

ROAD MAP: MISSION STATEMENT

Ever get caught up in the routines of your day and lose track of where you are going? It happens to all of us and here we find reflecting on the Mission that was set out for our school (and reworked almost a decade ago) a good way to be sure we are still on track.

Have a look at our Mission Statement. How are we doing? We look forward to hearing from you!

The mission of Summerland Secondary School is to enable our students to attain the knowledge and to develop the skills, confidence, and attitudes necessary to function as successful citizens.

We strive to provide stimulating, relevant, individualized, and challenging learning experiences in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.

Our school endeavors to use the natural and human resources found in our rural community to enhance our curriculum.

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Principal: Dave Searcy

Summerland Secondary School Newsletter

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

NEW BLOCK SCHEDULE WOULD SEE FOUR BLOCKS A DAY AND LUNCH HOUR CHANGE

The staff at Summerland Secondary School has voted to move away from our five block day to a four block day for the next school year. Presently we have

three periods in the morning and two in the afternoon.

The proposed change would see the school have three blocks in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Should the change take place there will be some changes to the times that the blocks begin and end and will necessitate changes to the lunch hour.

There would be no change in the amount of time students would be spending in classes over the year although there would be fewer transitions.

Before this decision or any

changes are finalized we will be looking for feedback from our students and our parents.

This change was introduced at our January PAC Meeting and there will be more information at the February PAC Meeting and in the February/March Newsletter.

If you have any questions at this time please contact Mr. Searcy.

We will be working with our PAC to arrange the best process for getting information to, and feedback from, all of you.



campus tour
coming up!



EXAM SCHEDULE: JANUARY 09

Below is our January Exam Schedule. If there is a conflict within the schedule please let your teacher and counselor know as soon as possible.

Date	Day	Session	Type	Location	Time		
Jan 26	Monday	English	12	Provincial	SSS Gym	9:00am	12:00am
		French	11	School	Rm 41	9:00am	11:00 am
Jan 26	Monday	Mathematics	10	Provincial	Rm 17	1:00pm	4:00 pm
		Biology	11	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
		Earth Science	11	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
		Social Studies	9	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
Jan 27	Tuesday	English	10	Provincial	Rm 40	9:00am	12:00am
		French	12	Provincial	Rm 41	9:00am	12:00am
		Communications	12	Provincial	Rm 25	9:00am	12:00am
		Communications	11	School	SSS Gym	9:00am	11:00 am
		English	11	School	SSS Gym	9:00am	11:00 am
		Science	9	School	SSS Gym	9:00am	11:00 am
Jan 27	Tuesday	Social Studies	11	Provincial	SSS Gym	1:00pm	4:00pm
		History	12	Provincial	SSS Gym	1:00pm	4:00pm
		Law	12	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
Jan 28	Wednesday	Science	10	Provincial	SSS Gym	9:00am	12:00am
		Civics	11	Provincial	SSS Gym	9:00am	12:00am
		English	9	School	Rm 40/41	9:00am	11:00 am
Jan 28	Wednesday	Mathematics	12	Provincial	Rm 45	1:00pm	4:00pm
		Mathematics	11	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
Jan 29	Thursday	Biology	12	Provincial	Rm 40	9:00am	12:00am
		Physics	11	School	SSS Gym	9:00am	11:00 am
		Spanish	11	School	SSS Gym	9:00am	11:00 am
		Social Studies	10	School	SSS Gym	9:00am	11:00 am
Jan 29	Thursday	Psychology	12	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
		Chemistry	11	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
		French	10	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
		Spanish	9	School	SSS Gym	1:00pm	3:00pm
Jan 30	Friday	Geography	12	Provincial	Rm 44	9:00am	12:00am
Jan 30	Friday	Chemistry	12	Provincial	Rm 45	1:00pm	4:00pm

A little of everything from everyone...



Never doubt
yourself or
your
abilities for
belief and
faith move
mountains

FIELD HOCKEY

Shannon Parker and Allyssa Hooper have made the Regional Select U16 girls field hockey team which will be one of 6 teams vying for the U16 provincial championship.

SOCCER

Girl's soccer teams (A and B) will begin playing indoor soccer in February. Anyone looking for more information can contact Katy Clarke. We already have 44 girls signed up for try-outs. We are hosting our home tournament April 9 and 10 (leading into Easter weekend).

SOYSA – YOUTH SOCCER

If your child wants to play soccer this Spring, registration deadline is Feb. 2, 2009. Forms can be downloaded:

www.soyso.net

If anyone wishes to become a soccer referee – minimum age requirement is 12.

