



# January 2026 Newsletter

## COURSE SELECTION FOR 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

It's time for students to choose their courses for next year, and we want to make sure parents and caregivers are involved in the selection process. Please sit down with your child and review the options available for next year. All of the information you need, including instructional videos can be found on our [COURSE SELECTION WEBSITE](#).

### IMPORTANT:

Course selection can only be completed through a STUDENT's MyEd account. Parents and guardians are not able to select courses for their children using their parent MyEd account.

Make your selections early! The timetable is built based on student requests and the request window is open NOW!

If you are having trouble logging into MyEd, there are trouble shooting instructions [HERE](#) or you can come to the main office.

## Important Dates

School Reopens .....	Jan 05
Gr 9 Immunizations Catch-up.....	Jan 07
Gr 12 Capstones.....	Jan 15
Numeracy-Lit Assessments.....	Jan 20-21
Grad Photos.....	Jan 20-27
Project Completion Days .....	Jan 26-27
End Term #2.....	Jan 27
Start of Semester #2/ Term #3/ Mosaic #5 begins.....	Jan 28
Non-Instructional Day—Pro-D Day & Report Cards Published.....	Feb 06
Family Day - No School.....	Feb 16
Semester 1 Awards and Rec.....	Feb 20
Pink Shirt Day.....	Feb 25
Mosaic #6.....	Mar 03

## Administration

Principal: Mr. J. Brady  
 Vice Principal: Ms. K. Dolha  
 Vice Principal: Mr. B. Tommasini

## Office Hours

Monday — Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm  
 250-374-0861

# Counselling News

## Post-Secondary Visits

TRU 1 to 1 appointments will be continuing from January to June - TBA

U of Alberta opportunity for Grade 11 students:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/admissions/events/u-of-a-getaway.html>

## Student Services

Office is open from Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

If students need assistance from their counsellor, please refer to the following list:

**Ms C. Keltie:** Grade 8 -12 (A-K)

**Ms. S. Mayoh:** Grade 8-12 (L-Z)

**Ms. J. Douglas:**  
R & H Ministry Designations  
TNT, WEX  
Recognition, Scholarships & Bursaries

## Trades & Transition (TNT)

Students who are interested in learning more about the Trades & Transition (TNT) opportunities in our school district can contact

Mrs. Joanna Douglas, Sa-Hali Secondary TNT Coordinator, by phone or email.

You can also visit the TNT website at <https://tnt.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx#>

## TRU Start Programs & Courses:

The TRU Start course [applications](#) are now available for Grade 11 students who would like to apply to take a first year university level course in their Grade 12 year. Applications are on the Sa-Hali Secondary website, the School District #73 website, the Sa-Hali Secondary newsletter in the counselling office. The application deadline is January 16, 2026. Please see Mrs. Douglas if you have any questions or need assistance with your application. Click [here](#) to view the course outline

## Discovery Day:

Applications are now open for the Discovery Day - Health Care held February 18, 2026 at TRU. This is an all day event for students in Grades 10-12 who are interested in a career in health care? Join the School of Nursing and the Faculty of Science at Thompson Rivers University for Discover Day. Explore hands-on experiences in advanced simulation labs, speak with employees from Interior Health, and familiarize yourself with the expansive career and educational opportunities in health care.

[Applications](#) are available from Mrs. Douglas in the Counselling office and on the Sa-Hali website. These applications are due to Mrs. Douglas by Feb 2, 2026.

# Student Transcripts and Upcoming Grads:

It is highly recommended that the Grade 12 students sign up for the Student Transcript Service (STS), especially if they are considering applying to post secondary opportunities for the 2026-2027 year. The transcripts are considered "interim" transcripts (in progress) throughout the school year and while you may receive "conditional acceptance" from various post secondary schools, they will expect that the final transcript is sent in July. Note: schools are **closed** in July.

To access the STS, go to the following link,

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

Once you get to the site, click on "Current student" and scroll down to the bottom of the page to set up your BCeID account, then you use the BCeID account information to log in to the STS. From there, you can send your transcript to the institution of your choice, even if you haven't sent your application yet.

You will need your Personal Education Number (PEN) in order to access the BCeID site. This number is on your student transcript and your report card. If you log into MyEd you can access it. If you are not sure how to log in to MyEd, there are instructions posted in the counselling office and there is information on our school website. You will need to update your password every 3 months. Post secondary institutions will expect that you can use their systems so log into MyEd if you haven't already. It's great practice for the future.

