



Brocklehurst Secondary School

Principal: Ms. Tonya Perry

Vice Principals: Mr. Grady Sjokvist, Ms. Erin Khelouati

Counsellors: Ms. Reddeman and Mr. Kevin Chow

Through Curiosity, Compassion and Courage, we strive to build meaningful connections and become our best selves.

November/December 2025

What is happening at Brock?

Dec 1	Professional Development Day/ In-service Day
Dec 2	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in Library
Dec 3	Power + STRONG Block
Dec 10	Power + STRONG Block
Dec 11	Snowball School Dance 5 – 7:30pm (based on ticket sales)
Dec 12	End of Grade 8 - 4W3 ends
Dec 15	Gr 8 – 4W4 Starts
Dec 17	Power + STRONG Block
Dec 19	Christmas Breakfast 7:30am to 8:30am Christmas Concert – last block
Dec 20 – Jan 4	Winter Break
Jan 5	Return to School PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
Jan 7	Power + STRONG Block

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 1st and 2nd 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 st Block
9:49 – 10:08	Break
10:08 – 11:26	2 nd Block
11:26 – 12:19	Lunch
12:19 – 1:37	3 rd Block
1:42 – 3:00	4 th Block

Brock Secondary School Bell Schedule for Wednesday

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

Attendance Matters

What Research Says About Getting to Class On-Time

Research also suggests that students who regularly arrive at school on time are generally more successful.

► Students who arrive on time do not miss the beginning of their morning classes, when important learning is taking place.

► Evidence shows that students who are not chronically late generally have higher standardized test scores, higher graduation rates, and they usually feel more connected to school, leading to fewer behaviour problems.

► Students who are regularly on-time for school are learning the importance of punctuality – a life skill that is needed for future employment and lifelong success.

► When students are on time, they do not negatively impact their teachers and other students. Late arrivals can disrupt instruction, require the teacher to reorganize lessons, and cause distractions for classmates.

Conversely, on time arrivals can help classrooms run more smoothly.

When is Break Time?

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



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

Term 1 Learning Updates – Published to the Parent Portal

Term 1 Learning Updates have been published to the MyEd Parent Portal. If you would like your student to pick-up a printed copy of their Learning Update, please click on the link that is located on our school website.

Term 2 ends on January 27th. We encourage all students to keep focused on their academics and remaining up-to-date on all course work. Reminder that STRONG block is every Wednesday. This is a perfect time to work on incomplete course work and to study for up and coming assessments!

Thank you to Velma and Patti!



We want to thank Velma and Patti for their support of our school over the past 14+ years.

Velma and Patti volunteered during Brock's lunch hours to help hand-out lunches and provide supervision in our cafeteria.

Velma and Patti supervised at Brock throughout our middle school years. Their kindness and caring of our students was greatly appreciated over the years! Thank you for your dedication to our students and school. We wish you both the very best!

Principal's Message: Focusing on Community, Connections and the Path Ahead

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians,



This year our Leadership class worked with Ms. Fairbrother, Mr. Schill, Ms. Fauteux, Ms. Chelsea, Mr. Badgero and Ms. Shannik to put together our Remembrance Day assembly. We want to thank everyone involved in putting together this year's Remembrance Day assembly. Students and staff worked hard to honour this important day.

coming planned events!

Brock students have fantastic school spirit! Halloween was a great example of school spirit. It was great to see so many students enjoying the day. We want to thank the Leadership class for organizing so many events leading up to Halloween week. Ahead are a number of Christmas/Winter school activities. Students are encouraged to listed to announcements for up and

Our Brock Music Department participated in the Kamloops Santa Claus parade this past weekend. This is an annual event for our students, and this year Brock joined with Vallevyview Secondary to create a large SD73 band! It is great to see our students out participating under the direction of Mr. Schill. Well done students! The photo below shows a bird's eye view of the collaborative band! On December 16th, please come out to our 'A Not So Silent Night' Music Department Show. This show is held at the neighbouring church located at the front of the school. The show will start at 7pm. Come enjoy a night that highlights our students' talents!



With the cooler weather, the shorter days and the flu season in full swing, it can be hard to get out of bed in the morning, to keep the academic focus and/or to keep up good attendance. We want to encourage everyone to keep focused on their learning, hands wash frequently and become active with school clubs, groups and spirit activities to keep up your energy and motivation. Entry is by donation.

