



## Brocklehurst Secondary School

**Principal:** Ms. Tonya Perry

**Vice Principals:** Mr. Mike Johnson, Ms. Erin Khelouiati

**Counsellors:** Ms. Reddeman and Mr. Kevin Chow

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## February/March 2026

### What is happening at Brock?

Feb 17	Blocks change to CD AB
Feb 18	Power + STRONG Block Course Selection Week starts
Feb 23	Core Competency week for Blocks A & B   Grad Retakes
Feb 25	Power + STRONG Block
Mar 2	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
Mar 3	Gr 8 – 4W6 Starts
Mar 4	Power + STRONG Block
Mar 11	Power + STRONG Block
Mar 14-29	<b>Spring Break</b>
Mar 30	<b>PAC Meeting</b>
Apr 1	Power + STRONG Block
Apr 2	<b>Parent Teacher Conferences</b> 1:30pm to 3:30pm and 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Apr 3	Good Friday

### Brock's Block Rotation:

This is our block rotation for Semester 2.

Day 1 – AB CD

Day 2 – BA DC

Day 3 – CD AB

Day 4 – DC BA

### What is Power Block? – New this year!

On Wednesday, we have a unique bell schedule. After 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> block, we have Power Block which is 22 minutes in length. During Power Block students have an opportunity to review course work, complete missing work and/or homework, seek feedback from their teacher, silent read, or complete course work from other classes. Power Block was designed to help all students stay caught up in their course work and strengthen their academic progress within their classes. Students remain in class during Power Block.

### What is Strong Block for?

STRONG Block runs from 2:17 to 3pm on Wednesdays. STRONG Block is **mandatory** for students who have been referred to the block from their classroom teacher. STRONG Block has been designed to support students who are missing curricular competencies due to illness, absences, sports events etc. Students who are referred work in the library with the support of CEAs, TTOCs and Administration to complete the necessary class assignments. Teachers will contact home via email and/or phone call if they are referring your student to STRONG block.

Any students can utilize STRONG block time as a study block/homework completion time. All other students are dismissed at 2:17pm and are expected to head home during this time.

STRONG Block supports all students to keep up with their course work. Attendance is important in a semester system, and our goal is to support all students to achieve academic success.

### Our Bell Schedule

Brock Secondary has 2 different bell schedules. Our regular bell schedule is for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, we have a different bell schedule to allow time for our STRONG block.

### Brock Secondary School Regular Bell Schedule for Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

8:31 – 9:49	1 <sup>st</sup> Block
9:49 – 10:08	Break
10:08 – 11:26	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block
11:26 – 12:19	Lunch
12:19 – 1:37	3 <sup>rd</sup> Block
1:42 – 3:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Block

## Attendance Matters:

### Why Worry About Chronic Absenteeism?

**From A Toolkit for Raising the Attendance Rates** produced by First Nations Education Steering Committee

- Students who regularly miss school receive fewer hours of instruction, often leading to lower grades ... further, each absence, whether excused or unexcused, leaves students further and further behind, leading to the potential for more absences.
- Chronic absence has shown to be associated with a greater chance of students being involved in problematic behaviours outside of school.
- Below is an excerpt from page 8 of the article:

### Brock Secondary School Bell Schedule for Wednesday

8:31 – 9:28	1 <sup>st</sup> Block
9:28 – 9:50	Power Block
9:50 – 10:07	Break
10:07 – 11:04	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block
11:04 – 11:26	Power Block
11:26 – 12:14	Lunch
12:19 – 1:16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Block
1:20 – 2:17	4 <sup>th</sup> Block
2:17 – 3:00	STRONG Block/PLC Time

#### When is Break Time?

We have **one** Break each day between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Block. Students need to be mindful of transition times so they arrive on time and prepared for class.

#### How to report a planned absence or a late?

Please use our [SafeArrival](#) Program to excuse your child's absence when there are planned absences.

