A.C. also supports this group with a financial grant that helps to supply hooks and other consumables that get used up over the year. The club welcomes any donations of equipment or supplies relating to fly fishing. We could use more vices, and also older fly rods, reels and line for our annual trip. Contact Mr. Northcote at the school, or gnorthcote@summer.com if you have anything that you think the club could use.

Field Hockey

The girls have had a wonderful season with wins against Pen High, Princess Margaret, a few Vancouver teams, as well as a tie against OKM. They placed third in the Valley. Team members are:

Abby Meeten	Maddy Campbell
Allyssa Hooper	Natasha Sopow
Amber Campbell	Odessa Cutt
Clara Salter	Sarah Bergstrom
Ellen Rutherford	Sarah Dean
Katrina Sopow	Shannon Clarke
Lauren Antonovitch	Shannon Parker

SSS Swim Team

The SSS Swim team has been training for the last few weeks. The team has qualified for Provincials in Nanaimo. Coach Best from Orca has been generously helping out with the team. Team members are:

Abby Meeten	Madison Wilms
Caylum Foley	Miriam Bambey
Connie Bambey	Paige Burke
Corwin Shanner	Paige Miskiman
Daniel Nieviadomy	Riley Greenwood
Ellen Rutherford	Sara Bergstrom
Emily Henderson	Shannon Clarke
Emily Long	Shannon Parker

Cross Country Running

The Cross Country running team has been training all fall with some excellent results.

The team placed top 5 in the Valley. Shannon Parker will be representing the Okanagan at the Provincials. Team members are:

Abby Meeten	Graham Filek
Alison Braid	Lauren Antonovitch
Allyssa Hooper	Lyle Pelletier
Chloe Kennedy	Melissa Stathers
Clara Salter	Sabrina Maaske
Corwin Shanner	Sara Bergstrom
Ellen Rutherford	Shannon Clarke
Emily Eaton	Shannon Parker
Emily Kaiser	

Senior Boys Soccer

The senior boy's soccer team is determined to make it to the Provincials with a top two finish in Valleys. The senior boys clinched first place in the south zone with a defining win over Oliver 10-1! The boys host the Okanagan Valley and are hoping to face rivals Sa Hali in the final game. Many of the returning players are the stronghold for the rockets soccer team, however, the nucleus of the team strengthens with some new additions.

Josh Thornton and Kyle Morgan are the team leaders that put together a combination that threatens most teams. Returning players like Trevor Parkinson, Lucas Knoll, Greg Nixon, Jordan Duncan, Graham Brownlee, Matt Bateman, Graham Filek, and Rhys Davidson all create a successful balance in attacking and defending. Super star strikers like Matt Jones and Tristan Knoll create havoc for all opposing teams!

Newcomers Ryan Jerry, Tameus Venkatarman, Tristan Knoll, Trevor Parkinson, Ryan Varchal, Brandon West, Joe Stead all bring some needed youth and experience to an already polished team.

The team would not be complete without superstar goaltender Andrew Cook! Andrew is playing outstanding and hopes to match the goal keeping expertise of his idol "Dave Searcy".

The team is ready and poised to play next Friday and Saturday at Kings Park in Penticton. Come out and cheer on the boys to Provincials!!



Interior Health

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Family Flu Clinics – Summerland

The following families are eligible for free seasonal flu vaccine:

1. Families with children under the age of 2 years.
2. Families with an adult or child who has a chronic health problem.
3. Families who are expecting a new baby during flu season.

Eligible families are encouraged to attend our regular Mass Flu Clinics. Families with children will be fast-tracked to the front of the line. There will be no appointments. There are 2 clinics with hours convenient for families with school children:

Thursday November 4th and Thursday, November 18th from 12 noon to 6 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church located at 14244 N. Victoria Road, Summerland.

For more clinic dates call the **Flu Info Line 250-493-7109** or check **www.interiorhealth.ca**