Term 2 started on November 10th - we are more than half way through Semester 1. The month of December and January go by very quickly especially with the 2-week winter break, and it can be difficult to maintain the continuum of learning. Remember that we have Power Blocks and STRONG block to support students in keeping up with their course work. These blocks occur every Wednesday. Students can self refer themselves to STRONG block. Reminders: the winter break starts December 19th. We will return on January 5th. In January, we will have double blocks during January 19th through to January 23rd. Double blocks support students (grade 10 – 12) to write their Graduation Assessments. All grade 10 students who are enrolled in English and/or Math in Sem 1 must write the Numeracy and Literacy 10 Assessments. All grade 12 students who are enrolled in English 12 in Sem 1 must write the Literacy 12 assessment. During double blocks, grade 8 and 9 students who are currently in a Math class will be writing a Brock Numeracy Assessment.

We are in full swing of our winter sports season. We want to thank Ms. Lowndes for her hard work as Athletic Director helping to coordinate coaches and put together sports teams. Brock continues to build their athletic program and return to our strong traditions of being a competitive secondary school. If your student is interested in sports or has questions about school sports, please have them connect with Ms. Lowndes or Mr. Sjokvist. Ms. Lowndes is working hard to pull together a grade 9 boys Basketball team. If your student is in grade 9 and is interested in playing but missed the try-outs, please have them connect with Ms. Lowndes in the PHE office.

December 1st is a Professional Development day. Our Brock staff will be connecting with our feeder schools, George Hilliard, Parkcrest and Kay Bingham elementary schools to work on Numeracy skill development. Students will return to school on Tuesday, December 2nd. With December comes lots of school activities that celebrate the winter season. On Wednesday, December 17th, our Leadership class will be hosting a movie during lunch hour – Jim Carey's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". Students will be able to purchase tickets (\$2 if purchased in advance) for the movie later in

December. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements. On Friday, December 19th, we will be hosting our Christmas Breakfast. Students are welcome to come to school from 7:30am to 8:30am and enjoy a full breakfast to celebrate our winter break. We hope that our students will come out and enjoy our annual breakfast!

Finally, we will have a Vice-Principal administration change when we return from our winter break. Vice-Principal Grady Sjkovist will be moving onto a different school district in BC. We wish him the very best, and we will greatly miss his leadership and calm approach. Prior to our Christmas break, Mike Johnson will be coming to Brock Secondary as Vice Principal to support the remainder of our school year. We are excited to have him return to Brock and support our students and staff!

We encourage you to take a few minutes to read through the entire newsletter—it's full of valuable information!

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; Grady Sjkovist, 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.

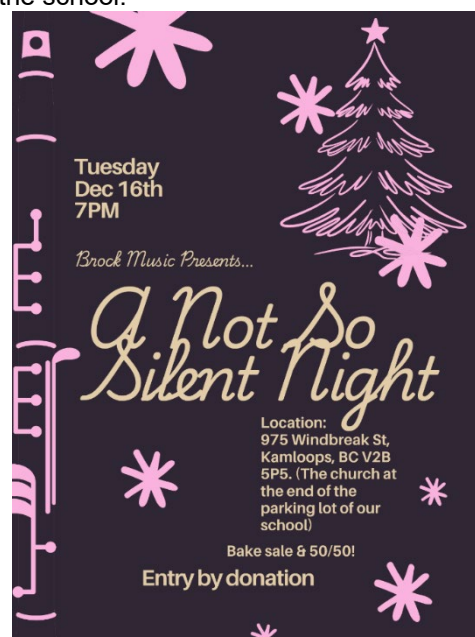


Have you got your baby photo into Ms. Montgomery?

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

Our Music Department's Winter Show

Please join our Brock Music Department's 'A Not So Silent Night' show on **December 16th** at the church in front of the school.



Beware of Locks from the Dollar Store



We tested our school locks versus locks from a dollar store. On a regular basis, the locks from the dollar store stop working or they become easy to pull apart with a strong tug. We sell locks at the school for \$10.00 each. Please invest in a good quality locker lock.

If your student is still not using a locker, please encourage them to do so. We have enough lockers for everyone. If your student cannot remember which locker is assigned to them, they can ask at the office or ask their homeroom teacher.

Grade 9 Immunizations

Public health nurses were at Brock to support provide Immunizations to our grade 9 students.

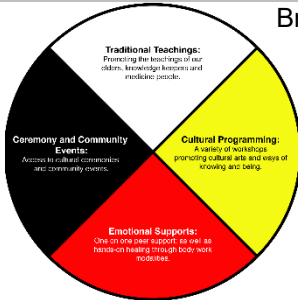
If your student missed this immunization opportunity, the public health nurse will return on **Tuesday, December 16th**.