## [Post-Secondary Institution Selections for Upcoming Graduates](#)

Post-secondary institution selections for upcoming graduates are available through the [StudentTranscripts Service](#) website.

Upcoming graduates should be encouraged to make their post-secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [StudentTranscripts Service](#) (STS). How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the PSI and the options selected in STS. For full details, please visit the [Transcripts and Post-Secondary Selection](#) web page.

Current students can make up to 25 free PSI selections in STS. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose. All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10 each.

### **Important Reminder about authorizing select PSIs to retrieve transcript updates**

If a student's selected PSI is capable of receiving [ongoing electronic updates](#) (i.e., XML transcripts), the student should choose the second (default) option to "Send my transcript now and allow this Post-Secondary Institution to request transcript updates until the date specified below." To ensure there are no issues with their PSI application process, it is also recommended that they leave the authorization period set to the default date of one year.

### **XML Preview available for schools on the School Secure Web**

Schools have the option to preview on the [School Secure Web](#) what is currently available to an XML post-secondary institution that has been authorized by a student to receive transcript updates via XML data transfer.

### **Help Resources for Students**

## Grade 9 Immunizations:

If your grade 9 student missed the recent school vaccinations clinic, there will be a catch up session on Jan 7th, 2026. For more information or to book into a school clinic, please call the Health Unit at 250-851-7300.

## Peer Tutoring

Peer Tutoring is a program that runs every Wednesday at lunch in the Library. This is a student-referred program, i.e. students sign up by scanning the QR code on the posters located around the school. Once students scan the QR code, they will see a Google form that will ask them their name, contact information, and which course(s) they want peer tutor support in. Students will then be paired with a Peer Tutor, and they will receive support in the school library. This is a time and place where students can receive individualized attention to help them understand key concepts and ideas. Please see your school counsellor in the counselling office for more information.

PEER TUTOR QR CODE



## End of Semester 1

The last day of the first semester is quickly approaching on January 27th. It is a good idea to check in with teachers to make sure students are on track and to see if students are invited to come in on Project Completion Days.

## Graduation Photos

Grads will be able to sign up for their graduation photos by clicking [here](#). There is also a link on our website, in the Grad newsletter, and Google Classroom.





# ART THE SHOW

## You're Invited! Biannual "Big Idea" Art Exhibition

Join us for an evening celebrating the creativity and ingenuity of Sa-Hali Secondary art students.

**Date:** Thursday, January 22nd

**Time:** 6:00-7:30pm

**Location:** Sa-Hali Art room

Experience a diverse range of artworks created by students as they explored topics and artistic processes of their choice. From personal interests and cultural connections to environmental issues and mental health concerns, students have delved into many meaningful themes. The exhibition will showcase a variety of artistic techniques, including illustrations, paintings, digital art, clay sculptures, and other unique mixed media creations.

This year, the exhibition will include students from grades 9-12. The artistic range, and quality of work currently in progress is impressive!

**We look forward to sharing these inspiring works with you!**

## Sa-Hali Afterschool Art Club

In the Sa-Hali Art room from 3:15 - 5:00 pm on Wednesdays.

This club works as an open studio space for students wishing to engage creatively in self-directed Art. Supplies will be provided.

All levels and grades welcome!



# Athletics



Our basketball teams did very well in the Fulton Cup in December. Both the junior and senior boys placed 4th. The junior girls placed 2nd, and the senior girls won the tourney for the second straight year.



The wrestling season is up and running, with the first tournament running before Christmas break in Salmon Arm. Our team represented with GRIT and determination; Christian Aspinall won a gold medal in his first ever meet, and Ben Egyed and Willow Wood, both earned a bronze at the Wrestling tournament in Salmon Arm. Oliver Earle earned a top 5 finish in his weight class. Sa-Hali would like to express their gratitude to coaches Joe and Bill who volunteer their time at our school and with our athletes.

Spring sports will start training in late February or early March.

# Important

## SA-HALI IS A SCENT CONSIDERATE SCHOOL

Many students and adults are allergic to personal hygiene items, such as cosmetics, perfumes, colognes, creams, deodorants, shampoos, conditioners, hair spray and soaps.

