

BARRIERE SECONDARY COUGAR NEWS



What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, September 8

- Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, September 9

- TNT Grade-Level Meetings

WEDNESDAY, September 10

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THURSDAY, September 11

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FRIDAY, September 12

- Student Verification Packages Due

September 8 – September 12

New Moon, August 22

Ninth Moon

Peltspántsk
mid summer month

Upcoming Dates

- September 8 Meet the Teacher BBQ (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- September 12 Student Verification Packages Due
- September 15 BSS PAC Meeting – Library 5:00 pm
- September 22 Pro-D Day (No school for students)
- September 26 Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
- October 3 Photo Day

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re tmicws re Simpcw n7élye.**

**Acknowledge that we are on
the territory of the
Secwepemc Nation,
specifically the territory of the
Simpchw People.**

Cafeteria Menu

Monday

- Club House w/ Veg or Mac and Cheese w/ Wieners

Tuesday

- Perogies w/ Sausage or Greek Wrap

Wednesday

- Quesadilla w/ Spanish Rice or Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Biscuit

Thursday

- Nachos or Chicken Caesar Wrap

Friday

- Pulled Pork and Coleslaw or BLT

Welcome back Cougar Families!

We are incredibly excited for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year. The first week went so well and students are beginning to settle into their routines. We have several new staff joining us this year and over the next few weeks we will share staff profiles with you so you can get to know them better. It is going to be an amazing year.

Sign-ups for fall extra curricular athletics are in the office. Please have your child stop by to sign-up if they are interested in participating.

Camp Cougar

We had another great Camp Cougar yesterday. Students had opportunities to check in with friends, build relationships, meet new BSS staff members, and enjoy a hog dog lunch. It was great day.



BSS Personal Device Policy

Please speak with your child prior to them coming on Tuesday about the [BSS Digital Device Usage Policy](#). While the official language is below, what it means is that personal devices, such as cell phones are not to be used during class time. Phones must be stored in their lockers during class time.

At Barriere Secondary School we believe that the foundations of a safe, caring, and welcoming school environment are fostered and maintained through a focus on inclusivity and equity-focused education implemented and supported through a progressive continuum of supports.

Welcome Back BBQ

Barriere Secondary School



Cougars

Welcome Back & Meet the
Teacher BBQ



Monday, September 8, 2025



5:00 pm - 7:00 pm by the soccer field

Please come join us for hot dogs and burgers!

Meet your BSS PAC members!

We are excited to see everyone! 🎉

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will be open on Thursday, September 4. Cash is accepted or you may purchase your child(ren) lunch cards through the [SchoolCash](#) Online system.

Breakfast Program

The **Free** Breakfast Program has started. For those new to BSS, every weekday from 8:00 am – 8:25 am all students can enjoy a free breakfast.

Course Change Requests

If a course change is needed for Graduation or Post-Secondary requirements, or due to incorrect course assignment, please request an appointment. Continue attending your original classes until you have completed the processes the change.

Lost and Found Items

If students have misplaced clothing or personal items they will be placed on the table at the entrance to the school where students and families can collect the items. If you happen to be in the school, please have a look. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store these items for long periods of time. We will periodically be packaging unclaimed items and donating them to charity.

FEES and SchoolCash

Grade 7 / 8 School fees will be available online today; all other student's fees will be posted soon.

Starting September 2025 individual student fees (enhancement fees for field trips and athletics for example) will include a processing fee for all payment transactions using online payment options. This processing fee, which was approved by the Board after the budget consultation process last spring, represents actual costs the Board incurs for using online fee payment services. Cash and cheque payments will not incur this processing fee. We recognize that fee increases can be challenging for families. School District 73 is committed to ensuring that no student is excluded from an educational program or activity or extracurricular activity because of financial need as outlined in the District's Administrative Procedure 506: Student Financial Assistance.

Barriere Secondary School - Schedule of School Fees 2025-2026

School Fee invoices are distributed to students
September 2025 for Semester 1 and February 2026 for Semester 2

Please note that paying online has a processing fee (on average 5%) incorporated in the cost to be paid online, which was approved by the Board after the budget consultation process last spring. These represent true transaction fees charged by the District's processing platform.

Payments made to the school by cash or cheque should be submitted at the lower amount specified below.
Kindly ensure payments are made in the exact amount, as no change can be provided.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE - \$10.75 online / \$10.00 cash or cheque

Charged to ALL students for supplies to support general school activities over the school year.