Food Drive



Our Leadership class is focused on building and support our Brock community. We will be engaging the entire school in a food drive that will support the creation of food hampers for Brock families. If you can, we greatly appreciate your support.

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 and Sherisse Mousseau 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 **TUESDAY, December 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.



Trades and Transitions Program

Mr. Leclerc is our TNT Coordinator. Students who are interested in applying for District programs need to see Mr. Leclerc for more information.

Applications are due Dec 13th – please do not wait until the last moment to get your package complete and handed in!

Students can book an appointment to see Mr. Leclerc through our counselling office. Mr. Leclerc will connect with students on Tuesdays and Thursdays during C Block.

It is never too soon to start planning for one of these opportunities. Click [here](#) to see all the programs that SD73 offers.



What does our Cafeteria Offer? - New

Parfaits of yogurt, fruit and granola - \$3

Cheese sticks - \$1

Tater Tots - \$3

Mozza Sticks - \$3

Salads – Green, Caesar, Pasta, Taco and Chef - \$4

You can still pre-order lunches that include a meal, cookies and a juice box.

There are many new items to purchase!



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.

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.

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.

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!

 **SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**
School District No. 73 Athletics

BE LOUD BE PROUD BE POSITIVE

RECOGNIZE
good effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a positive manner.

ENCOURAGE
by cheering positively for your team, not against the opposing team.

SUPPORT
the officials and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.

PRESENT
positive comments before, during, and after the game or matches.

ENVIRONMENT
be respectful to coaches, players, staff, officials, and scorekeepers.

CHEER
good plays of all participants in a positive manner.

TEACH AND MODEL
winning with grace and humility as well as losing with dignity and honour.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

Targeting others by making racist, religious, sexist, homophobic or other inappropriate comments will not be tolerated.

Do not put undue pressure on athletes by berating or targeting them or by putting down their performance.

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](#).

LAC Hub

We have 2 teachers supporting our LAC Hub at Brock: **Ms. Paton** and **Mr. Reeves**.

Brock staff is committed to supporting all students so that they are academically successful. Please do not hesitate to connect with your classroom teacher if you have questions about your child's academic progress. Please feel free to connect with your child's case manager via phone or email if you have questions or concerns about their CBIEP or specific academic programming.

Healthy Schools Information Sharing:

SD73 Administrative Procedures:

The purpose of SD73's administrative procedures are to inform all members of our school community of our shared obligations and responsibilities while in attendance at school, while travelling to and from school, and while attending a school function at any location.

AP 350.2 - [Student Dress Code](#)

AP 350 - [Student Code of Conduct](#)

AP 162 - [Smoking and Vaping Free Environment](#)

Additional APs can be found on the [District site](#).

BDTA Fair Notice

Each year we are required to provide parents with Fair Notice protocol with respect to our BDTA protocol which is used when there is a risk to a student(s). Please find the [SD73](#) site.

Brock School Goals:

At Brock we are working on two specific school goals:

Academic Goal: Through our shared values, we will strengthen our students' numeracy skills.

All students engage in Brock Numeracy tasks over the school year. All grade 10 and 11 students will participate in the Provincial Numeracy Assessment in the Semester the student has Math class.

Well-Being Goal: Brock will focus on students' sense of belonging to our school community where students feel safe, welcome and connected to the adults in our building.

My contributions to our **BROCK** community:

- Are my words and actions contributing to a safe and positive school community?
- Have I left my space clean?
- Am I prepared for class?
- Am I following reasonable requests?
- Am I following the expectations for phone use at school?
- Am I working to my personal best?

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BROCK VALUES

- Curiosity**
Suséwtsnem
A sense of wonder throughout our day
 - Ask questions to pursue deeper understanding.
 - Connect learning to ourselves and the world around us.
 - Explore!
- Compassion**
Clecéltse
Caring, accepting and kind to oneself and others
 - Reflect and act on what we all need to feel like we matter.
 - Be inclusive, act without judgment and welcome individual difference.
 - Build healthy relationships that support learning and contribute to a safe community.
- Courage**
Syegwyúgwł
Embrace challenge as an opportunity for growth
 - Take a chance and do the "right thing" in difficult situations.
 - Navigate fears and find solutions.
 - Embrace that learning requires persistence, not perfection.

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