Please see the policy [here](#) so that all employees, students, and visitors have a safe environment at Sa-Hali Secondary.

We share the air, go scent free!

## Student Fees



**Athletic fees are uploaded in SchoolCash. If you have any questions, please contact the office.**

**Paying through SchoolCash online:**

<https://sd73.schoolcashonline.com/>

Why Use SchoolCash Online?

- Convenient: Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home.
- Easy To Use: Online shopping with various payment methods
- Safe: Your child won't be carrying cash or cheques to and from school
- Saves Time: Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place
- One Account: You can manage the fees for up to 8 students at 8 different SD73 school through one account.

We understand there have been some concerns and feedback from parents regarding the district's online transaction fee rates.

After a review of the transaction fee price structure with SchoolCash Online, the District will be reducing its transaction fee rates to a 2.5% charge for online payments.

Between December 15th to January 31st, 2026, the District will be working to process refunds to families who paid online, reducing their net charge to 2.5%. These refunds will be processed to the card used to make the original payment.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this process.

# Attendance

## STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents no longer leave a message on their school's answering machine/Safe Arrival line. Our new system handles the majority of parent contact (including phone calls) when a student absence is unexpected. This also allows parents to interact directly with the system in the following ways:

- by phone when the system calls you or when you want to initiate a call to notify that your child will be absent
- by internet through a login controlled web page interface
- by a Smart phone app (iOS and Android version; both available for free)

In the preferences on the SchoolMessenger App, parents can select the style of message that they wish to receive for certain school messages. For example, parents may wish to receive a text message for a morning call (Safe Arrival) instead of a phone call.

All parents are asked to please report student absences **before 8:30 am** on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known).

**To report an absence you may choose to:**

- ◆ **Call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or**
- ◆ **Access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or**
- ◆ **Download School Messenger app from [Google Play](#) or [Apple's App Store](#)**

## How Secure Are Our Students' Passwords?

Passwords safeguard sensitive data like addresses, phone numbers, and financial details. In order to prevent identity theft, it's important make sure passwords are strong. Weak passwords can lead to unauthorized access and identity theft. This includes nefarious actions on chromebooks, so it's important to safeguard educational resources. Students with compromised passwords can lose their school work including access to their GEDU, their MyED information or use of chromebooks.

**Some information on creating strong passwords:**

- Use a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols
- "St@r7r3KNG\*" is much stronger than "startrekng"
- Avoid using personal information
- Sahali2\* is not a good password sd493029 is not a good password

**Try to use multiple passwords:**

- At minimum
- A password for personal use (personal email, nobody knows)
- A password for school/work (some might know)
- A password for gaming/streaming/etc (sites get hacked and many will know)
- Students can change their own password at: <https://password.sd73.bc.ca>
- This will change their GEDU, Email and Wifi password
- MyED passwords are changed in MyED
- @KOOL password are changed in BrightSpace
- Changing a password in Google only works for GEDU and not email or WiFi
- Linux passwords are changed on Linux Desktop



**KAMLOOPS**  
 IMMIGRANT SERVICES  
 TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER

## Winter Family Sports Nights



COME PLAY WITH US!



<https://bit.ly/CC-WinterFamilySports26>

- Wednesday Evenings
- January 7, 14, 21 & 28
- 5:30 -6:30pm
- For more info: [angie@kcris.ca](mailto:angie@kcris.ca)

## Winter Family Sports Nights!

## Make Lunar New Year Decorations!

## Cross Country Skiing

WINTER FUN ADVENTURE

# CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

WEST HIGHLANDS PARK

**REGISTER:**



<https://bit.ly/CC-CrossCountrySki2026>

📅 January, 10, 17, 23 & 31st

🕒 9:30am - 12:00pm

📍 West Highlands Park

For more info: Contact [angie@kcris.ca](mailto:angie@kcris.ca)



# LUNAR NEW YEAR DECORATION MAKING

Come and help us make decorations for our Lunar New Year Party in February! We will hang the decorations up at the office after we finish.