Want to get a bit of soccer in before Spring, register for our in-door soccer programs starting in January

For more information on any of our programs, please visit our website or call 460 0133.

JAPANESE STUDENTS

We will be receiving 2 new Japanese students in January, Ayana Nagata and Kyoko Nakahashi.

GRAD 2009

School Leaving Fees are now due for all graduating students. The fee is \$110 and can be paid in two installments of \$55 due November 1st and March 1st. This fee is in part to cover costs of grad caps &

gowns, the after ceremony reception, dance and group photo.

GRADE 11 CAMPUS TOUR

The Grade 11 Campus Tour is starting to be organized. This trip is offered to all or any Grade 11 students at SSS. The approximate cost of the trip is \$270.00 per student for the 3 day trip. This covers accommodation, transportation (inc. ferry), 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Last year we toured SFU, UBC, UVic, and BCIT. We stayed at the first year residences at SFU, so students get a good feel as to what life at a university or college is like. Mr. Russil, Ms. Verrier, and Mr. Northcote are organizing the trip which is planned for mid May. Information is coming out soon.

DR. LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME?

Four of our grade 12 students (Natasha Perry-Fagant, Tyler Laplante, Shana Girard and Genni Delaquis) along with 30 other students from Lower Mainland, are preparing for a two-week humanitarian trip to Senegal, West Africa. In preparation, these students have been taking a course called World Perspectives and have been busy fund-raising.

Several Grade 11 and 12 students are presently applying for bursaries to attend intensive five-week Summer French Immersion programs offered in various French speaking communities in Eastern Canada.

4SI (SSS Students Involved) is a registered non-profit society recently created by members of our staff and community. The goal of 4SI is to generate funds that will offset the cost of extracurricular activities of all SSS students and in all subject areas...sports, academics, applied skills and the arts.

CAREER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

ACE IT Trades Dual Credit Programs

ACE IT programs provide:

- Registration in the BC Apprenticeship system
- Credit for the first level of apprenticeship technical training
- High School graduation course credits

Programs are scheduled to allow students to participate during one or more semesters of their grade 11 or 12 years.

ACE IT Programs are tuition free for secondary students!

Program	Start Date	End Date	Application Date	Location
Welding C	Feb. 9, 2009 Aug. 2010	July 24, 2009 Jan. 2011	Sept. 30, 2008 Feb. 2010	Penticton
Residential Construction (Carpentry)	Feb. 2, 2009 Feb. 2010	Aug. 29, 2009 Aug 2010	Sept. 30, 2008 Sept 2009	Penticton/ Summerland
Electrical	Aug. 10, 2009 Feb 2011	Jan. 29, 2010 July 2011	March 1, 2009 Sept 2010	Penticton
Plumbing	Feb. 2010 Aug 2011	July 2010 Jan 2012	Sept 30, 2009 Feb 2011	Penticton
Hairdressing (In partnership with the Penticton School of Hair)	Feb. 2, 2009 Feb. 2010	FULL Jan. 2011	Sept 30, 2010	Penticton

Okanagan College Kelowna campus based programs in other trades are also available to secondary students.

ACE IT programs require full time attendance for a minimum of one semester. Students should consult with their school counselor and Career Centre to plan for completion of all graduation requirements.

Additional information on ACE IT programs is available at:

www.sd67careers.ca

www.itabc.ca

Contact your school Career Centre or David Kalaski at 250-770-7752 / dkalaski@summer.com

PASSPORT TO EDUCATION

PASSPORT TO EDUCATION PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS

The Passport to Education Program recognizes and rewards student achievement in Grades 10 to 12 in a broad range of academic and non-academic areas according to guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education. The intent of the program is to motivate all students to study consistently during the years leading to graduation, and to encourage secondary school students to pursue further education through post-secondary institutions and job-training programs. Passport awards are used to assist students with tuition towards their post-secondary education and/or job training programs.

General Criteria

For Grade 10 and 11 stamps (each worth \$250):

1. Two-thirds of the weighting must be on the academic component - on a student's course grades - the best five provincially authorized courses and/or BAA (Board/Authority authorized) courses, (locally developed courses should not be included). We take the best mark (school mark, or combined school and provincial). Work experience, withdrawn, adapted/modifieds are not included.
2. One-third of the weighting should recognize the non academic components such as effort, work habits, citizenship and school/community involvement.
3. A student does not have to graduate to earn a Grade 10 and/or Grade 11 stamp.