- ▶ In these, and many other ways, absenteeism can become a cycle



- ▶ Evidence shows a strong correlation between poor attendance and the possibility that a student will drop out of school before completing their secondary education, leaving affected students more likely to become long-term unemployed, homeless, caught in the poverty trap, dependent on welfare, and involved in the justice system.<sup>2</sup> Studies have shown that by 9th grade, students' chances of graduating from high school drop by 20 percentage points for every week of school they miss.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Balfanz and Byrnes, 2012; Center for Mental Health in Schools at UCLA, 2008; Danielson, 2002; Rothman, 2001; Virginia Department of Education, 2005

<sup>3</sup> Jordan, 2019

<sup>4</sup> Balfanz and Byrnes, 2012; Epstein and Sheldon, 2012; Centre for Mental Health in Schools at UCLA, 2008; Danielson, 2002; Virginia Department of Education; 2005

## Course Selection Time is Almost Complete

Brock students, grade 8 through 11 completed course selections between February 16th and February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students who missed course selections, will have an opportunity to complete their course selections on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. After those dates, counsellors will work to get the remaining students caught up on their course selections. If your student is concerned about their course selections, please have them check in with Ms. Kiland in Student Services.

All students who completed course selections were sent home with a paper copy of their selections. Please review these selections with your student. You can still make changes on this sheet. The course selection sheet needs to be signed and returned this week. Students can return their course selection to the Office or Student Services.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences will be right after Spring Break on April 2nd

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. To sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences, the email will be sent home on March 12<sup>th</sup> – before Spring Break. Watch for the email.



### Semester 1 Learning Updates Published to the Portal – February 9

Learning Updates were published to the Parent Portal on Monday, February 9. This is an important Learning Update as it shows Term 2 and final letter grades for Semester 1 courses.

Students who failed a Semester 1 core courses will either need to retake the course next year or enroll in Summer School.

## Congratulations to All the Brock Students Who Receive Academic Awards!



We want to congratulate all the students who received an award for Brock Achievement, Honour Roll, Honours with Distinction, Brock STRONG and Brock Citizenship awards! Well done – keep up the hard work. We acknowledged the Semester 1 achievements of over 392 students! Please click [this link](#) if you would like to know more about the criteria for Brock's awards.

## Community Supports for Children and Youth

**Community Supports for Children & Youth Drop-In Event** taking place on:

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

☐ **4:00 – 6:00 PM**

📍 **Henry Grube Education Centre**

This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community partners to **showcase the programs, activities, and supports** they offer to children, youth, and families across our district. Attendees will be able to explore a wide range of local services designed to support:

- Children beginning their journey into **Kindergarten**,
- **School-aged children** and their families,
- **Youth approaching adulthood**, and more.

Your participation strengthens our collective ability to **empower families** and build strong school-community connections.



**Community Supports  
for Children & Youth**

Empower Your Family with  
Community Connections!

Are you curious about community supports as your child enters kindergarten?

Would you like more information from organizations that can help support your family or school-aged child?

Are you wondering about services that may be available as your youth approaches adulthood?

February 24, 2026  
4-6pm (drop-in)  
Henry Grube Education Centre  
(245 Kitchener Crescent)

Snacks and Doorprizes!!

Learn about local programs and services designed to support your child's unique journey. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive community!

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73  
(Kamloops-Thompson)

Questions? Henry Grube Education Centre (250) 376-2266

### Principal's Message: Our Focus to Spring

To Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Students,

February flew by in a blur! It's been a tough month with the cold and flu season hitting our hallways hard, and we've definitely noticed many empty desks. With **Spring Break just three weeks away**, we will soon be approaching the halfway point of Term 3. We want to encourage everyone to finish the stretch leading up to Spring break strong. Regular attendance isn't just about grades; it's about building strong foundational skills, connecting your learning to different cross-curricular areas, building positive social-emotional skills and maintaining positive connections with friends and staff.

#### Course Selections

Most of our Grade 8 through 11 students have now selected their courses for the 2026-2027 school year.

- **Missed the deadline?** If your student was away during our course selection days, please check the "Course Selection" section above for make-up dates.

- **Future Broncs:** Our Vice Principals and Counselors are visiting our feeder schools on **February 23rd and 24th** to welcome our incoming students and get through the course selection process.
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### □ Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 2nd**. Sessions will run from:

- **Afternoon:** 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- **Evening:** 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Watch your inbox:** An email invitation to book your appointments will be sent out on **March 12th**, right before we head off for Spring Break.

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### 🎓 Graduation Assessments (April 20 – 24)

April 20 – 24 will be a "Double Block Week" to accommodate provincial assessments.