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/CC-JAN-26](https://bit.ly/CC-JAN-26)

JANUARY 13  
 3:30 - 5:30  
 KIS OFFICE

MORE INFO: [EMILY@KCRIS.CA](mailto:EMILY@KCRIS.CA)



## SA-HALI SECONDARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

\*This Is a dynamic document and subject to change

DATE		DAY
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
1	Labour Day	X
2	Term #1/Mosaic 1/Orientation Day	1
3		1
4		2
5	Grade-Wide Meetings	3
8		4
9	Photo Day	1
10		2
11		3
12	Terry Fox Run/BBO	4
15		1
16		2
17		3
18		4
19		1
22	Non-Instructional	X
23		2
24		3
25		4
26		1
29	Orange Shirt Day	2
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day	X
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
1	Post-Sec visit @ HGED 6-8pm	3
2		4
3		1
6		2
7	Mosaic #2	3
8		4
9		1
10		2
13	Thanksgiving	X
14		3
15		4
16	Parent/Teacher Convo (Early Dismissal)	1
17		2
20		3
21		4
22		1
23	Photo Retake Day/ U of Calgary visit 8:30-9:30	2
24	Non-Instructional	X
27		3
28		4
29		1
30		2
31		3
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
3	U of Calgary Indigenous Recruiter visit 2-3	4
4		2
5		3
6	TRU 1 on 1 appt	1
7	Indigenous Veteran's Day/End Term #1	2
10	Term #2/Mosaic #3/Remembrance Day Assemblies	3
11	Remembrance Day	X
12		4
13		1
14		2

17	Louis Riel Day	3
18		4
19	U of Alberta visit 1:15-2:15	1
20		2
21	Report Cards	3
24		4
25		1
26		2
27	I/E Meetings	3
28		4
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1	Non-Instructional	X
2		1
3		2
4		3
5		4
8		1
9		2
10		3
11		4
12		1
15	Mosaic #4	2
16		3
17		4
18		1
19	Pancake Breakfast	2
Winter Break Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
<b>JANUARY</b>		
5	School Reopens After Break	3
6		4
7		1
8		2
9		3
12		4
13		1
14		2
15	Capstones	3
16		4
19		1
20	Num+Lit Assess./Grad Photos 20-27	AABB
21	Num+Lit Assess.	CCDD
22		4
23		1
26	Project Completion	X
27	Project Completion END TERM #2	X
28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Starts TERM #3/Mosaic #5	1
29		2
30		3
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
2		4
3		1
4	Grade 9 Immunizations	2
5		3
6	Non-Instructional / Report Cards	X
9		4
10		1
11		2
12		3
13		4
16	Family Day	X

17		1
18		2
19		3
20	Semester 1 Awards/Recognition	4
23		1
24	Photo Retakes (24&25)	2
25	Pink Shirt Day	3
26		4
27		1
<b>MARCH</b>		
2	I/E Week	2
3	Mosaic #6	3
4		4
5		1
6		2
9		3
10		4
11		1
12	Parent/Teacher Convo's (Early Dismissal)	2
13		3
Spring Break Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>		
30		4
31		1
<b>APRIL</b>		
1		2
2		3
3	Good Friday	X
6	Easter Monday	X
7	Day of Suqwentwecw	4
8		1
9		2
10		3
13		4
14		1
15		2
16		3
17		4
20	End Term #3	1
21	Term #4/ Mosaic #7/ Num+Lit Assess. Double Block	AABB
22	Num+Lit Assess. Double Block	CCDD
23		2
24		3
27	Non-Instructional	X
28		4
29		1
30		2
<b>MAY</b>		
1		3
4	Report Cards	4
5	Red Dress Day	1
6		2
7		3
8		4
11		1
12		2
13		3
14	Moose Hide Day/ I/E Meeting	4
15	Non-Instructional	X
18	Victoria Day	X
19		1

20		2
21		3
22		4
25		1
26	Mosaic #8	2
27		3
28	District Honours Reception	4
29		1
<b>JUNE</b>		
National Indigenous History Month		
1		2
2		3
3		4
4		1
5		2
8		3
9		4
10		1
11	Num+Lit Assess./Catch up Week	2
12	Num+Lit Assess./Catch up Week	3
15	Indigenous Grad	4
16		1
17		2
18	Principal's List Lunch/Athletic Banquet Capstones	3
19	Capstones/National Ind. Peoples Day	4
22	GRAD	1
23	Last Day of Reg. Class	2
24	Project Completion	X
25	Project Completion End Term #4	X
26	Administrative Day Non-Instructional	X

Day 1 – A B C D  
 Day 2 – B C D A  
 Day 3 – C D A B  
 Day 4 – D A B C