For Grade 12 stamp (worth \$500):

1. Two-thirds of the weighting must be on the academic component – on a student's course grades – the best five provincially authorized courses and/or BAA (Board/Authority authorized) courses, (locally developed courses should not be included). We take the best mark (school mark, or combined school and provincial). Work experience, withdrawn, adapted/modifieds are not included.
2. One-third of the weighting should be based on a student's Graduation Transition Standards, also recognizing effort, work habits, citizenship and school/community involvement.
3. A student must be a graduate to receive the Grade 12 stamp.

Optional Provincial Exams – When Grade 12 students have written Provincial Exams that are optional these exams will only be counted when they improve on a student's course mark.

In the event of a tie a meeting of the grades teachers will be called and a decision will be arrived at.

Notification and Distribution

Those students (and their parents/guardians) who have received Passport Awards will be notified through the mail by September 15th. Graduates who have received Passport Awards in any of the three years will receive their awards/booklets in the mail at that same time.

SSS APEX SKI TRIPS

Two “down hill” ski trips to Apex Mountain Resort have been organized for February 2009. These trips are all day “extracurricular” activities. Students who choose to participate must pay a fee for transportation (SD67 School Bus) and for a mandatory lesson. The dates and details are listed below.

Grade 9 Ski Trip: Thursday, February 5, 2009

students must complete all travel documentation and pay the fee by Tuesday, January 27

Grade 10/11 Ski Trip: Thursday, February 26, 2009

students must complete all travel documentation and pay the fee by Tuesday, February 17

Cost:

Option A: Mandatory Bus + Mandatory Lesson =.....(\$25.00)

Option B: Mandatory Bus + Mandatory Lesson + Lift Ticket =(\$35.00)

Option C: Mandatory Bus + Mandatory Lesson + Lift Ticket + Rental =.....(\$50.00)

The bus leaves SSS at 8:00 am and will return to SSS at 5:00 pm.

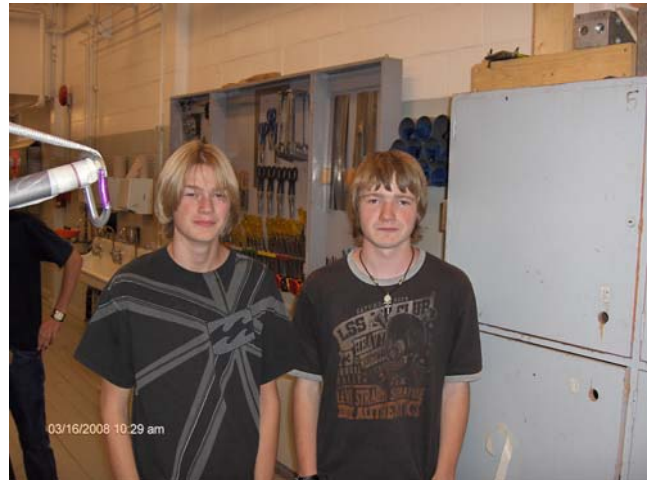
Paper Crane Contest Winners!

The winners of this year's contest were Allen Wiens and Joseph Wood.

Problem: To design and build an arm/lever at least 30 cm long. That will support at least 1 kg for at least 30 seconds. The arm cannot sag more than 5cm. The end of the arm must be designed to have a carabineer attached no more than 3 cm from the end of the arm.

Materials: 8 feet of masking tape
10 pages of newspaper

These amazing young designers built an arm that supported just over 3 kilograms.



<http://sd67.bc.ca/schools/sss/>

Check out
SSS
Website

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Improving achievement of all students

Our Goals
To improve students' success by enhancing our grade 9 transition program. To improve students' transitions and success in completing school. To improve students' success in reading.

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Vice Principal [Doug MacDonald](#)

HOME

School Calendar
[Click calendar to view all the events at SSS](#)



- Administration
- Departments
- Grad Parent Committee
- PAC 2008-2009
- Staff Email
- Drama Productions
- Good Will Shakespeare
- Teacher Websites
- School Photo Albums
- Provincial Exam Schedule
- Counsellors

School Happenings

-->Dry Grad 2009 Nester's Market Fundraiser. Donate your Nester's points in the 1st week of every month from now until June 2009. Dry Grad 2009 will then receive free groceries for all of the points that have been donated.



Chicago Feb 10th-14th & 18th-21st

JANUARYE



January from *The Shepherdes Calendar*. The