



# The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School

September 14th , 2022

Web site Address: [www.sd70.bc.ca/adss](http://www.sd70.bc.ca/adss)

**PARENTS** - If your student is absent or late, **please call or email** the school to report their absence. To report an absence, call the main office at 250-723-6251 or email [adss@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:adss@sd70.bc.ca). Teachers are not able to excuse students; they can only mark absent, present, or late. You may also use our school Day app to report an absent or go to our ADSS website under Contact Us.

## Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to another school year! Our start up has been fairly smooth and students are settling into the routine of classes. Our Grade 8 students are starting to feel right at home.

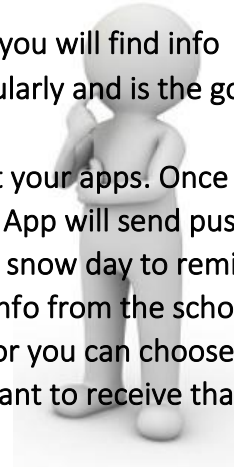
**Depending on the urgency of the information, ADSS will employ Several different mediums to get info to families.**

**HOW DO I GET  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT WHAT'S  
HAPPENING AT  
ADSS?**

## GRAPEVINE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

The Grapevine newsletter is one of our primary ways of keeping parents up to date on info and events at the school. The costs associated with printing 1200 copies of this newsletter are substantial. The first newsletter is sent to all parents, however, if you wish to discontinue receiving the Grapevine, please email our secretary Natalia Mowat: [nmowat@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:nmowat@sd70.bc.ca) or call the school 250-723-6251 Ext 2401 and ask to have your name removed from our mailing list. Be sure to state which student you are connected to.

- Email – We maintain email lists for both parents and students and will send notifications to both as appropriate
- Facebook – ADSS and the ADSS PAC are the two pages where you will find info
- Website – <http://adss.sd70.bc.ca> Our website is updated regularly and is the go-to spot to find forms, documents, and letters to the school community
- My School Day App – This App can be found wherever you get your apps. Once downloaded, it can be customized to ADSS. The importance to parents is that the App will send push notifications about anything happening at the school, everything from notice of a snow day to reminder of PAC meetings. It's a handy tool that will send as much or as little info from the school as you choose. You can choose to only receive the default information feed, or you can choose to subscribe to specific channels on the app (example: Grad or Band) if you want to receive that info too. See the info sheet about the app at the end of this newsletter.



## Important Information

## FORMS THAT HAVE BEEN SENT HOME requiring parent/guardian review and signature:

- Student Verification forms
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Ancestry Self-Declaration
- Information Technology Service Agreement
- Student Release Forms (Grade 8's only)

Please have a look for, sign, and return these forms as quickly as possible. If your student did not bring these forms home to you, please ask your student about them or come into the main office to pick new copies.



Demographic forms have been handed out to students – please make sure that the info is checked and signed by a parent/guardian. These need to be returned to the ADSS main office as soon as possible so we can ensure we have the most accurate records for our students & families.

Thanks for your help!

## A NOTE about Demographic Change Forms:

Each year we send home a printed copy of each student's demographics and ask that parents review and update this information so that the school has the most up to date contact info. Having correct information on file is critical this school year as we need to be able to reach parents/guardians in the case of illness or emergency. These forms have already been sent home and should be SIGNED and returned as soon as possible.

### STUDENT RELEASE FORM Explained:

In the event of emergency or disaster, this form documents the wishes of the parent or guardian relating to the release of their child if we have the need for a CONTROLLED RELEASE. If your position has changed or you are unsure if you completed this form, please come to the main office to complete a new STUDENT RELEASE FORM.

