



# Brocklehurst Secondary School

**Principal:** Ms. Tonya Perry

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

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

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## October 2025

### What is happening at Brock?

Oct 17	Earthquake and Fire Drill
Oct 22	Power + STRONG Block
Oct 23	Parent-Teacher Conference 1:30pm to 3:30pm to 5:30pm to 7:30pm Indigenous Family Dinner – 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Oct 24	<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>
Oct 27	Competency Week – Blocks C & D
Oct 29	Power + STRONG Block
Oct 31	<b>Halloween &amp; Grad Bake Sale</b>
Nov 5	Power + STRONG Block
Nov 6	Photo Retakes
Nov 7	<b>Term 1 Ends</b>
Nov 10	<b>Term 2 Starts</b> <b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b>
Nov 11	<b>Remembrance Day - STAT</b>

### 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's 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 2:13 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 2:13pm 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

### 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

## 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 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.



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

## Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

### On October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and 5:30pm to 7:30pm

The link to book an appointment with your student's classroom teachers will be emailed home on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Parent-Teacher Conferences can take place in-person at Brocklehurst Secondary or over the phone.

The link to book an appointment will also be available on our school website starting Friday afternoon.

Term 1 ends on November 7<sup>th</sup>, which will mark our halfway point in Semester 1.



The bell schedule will be different on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students will be dismissed for lunch at 12:30pm

Warning Bell	8:26:00 AM		8:31:00 AM	5	minutes
Block B	8:31:00 AM		9:24:00 AM	53	minutes
Block A	9:28:00 AM		10:21:00 AM	53	minutes
Break	10:21:00 AM		10:36:00 AM	15	minutes
Block D	10:40:00 AM		11:33:00 AM	53	minutes
Block C	11:37:00 AM		12:30:00 PM	53	minutes

October 24<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development day – there is no school on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians,

### Connecting and Contributing in September

Our students had a busy and meaningful start to the school year! They really showed their commitment to our school and the greater community throughout September.

- **Terry Fox Run Success:** On September 19th, all students participated in the **Terry Fox Run** and school-wide BBQ. Thanks to the hard work of our Leadership class, students raised over **\$600** for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- **Reconciliation Activities:** Students were actively involved in various school-wide activities on September 29th to acknowledge and participate in actions of Reconciliation.
- **Clubs and Connections:** It's wonderful to see so many students getting involved in our extra-curricular activities! We have a wide range of **clubs** happening during lunch and after school. These opportunities are fantastic for building strong, meaningful connections with both peers and staff. You can find a complete list of all the clubs offered at Brock later in this newsletter.

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### Key Information for Grade 12 Students and Parents

Our **Grade 12s** are already focused on life after high school!

- **Post-Secondary Session:** Grads recently traveled to NorKam for a Post-Secondary Information session organized by TRU, featuring universities from across BC and Canada.
- **Stay Informed:** Grads should keep an eye on the **Grad bulletin board** (outside the staff mailroom) and the dedicated **Grad section** in this newsletter for important updates and deadlines.
- **Parent Post-Secondary Night:** Our District is hosting a Post-Secondary education night specifically for parents. Please see the information later in this newsletter for details.
- **Grad Fundraiser:** Mark your calendar! The Parent Grad Committee is holding a **Bake Sale on October 31st** to raise funds for grad activities.

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### Important Dates and Academic Updates

October means we're hitting the halfway point of **Semester 1** already!

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Conferences will take place on **October 23rd**. The link to book a time slot with your student's teachers will be emailed out on **Friday afternoon, October 17th**. Please watch for it!
- **End of Term 1:** The first official term ends on **November 7th**.
- **Professional Development Day (No School):** A provincial **Professional Development Day** is scheduled for **October 24th**. Students will not be in session that day. *Note: There is a Youth Conference students can attend on this day—details are in this newsletter.*

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### Halloween Fun and Health Reminders

The **Leadership crew** is busy planning events for Halloween week!

- **Halloween Dance:** On **October 31st**, the Leadership class will host a school dance in the gym. Students should listen closely to the morning announcements for information about ticket sales!

As the mornings get darker and cold and flu season approaches, please help us remind your student to:

- **Wash** hands frequently to stay healthy.
- **Focus on attendance** and make sure they are **on time** for class.
- If they miss school due to sickness, encourage them to use **STRONG block** and **Power Block** time to catch up on any missing work.