**Who needs to write?**

- **Grade 10s & 12s** currently taking Math or English this semester.
- **Any student** who missed their assessment session back in November.

**Why it matters:** To graduate, all Grade 12s must have completed their Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 assessments with a minimum score of 1. If you have questions about graduation credits, [click here](#) for the requirements.

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### 📷 Yearbooks

Don't miss out on the memories! Yearbooks arrive in June, but quantities are limited!

- **How to buy:** Use **SchoolCash Online** or pay in person at the front office. See the details below to secure your copy.
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### Commencements 2026 🎓

Brock's Commencement day is set for June 24<sup>th</sup>. Graduation updates are now being sent via the **Brock Grad Google Classroom**.

- **Action Item:** Please ensure your Grade 12 student has accepted their invite.
- **Newsletter:** A detailed Grad Newsletter was emailed earlier. If you missed it, please check your junk folder or view it on our website [here](#).

All outstanding course fees and grad fees must be paid for graduating students can pick their Commencement Cap, Gown and V-Stole. Please have all outstanding fees paid by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### Athletics & Course Fees

- **Athletic Handbook:** We have updated our policies regarding player responsibilities, academic expectations, and playing time. If your child plays for a Brock team, please read the updated handbook [here](#). For questions, contact our Athletic Director, **Ashley Lowndes**.
  - **Fees:** Please check that all Semester 1 and 2 fees (including Academy or Athletic fees) are paid. These fees are vital for providing materials, referees, and coaching etc.
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*We encourage you to take a few minutes to read through the entire newsletter—it's full of valuable information!*

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### Our Vision

At Brock Secondary, we're guided by our vision: "Through **Curiosity, Compassion, and Courage**, we strive to build meaningful connections and become our best selves." We're dedicated to providing a positive and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership!

Sincerely,  
 The Brock Admin Team, Tonya Perry, Principal; Mike Johnson, Vice-Principal; Erin Khelouiati, Vice-Principal



## Graduation Information



There are a number of fund raisers that our parent grad committee is working on. Please connect with the Brock Parent Grad Facebook page. Funds raised go towards safe grad and grad events.

### Indigenous Grad Write-Ups and Hoodie Sizes due March 6<sup>th</sup>.

If your student is Indigenous, they need to complete a grad write-up for the Indigenous Commencement Ceremony. This needs to be completed with our IEWs. Our IEWs will also be collecting hoodie sizes for the Indigenous Graduation.

## Grad Baby and Grad Photos



### Have you got your baby photo into Ms. Montgomery?

Please make sure your baby photo is a clear image. Close ups work best. No nudity.

Please drop off your baby photo to the office or email it to [jmontgomery@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:jmontgomery@sd73.bc.ca)

**Grad Fees:** Our grad fees are \$135. This fee covers the grad photo sitting fees, the cost of the cap, gown and V-Stole and the Commencement venue.

Brock's Commencement Ceremony is June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sandman Center. Please make sure you and your grad have joined the Grad Google Classroom. Ms. Erin Khelouiati sent an invite to all grade 12 students. This is where you will find the most up to date information about our Commencement ceremony and other graduation information.

## Supporting Grieving Children from ages 6-12



### CHILDREN & FAMILY GRIEF GROUP

Children ages 6-12 are invited to spend time, together with other children, while we use play and art therapy as ways to express feelings and experiences of grief and loss. Parents/Caregivers will have the opportunity to learn some ways to help support grieving children.

**8-week closed groups**  
Upcoming Start Dates

Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Thursday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm - 4:30pm



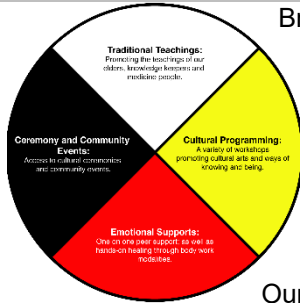
KAMLOOPS  
HOSPICE  
ASSOCIATION

Registration is required.

For more information and to register for the group contact:  
[dallas@kamloopshospice.com](mailto:dallas@kamloopshospice.com)  
 250.372.1336

Location: Cooper Community Resource Centre at Kamloops Hospice Association  
72 Whitesfield Crescent South, Kamloops BC

## Brock's Welcome Room



Brock's Welcome Room is a space where Indigenous students can connect with our Indigenous Education Workers and the different services they provide.