Please ensure to READ and fill out the form entirely.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 14 – Band Instrument Rental 3-6pm

Sept 15 - Photo Day

Sept 19 - Pro Day

Sept 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day Stat

# CAREER CORNER



ADSS Career Centre  
@CareerADSS  
adsscarrercentre



## PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

### What does the Career Centre have to offer me?

#### Youth WORK in Trades - Grades 10,11,12

##### *Secondary School Apprenticeships*

This program allows you to earn up to 16 credits toward graduation if you are interested in or currently working in one of the over 100 apprenticeship areas like: welding, cooking, auto mechanics, plumbing, and electrical. Visit [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca) to see more options. See Mr. Freethy or Mrs. Brooks for more info about this program

#### Work Experience—Grades 10,11,12

The WEX 12A & WEX 12B courses can allow you to receive 4 credits per course towards graduation for work experiences that are related to your career pathway. See Mr. Parmar if you are interested or want more info

#### Youth TRAIN in Trades - Grade 12's (sometimes Grade 11's)

##### *Apprenticeship Technical Training*

**During school hours** - This is a program that will allow you to take your first-year trades training such as: Electrical, Automotive, Welding, Professional Chef, Cabinet Making, Plumbing, and more at post-secondary institutions.

#### Dual Credit Certificate Programs - Grade 12's (sometimes Grade 11's)

This is a full-time program that students can take during their grade 12 year. Include Early Childhood Care and Education, Health Care Assistant, and Human Service Worker. Program schedule is set by NIC and may include day-time, afternoon, or evening courses.

#### Academic Dual Credit Programs with North Island College in your Grade 12 year.

This opportunity allows you to take first year transferrable University courses at NIC while you are enrolled at ADSS. **(Your tuition is covered by the School District.)** Options may include English, Sociology, Psychology, Criminology or Business courses during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (PM).

#### Emergency Medical Responder Course – Grade 12 (sometimes Grade 11's)

This Academic Dual Credit course is offered through a partnership between SD70 and the Justice Institute of British Columbia. This course takes place within the timetable at ADSS in 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester and will be delivered within the regularly scheduled timetable.

#### VARIOUS JOB AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Brooks has two books on her desk with opportunities for our students. Check with her regularly if you are interested.

**Hello from NIC and welcome back to a new school year!**

For students thinking about post-secondary options, come see what North Island College has to offer. Program information can be found at <https://www.nic.bc.ca/programs/>. Select a program page and join our email list to receive program updates.

Student advisors can help. Email [jana.devito@nic.bc.ca](mailto:jana.devito@nic.bc.ca) or call 250-724-8735.

**Be ready!** NIC applications for the 2023/2024 academic year will open **Oct 1, 2022**. Apply early to better your chances of getting a seat in your chosen program. Students do not need to meet admission requirements to apply.

A green, multi-pointed starburst graphic with a black arrow pointing from its left side towards the text below.

FROM THE ADSS MUSIC  
DEPARTMENT



Band Instrument Rental will be Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm outside at the front of ADSS

September 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Sweater orders for uniform due (form is on our website: [www.adssmusic.weebly.com](http://www.adssmusic.weebly.com)) and the cost is \$50 which can be given to Mr.Kynoch by cash or cheque (made out to ADSS Band). Please bring in an envelope with first and last name on it.

For the most current information and deadlines check our website at: [www.adssmusic.weebly.com](http://www.adssmusic.weebly.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram and/or Facebook **@adssmusic**

Josh Kynoch, Co-Director of Music

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# ADSS CLUBS/GROUPS



## THE BREAKFAST CLUB

**IS OPEN to all students from 8am-8:30 daily. This is in Activity Room 2.**

### SAFE Club

Thursdays at lunch in Room 218, Ms. Ozzie's classroom

Student Allies for Equality is a student-led club for LGBT+ students and allies  
-SAFE creates and organizes events, activities, and fundraisers  
-SAFE is an open environment for students to talk and express themselves without judgement.  
Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend

## WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday at lunch Carrie & Marla, the ADSS Wellness Workers will be in the Breakfast Club room.

- Wellness Activities
- Guest Speakers
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Connection
- Resources

If you have any questions stop by Marla & Carrie's offices or email us  
[cthorpe@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:cthorpe@sd70.bc.ca)  
[mkjernisted@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:mkjernisted@sd70.bc.ca)

ADSS Wellness @adss\_wellness





## ADSS eSports club

Mr. Gaucher is looking for 5 or more League of Legends players to play and compete this year!

Opportunities for competitions, coaching, tournaments and scholarships!

email [rgaucher@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:rgaucher@sd70.bc.ca) if interested to sign up



**STUDENT  
COUNCIL –  
Everyone Welcome**

**Meets every Friday from 12:27-1:22 (After the Tutorial Block) in room #218 (Ms. Ostwald's Classroom) EVERYONE WELCOME**

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

ALREADY KNOW AND WANT A SPACE TO WORK?