LOCK RENTAL - \$6.50 online / \$6.00 cash or cheque

Charged to ALL students. Students will be assigned a lock by the school at the beginning of the year and will be expected to return the lock at the end of each year until they leave the school. Students are required to use the lock provided by the school.

GRAD FEES - \$89.00 online / \$85.00 cash or cheque

Charged to Grade 12 graduating students includes: Lifetouch grad photo sitting fee, grad gown rental, souvenir hat & tassel, souvenir grad photo composite in folder and other grad incidentals.

YEARBOOK-OPTIONAL FEE - \$42.00 online / \$40.00 cash or cheque

Optional fee to pre-order the school yearbook and keep those GREAT school memories!

FEE SCHEDULE FOR COURSE ENHANCEMENTS

The following Fee Schedule represents maximum amounts that would be charged in each of the classes. The items listed are descriptions of consumables for courses, with more specific details to be given within the course outline from the classroom teacher.

Mosaic	online	Cash Cheque	Technology Education	online	Cash Cheque
Mosaic 7 and 8 Supplies for ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technology) activities including wood, art supplies and groceries	\$31.50	\$30	Art Metal 10-12 Metal, casting, supplies, gas, solvents, fasteners, welding/brazing consumables, abrasives and jewelry supplies	\$47.25	\$45
Visual Arts			Metalwork 9-12 Metal stock, sheet metal, gasses, solvents, fasteners, welding/brazing consumables, abrasives, and hearing protection	\$47.25	\$45
Art Studio 9	\$26.25	\$25	Woodwork 9-12 Wood, adhesives, fasteners, abrasives, blades, finishing products, and other consumables	\$42	\$40
Art Studio 10-12	\$26.25	\$25	Skills Exploration 10-12 Building materials: lumber, plywood, fasteners, electrical supplies, and plumbing supplies	\$52.50	\$50
Photography 11	\$36.75	\$35	Information Technology 9-12	10.75	\$10
Media Design	\$21.25	\$20	Entrepreneurship and Marketing	\$5.50	\$5
Media Arts	\$10.75	\$10	Fitness and Conditioning 11-12	\$47.25	\$45
Home Economics			Human Performance 9-12	\$31.25	\$30
Food Studies 9-12 Groceries and supplies for labs	\$52.50	\$50.00			
Textiles 8/9 For materials and associated costs	\$31.50	\$30.00			
Textiles 10-12	\$31.50	\$30.00			

Leaving Early or Reporting Absences

Under "Safe Arrival": Did you know there is a safe arrival app? This makes reporting absences that much easier! You can find more information [HERE](#).

A reminder to parents that ALL absences/ lates /early dismissals should be recorded on our Safe Arrival system prior to 8:30 am on the day of the absence/ late / dismissal (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known). Please review [THIS](#) link for more information and instructions.

BSS Bell Schedule for the 2025/2026 School Year

The [bell schedule](#) for the 2025/2026 school year will be changed slightly from this year. The start end times for the day will remain the same but there will now be two blocks before lunch and two after lunch. This change will allow for lunch to take place earlier in the day, hopefully helping to ensure students have better access to food throughout the day.

TIME	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
8:25 A.M.	Warning Bell		
8:30 - 9:48	A	C	D
9:48 - 10:04	16 Min LONG BREAK		
10:04 - 11:22	B	B	B
11:22 - 12:19 (warning 12:14)	LUNCH		
12:19 - 1:37	C	D	A
1:37 - 1:43	BREAK		
1:43 - 3:01	D	A	C
3:01	DISMISSAL		



Barriere Secondary School Learning Goals 2025-2026



Engagement Foster student connection and care by engaging all educational community members.

Mental Health Create a school environment that supports positive mental health.

Culture Foster a safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive school culture.

For more information please check out the Barriere Secondary School Learning Plan at the following [LINK](#).

Wednesday September 17th

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SOCIAL SPORTS COMMUNITY EVENT

SEPTEMBER 17TH

McDonald Park
3:30 - 5:30 pm

Basketball, Soccer, Pickleball, Self Defense class,
Face Painting and More!

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/CC-SocialSportsEvent>

For more information email Angie: angie@kcris.ca

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Admin Message

Dear Barriere Secondary School Community,

Please come join us for a burger or hotdog between 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Monday, September 8 for our Welcome Back Community BBQ.

It has been a great first week at Barriere Secondary. See you all next week. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Andres Ruberg
Vice-Principal

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Principal