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Feb. 15, 2024

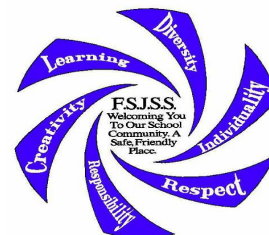
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DATES TO NOTE:

Feb. 19	Family Day – No school
Feb. 21 – 24	Sr. Boys Basketball Team to Zones
Feb. 25 – 29	Ski & Board Team to Provincials
Feb. 28	PAC Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Mar. 4 – 8	Cultural Week
Mar. 13	Grad Photo Retakes @ 10 am
Mar. 15	PLC – Early Dismissal @ 12:15 pm
Mar. 20	Parent/Teacher Night @ Kwah Hall (3:00-6:00 pm)
Mar. 20	Early Dismissal @ 12:15 pm
Mar. 21	Newsletter goes out
Mar. 25 – Apr. 5	Spring Break
Apr. 8	School reopens

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Ice Rescue Training, Zone Tournaments, Provincial Tournaments, Wilderness Survival Training, Fun Friday's, grammar booklets, and ribbon skirts; these are all part of life at FSJSS. Students are very busy this month with their learning inside and outside the classroom.

This past semester is the first time we recognized the grade 8 and 9 students for their academic achievements under the new assessment scale. These students earned a "Student Excellence Award" and will be recognized again at the end of each semester.

As we move through the second semester it is important that all students keep up with their assignments and attend school every day. Every student who is in class and engaged in the lesson will be successful.

We all must keep our focus on the goal of graduation!

Mr. C. Houghton, Principal, FSJSS



PARENT/TEACHER NIGHT @ KWAH HALL March 20

There will be scheduled times for parents to see the teachers in their classrooms from 1:00 – 2:30 pm (please call the school to make an appointment) and then the interviews will move to Kwah Hall from 3:00 – 6:00 pm (no appointment is necessary). Interim reports will be given out to parents. Buses will be running at regular times.

FSJSS CONCESSION MENU for February/March

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Feb. 19th – Family Day STAT	20 th – Beef Stroganoff \$6.00	21 st – Nachos \$6.00	22 nd – Pizza \$3.00	23 rd – Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap \$6.00
26 th – Cowboy Salad \$6.00	27 th – Soup \$6.00	28 th – Balsamic Hot Chicken Caesar Salad \$6.00	29 th – Pizza \$3.00	Mar. 1st – Pork Chow Mein \$6.00
4 th – Soup \$6.00	5 th – Bagel Melts \$3.00	6 th – Greek Salad \$6.00	7 th – Pizza \$3.00	8 th – Chicken Burrito Bowl \$6.00
11 th – Mac & Cheese \$6.00	12 th – Quinoa Salad \$6.00	13 th – Thai Crispy Chicken Salad \$6.00	14 th – Pizza \$3.00	15 th – PLC – Early Dismissal
18 th – Strawberry Spinach Salad \$6.00	19 th – Beef Donairs \$6.00	20 th – Early Dismissal – P/T Interviews	21 st – Pizza \$3.00	22 nd – Cheeseburgers \$6.00



Friday Night Movies!!!!

Please see the school Facebook page for that week's show and time

Every Friday:

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Movie starts at 6:00 pm

Admission:

\$10 per person

COURSE WITHDRAWAL DATES

Students who wish to withdraw from a course must withdraw by:

Semester 1: October 17, 2023

Semester 2: April 9, 2024

Courses dropped after the withdrawal date will be assigned "F" fail.

PLC DAYS

The following are our PLC days. Students will be dismissed early (12:15 pm).

-Mar. 15

-Apr. 25

-May 9

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are available to order online:

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09704568>

Please click link to order your yearbook.

Today's prices are \$65/book.

All yearbooks must be ordered by **Feb. 25th, 2024**

GRAD COUNSELLING NEWS



Post-Secondary Application Deadlines

If you have not applied yet, it is not too late. Get your applications out as soon as possible. See Ms. Deverson if you have any questions or need help with your applications. Do not forget to sign up for Student Transcript Services to provide the post-secondary schools access to your transcripts.

Feb 1 - Mar 1 – UNBC

Mar 31 – CNC

May 1 - TRU

Grads need to regularly check their post-secondary emails to ensure they do not miss important deadlines for payments, course registration, housing deposits or self-reporting of grades. If you have any questions in regards to registration and course selection, contact the admissions office at the post-secondary institute and they will be able to help you with anything you need.

Online Courses

Grads that are **completing online courses** should aim to have them **completed** by **May 31, 2024**, to ensure they are included on their final transcripts.

Scholarships/Bursaries (Listen to the announcements for Scholarship Workshops)

The list of district scholarships and bursaries will be available soon. Students should view the information on the **student shared drive** for more information on how to apply for the various scholarships and bursaries, as well as print off the application forms. Student can also view the district website for links to all the available scholarships, bursaries, application forms and information on how to apply.

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/scholarships>

There are many sample application packages available to view in the counselling office for students that are applying for the **district scholarship**.

Numeracy & Literacy Exams (Grad Requirements)

Click on the link attached below for Assessment descriptions and samples

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/graduation>

The next available times for writing include:

April 15-19, 2024

June 10-14, 2024

If you wish to write one or more of the assessments during these times, please see Ms. Deverson.