COME CHECK OUT STITCHES CLUB

When: Thurs @ LUNCH

Where: 246 Gallagher's Room



EVERYONE  
AND ALL SKILLS  
WELCOME



MAKE YOURSELF A TOQUE OR ONE TO GIFT



**Robotics  
Club coming  
soon. Stay  
tuned for  
more  
details.**

# SPORTS TEAMS



**Fall Practices will run  
Wednesday from 3:30-  
5:00 starting October  
5<sup>th</sup> – if you have  
questions see Ms Tuomi  
in Room 116 or Mr Hall  
in Room 222**

# Alberni District Secondary School



**2022 Yearbook  
\$55 each**



Purchase your copy online  
with credit card or PayPal

<http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/300700>

Student Name:	
Grade:	
Phone #:	

\*Please use a separate form for each yearbook purchased:

**If not ordering online, please complete this form and bring your cheque (payable to ADSS) or cash \$\$ to Mr. Roberts - Room #250**

Cash <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>	Name on Cheque:	Home phone:
Date:		Email Address:	

**Capture your High School memories - order your copy today!**

**\*\*All orders are final.  
Refunds are not available\*\***

**ORDER**  **YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

## Calling all photographic superstars!

We need your help! Do you have an interesting photo to share of our school or community?



**STUDENTS & ADSS COMMUNITY** – the Friesen's **UPloadIt App** is now live! You can now send photos straight from your phone to **ConnectMe** for the yearbook team to use in the **2023 ADSS Yearbook** quickly and easily. All photos will be approved by the Yearbook Admin before being considered by the team.

Download the app today from your app store  
**the school project code for ADSS is 291705**

**\*\*NOTE – IF YOU DOWNLOADED THIS APP LAST YEAR, YOU NEED TO  
UPDATE IT WITH THE NEW PROJECT CODE FOR THE 2023 YEARBOOK\*\***

## **Welcome from ADSS Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

From one set of parents to another....Welcome!

Your child has made the transition to High School which can be both an exciting time and a time full of questions and uncertainties. The ADSS Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of parents and guardians who come together once a month for support, information and to decide how best to allocate grant funds to student clubs and organizations.

We'd love to see you at our **next PAC meeting** held on **Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the ADSS office**. We will also have a zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. This meeting is our AGM where we will fill positions and vote on a proposed budget to allocate our funds.

These monthly meetings are open and available to EVERY parent/guardian of an ADSS student. The meetings provide an opportunity to connect with other parents and school administration to hear about what is happening in the school and to ask any questions you may have (thanks to the updates by the Principal).

In addition, parents can lend their voice to decision making around how to allocate PAC funds that best support the ADSS student body.

For more information, stay connected via the **ADSS PAC Facebook page** or email [\*\*adsspac@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:adsspac@gmail.com) to receive invites & updates.

We hope to see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

**ADSS App:**


## My School Day

*Quick Start for Students and Parents*

Spring 2020

### 1. Download the app

You can find the app - **it's free to download!** - on the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) on your phone by

- Searching in the store for "My School Day"
- Going to <https://myschoolday.app/download> in the browser on your phone
- Using the QR or snap codes below



Make sure to allow it to receive notifications when asked - the school will use them to send out important reminders, information and alerts.

### 2. Select your school

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*

### 3. Subscribe to channels.

Channels let the school administration and teachers send out information specific to your classes and activities, so you get only those notifications for your classes and those of interest to the entire school. To subscribe to channels:

- Tap the menu icon at the bottom left
- Select "Select Channels" from the menu
- Tap the checkbox for the channels you are interested in
- Tap on the "Done" button.

**Remember to check back regularly for new channels** that your teachers may have added.

### 4. Enter your classes

Tap on the gear icon in the bottom right corner. Enter your class names and select colours. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities.

### 5. Access school and class links and files

The school and teachers will add links and files that provide resources to the school community such as course materials for remote learning, health advisories, and other school, district, and provincial information. To access these school-wide and channel-specific resources: To subscribe to channels:

- Tap the menu icon at the bottom left
- Select "Files and Links" from the menu.

Remember to check back regularly for new resources that your teachers may have added.