Our Indigenous Education Workers are Ericka Chapman [echapman@exc.sd73.bc.ca](mailto:echapman@exc.sd73.bc.ca) and Sherisse Mousseau [smousseau@exc.sd73.bc.ca](mailto:smousseau@exc.sd73.bc.ca).

Social Group has started with Peter Michel. If you would like your child to participate in Social Group, please email Ericka or Sherisse.

## Next PAC Meeting



Our next PAC meeting is Monday, March 2nd from **6:30pm to 7:30pm**

PAC hosted a Craft Fair on November 22nd. This fund raiser worked to help raise money to purchase more Chromebooks at Brock. Thank you to everyone who

came out in support!

If you are interested in renting a table for the craft fair, please contact Angela Hall – our PAC Chair.

## School Fees, Cash Online and Processing Fees - NEW



Semester 1 School fees are now due. All Academy fees are now due. There are several ways that these fees can be paid for. School fees can be paid through Cash Online or

through by cash or cheque at the office.

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.

School fees will soon be attached to your child's account. We will email all families when school fees are ready to be paid. Please look for this email to arrive soon.

## Social Studies Overseas Trip – for Grade 11 & 12's for Spring Break of 2027

Canadian War History Trip to London and France through Explorica by WorldStrides.

Mr. Braun, with the help of Ms. Lowndes, is organizing a History trip for 2027 Spring Break. If you are interested in finding out more information about the trip and the cost of the trip, please contact Mr. Braun in Room 203.

You must be a grade 11 or 12 student who has taken a grade 11 or 12 Social Studies focused course.



## Keeping the Bus Loop Clear



Our Aquatics Academy travels by school bus. If you drive your student to school, please drop off on **Windbreak Street** or in front of the yellow gates at the entrance of the school.

Please do not park or block our bus loop during school hours.

## Messages in the Office

Brock is a busy place with many meetings taking place during lunch hours and after school. Messages broadcast over the PA system will only occur at the beginning of first block. Students with messages will be listed on the TV monitor in the front lobby of the school.

Please encourage students to check the monitor regularly.

## Brock Yearbook – On Sale!

Brock is selling yearbooks this year! **There are a limited number of yearbooks ordered this year** – so don't miss out! You can purchase a yearbook through Cash Online or by bringing a cash or cheque payment to the office.

Yearbooks cost \$55.00.

If your student is interested in being part of the Yearbook club, please connect with Ms. Fauteux.

You can pay through School CashOnline or cash/cheque paid at the office.

## Reminder – Scent Reduction



This is a reminder for all students that perfumes and colognes are not to be brought to school.

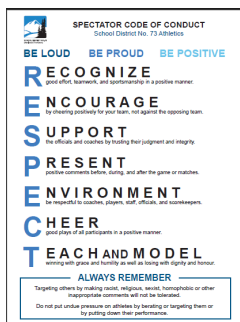
## Clubs and Lunch Hour Activities

There are a number of clubs and activities that are going on around the school! Clubs and activities will be posted on the bulletin board in the front foyer in the coming days. The following clubs are available:

- eSports with Mr. Naidu in Room 206
- Model UN with Mr. Clare in Room 119
- Debate + Diplomacy - Mr. McMullen
- Yearbook with Ms. Fauteux in Room 114 and 130
- Drama with Ms. Fairbrother in the Theatre/Cafeteria
- Iron Broncs with Mr. McLean in the Weight Room
- Music Council + Senior Jazz Band with Mr. Schill in the Band Room
- Dungeons + Dragons with Ms. Busch in Room 102
- Battle of the Books + Library Helpers with Ms. Fairbrother + Ms. Smeaton in the Library
- Jewelry Making with Mr. Fehst in Room 110
- Art Club (afterschool) with Mr. Karpluk in Room 128

**Get involved and connected with these various opportunities! All clubs are posted on the front bulletin board in the front foyer of the school.**

## Come cheer on our teams!



We are excited to have spectators cheering on our school teams this year! A reminder that if you come to cheer on our teams you must follow the Spectator Code of Conduct.

SD73 has an updated Spectator Code of Conduct. If you are coming to watch SD73 athletes play, please familiarize yourself with the code. Click [here](#).