ATHLETICS 2023/24

Due to weird weather, it has been a very busy and challenging winter season in the Athletic Department. Planning and re-planning tournaments, booking trips then changing them, organizing volunteers, and then cancelling them. However, through all of this our athletes remain committed and continue to work hard and our amazing coaches continue to generously give their personal time.

Ski and Board

The Ski and Board team finally hit the slopes when they travelled to Smithers for Zones.

Our Boys Board team placed 2nd at Zones and has qualified for the Provincial Championships. They will be travelling to Sun Peaks at the end of the month. Parker Shute placed 3rd overall.

Norah Shute also qualified for Provincials as an individual skier with a great race at the Zone Championships. Well done to our coach and all team members. Good Luck at Provincials.

Basketball

The Grade 8 Boys, Jr. Boys, and Jr. Girls teams have all completed their seasons. All three teams have shown huge improvement this season and should be proud of their efforts. We look forward to watching these young athletes continue to improve next season. Thank you, Travis James, Ethan Thomas, Troy Repko, Sydney Andres, and Erica Olesiuk for giving so much time to our student athletes.

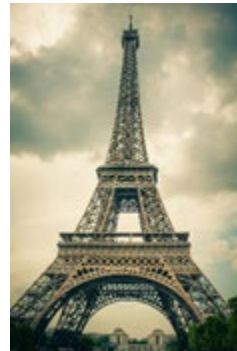
Our Sr. Girls are hosting the Zone Championships at FSJSS this week. We will be hosting 15 games, a banquet, a concession, and a coaches planning meeting. Please feel free to come to the New Gym and watch some exciting basketball. Games start Thursday, Feb 15th and end on Saturday, Feb 17th. Our FSJSS Sr. Girls kick off the tournament with the opening game at 1:45 pm on Thursday VS Acwsalcta from Bella Coola. Our girls enter the tournament seeded 3rd and need to finish in the top two in order to qualify for Provincials.

Our Sr. Boys are very well rested after having their last tournament cancelled due to transportation issues. They will be travelling to Prince George next week to compete in their Zone tournament. They are seeded 4th entering the tournament and hope to finish in the top three to earn a trip to Provincials.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our very generous community. The ongoing support of these young student athletes as they prepare for Zone and Provincial Championships is always amazing and greatly appreciated. Many of these students would not be able to attend without the support.

FSJSS TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

The travel tradition continues at Fort St. James Secondary School. 15 students from FSJSS are counting down the days until they depart to France, Monaco, and Italy this Spring Break! Students will explore and learn about the Eiffel Tower, the French Riviera, the Roman Colosseum, and The Leaning Tower of Pisa, as well as experience Vatican City during Easter celebrations, among numerous other educational adventures.



Next year's trip has just been released too. If you are currently in grades 9, 10, or 11, enrol now for our tour of **Germany, Switzerland, and Austria**. Walk around the Olympic Stadium in Munich, Germany; visit Dachau, home of a WWII Nazi concentration camp, where a memorial site documents the rise of Adolf Hitler and the atrocities which occurred; travel via train, boat, and wooden slides through the 450-year-old salt mines in Salzburg, Austria; stop to see King Ludwig's fairy-tale castle (and inspiration for Walt Disney) in Neuschwanstein, Germany; and venture to the top of Mount Rigi in Lucerne, Switzerland.

**** Please note that the 2025 tour occurs at the end of JUNE, after classes and graduation events have finished. Spots are limited and require final approval from the school's administration. ****

See Mr. James or contact him at 250-996-7126 or tjames@sd91.bc.ca for more information.

ART NEWS

Three of our Art students - Abby, Norah and Rowan - recently created a mural for the Fort St. James Public Library. They spent several weeks planning and painting this abstract mural. It can be viewed in person up in the Young Adult mezzanine at the library. Check out this great artwork and enter some of their contests for youth while you are there.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NEWS

-Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update: Superintendent Karla Mitchell presented the 2023-24 Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update at the Regular School Board Meeting on February 12, 2024.

You may find it under the Latest News heading at www.sd91.bc.ca

-Proposed School Calendars: We are currently collecting public feedback regarding the following proposed school calendars:

- Amended 2025-2026 (with change to Spring Break 2026)
- Draft 2026-2027

Your feedback will be accepted via email to calendarfeedback@sd91.bc.ca until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15th. Check out the 'Calendars – Yearly' page at www.sd91.bc.ca/school-calendar to view the proposed calendars

-School Board Meeting:

Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
School Board Office Vanderhoof, BC

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat prior to noon on meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on meeting day.

Contact: Heather Silver Executive Assistant to the Superintendent 250-567-2284 ext. 9003 hsilver@sd91.bc.ca

-Proposed Policy Updates:

Despite a temporary hold while we await further information from the Province regarding recently legislated cell phone restriction requirements, the School District 91 Policy Committee continues to accept public feedback regarding **Policy 604.1 – Digital Technology, Consent and Privacy.**

If adopted, this new Policy 604.1 will replace the following existing policies:

- 502.6 – Use of Cell Phones and Digital Devices
- 604.1 – Digital Technology
- 604.2 – Student Photograph/Video/Audio and Media Consent
- 604.4 – District Technology and Network Access

Members of the public are welcome to review and encouraged to provide feedback prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12th [here](#) or on the 'Policies and Regulations' page at www.sd91.bc.ca