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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; Grady Sjkovist, Vice-Principal; Erin Khelouiati, Vice-Principal

### Graduation Information



The Parent Grad Committee is hosting a bake sale on October 31<sup>st</sup> during lunch hour. 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](mailto:jmontgomery@sd73.bc.ca)

### For parents of Grade 10 – 12 students

#### To support Post Secondary Education!

EducationPlannerBC invite parents, families, and grades 10-12 students to join their virtual presentation **Tues, Oct 21, 2025, from 6:30pm-7:45pm.**

#### Topic: Parents as Education & Career Coaches: Hosted by EducationPlannerBC

Come explore our website! Learn about post-secondary education and career opportunities, and resources to support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in grades 10-12. Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.

Visit our [Parents & supporters](#) website for our event calendar and helpful resources.

**Registration is required.** The session will be on MS Teams.

Registration link: [Parents as Education & Career Coaches](#)

Date: Tue, Oct 21

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

If you are unable to register, please join our upcoming [Live Learning](#) sessions on Tuesday, October 28, or Wednesday, November 19, from 6:30-7:30pm.

### Beware of Locks from the Dollar Store



So we tested out 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.

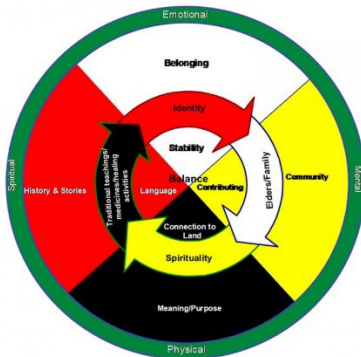
If your student is still not using a locker, please encourage them to do so. We have enough lockers for everyone. If your student cannot remember which locker is assigned to them, they can ask at the office or ask their homeroom teacher.

## Brock's Welcome Room – New IEW's

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.

Please see information below regarding our Indigenous Family Dinner on October 23<sup>rd</sup>!



## Second Annual Youth Conference

The Second Annual Youth Conference, is being hosted in partnership with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and the City of Kamloops on October 24th.

This conference is designed to provide students with a meaningful opportunity to engage with Indigenous leaders, cultural teachings and workshops focused on identity, leadership, and reconciliation. It offers a valuable educational experience that compliments classroom learning and supports student development in areas such as cultural awareness, civic engagement, and community building.

This event takes place during our Provincial Professional Development day. This conference can provide valuable cross curricular connections and a valuable opportunity for students to network and explore career avenues.

Thank you for your time and sharing this information with staff and students.

## Explore UVIC

## Cash Online and Processing Fees - NEW

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.



# Change Makers Kamloops



## YOUTH CONFERENCE

Get ready for an exciting day of creativity and skill-building!

FREE!

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and have fun with youth from all over Kamloops! All youth are welcome. Activities include learning traditional beading, kickboxing, and building leadership with LEGO. Join us for an exciting experience!

AGES 12+

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner will be provided.

October 24  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Holiday Inn,  
675 Tranquille Rd.



Amy Hilliard | [ahilliard@kamloops.ca](mailto:ahilliard@kamloops.ca) | (250) 319 5584



### 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.

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!



### Indigenous Family Dinner – October 23rd

We are hosting an Indigenous Family dinner in the school cafeteria on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30pm to 6pm. Please let our IEW's (Ericka Chapman and Sherisse Mousseau) know if you plan on attending. They have emailed home information with a link to sign-up for the dinner.

### 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.

## PAC Meeting



Our next PAC meeting is November 3<sup>rd</sup> from **6:30pm to 7:30pm**

PAC is hosting a Craft Fair on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a fund raiser to help raise money to purchase more Chromebooks at Brock. Please put this date into your calendar and come support our Brock PAC.

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

## 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.

## 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

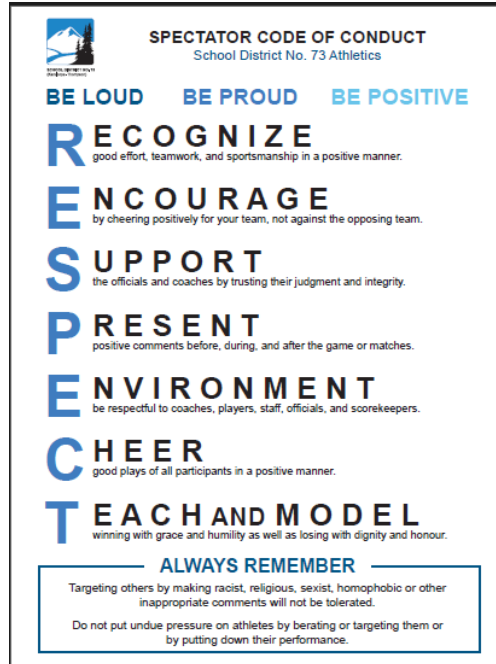
There are a number of clubs and activities that are going on around the school! Clubs and activities will be posted on the bulletin board in the front foyer in the coming days. The following clubs are available:

- 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](#).

## 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 Syegwyúgw**
- 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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