



NORKAM SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-teacher interviews are taking place on Thursday, October 15th between 2pm-4pm and 5pm-7pm.

[Click this link](#) to go online and book a time(s) with your student's teacher(s).

Please be aware that students will be dismissed EARLY on October 23rd at 12:40pm. Buses on this day will run on their normal schedule.

Parent/Teacher Interview Bell Schedule

Warning: 8:26

Block 1 8:31 - 9:25

Block 2 9:30 - 10:25

LONG BREAK 10:25 - 10:45 (10:40 Warning)

Block 3 10:45 - 11:40

Block 4 11:45 - 12:40

Interview times:

2:00-4:00pm

5:00-7:00pm

SEMESTER 1 SCHOOL FEES

Semester one student fees are now due and payable through [School Cash Online](#) or by cash/cheque to the NorKam main office. If you are paying via cheque, please make sure your cheque amount does NOT include the transaction fee shown online. If you are unsure of your student's balance, please contact the main office.

***Please see last page for instructions on how to use School Cash Online*

PHOTO RE-TAKES

Photo re-takes are happening **Friday, October 9th** for any student who missed them in September. Extra photo packages are available at the main office.

If you forgot to hand in your package selection and payment on picture day, you can hand them in on October 9th directly to the photographer. To order online, use your child's student ID# as the "school code".

THANK YOU



A big **THANK YOU** to Red Tomato Pies for donating over **\$2500** in gift certificates to our school community. We will be recognizing 5 students each week who show the attributes of a Saint (Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful, Excellence and Safety). Keep up the amazing work Saints!

GRAD 2027 INFO

NorKam Grads - we have a Google classroom. Find all the updates about commencements, grad pictures and other important information here!

Google classroom code: **au5khwoy**

IMPORTANT DATES

IB MYP Information Session	Oct 1
Photo Retakes	Oct 9
Thanksgiving (No School)	Oct 12
IB DP Information Session	Oct 14
Parent-Teacher Interviews	Oct 15
Pro-D Day (No School)	Oct 23
Mosaic #2 Begins	Oct 26
Double Block Day (AA/BB)	Nov 2
Double Block Day (CC/DD)	Nov 3
Remembrance Day (No School)	Nov 11

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL: MRS. R. SDOUTZ
VICE PRINCIPAL: MR. S. SIMPSON
VICE PRINCIPAL: MRS. A. JENSEN

COUNSELLORS

Ms. Kelsey Taylor (A-F)
Ms. Katie Friesen (G-M)
Mrs. Erin Theunissen (N-Z)

SECRETARIES

Mrs. Brittany van der Merwe
Mrs. Anne Morrison
Mrs. Valerie Cadoret
Mrs. Deb Collins (COUNSELLING)

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY—FRIDAY
8:00AM TO 3:45PM

NORKAM ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

NorKam Curling is starting soon! Sign-up meeting will be in room 105 at lunch Wednesday, October 14th. All documents must be signed and returned, as well as athletics fees paid, by Monday, October 28th. Listen to announcements or see Mr. Recchi for more details.

[Click Here](#) for our Athletics page so you can stay current with all of our athletic department news and updates!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

LORAN DUE OCT. 15 2026

1. LORAN scholarships open, applications DUE OCT. 15 2026.

[Click here for eligibility criteria](#)

- a) Must be planning to attend a partner University (**not TRU**): [Click here for partner list](#)
- b) FAQ's: [CLICK HERE](#)

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS websites to register on:

2. Scholar Tree: [CLICK HERE](#)
3. Scholarships Canada: [CLICK HERE](#)

BC UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS:

1. Start by making an account [HERE](#) *See attached poster for support sessions for students and parents
2. Order transcripts [HERE](#)



TRU FUTURE STUDENTS

Are you the parent, guardian or supporter of a current or recently graduated high school student who's considering TRU for their post-secondary journey? Curious about how you can best support them with their next steps?

Join [TRU's Future Students Team](#) for an informative session covering everything from program exploration and understanding admission requirements to accepting an offer, applying for funding, and registering for courses. We'll also highlight the wide range of support available to your student and provide time to answer your questions.

Upcoming Events:

- [Parent & Guardian Night: Navigating TRU Together](#)
10/27/2026 06:00 PM
Online Event
- [Parent & Guardian Night: Navigating TRU Together](#)
02/04/2027 06:00 PM
Online Event

TRU OPEN HOUSE

Students and families are invited to explore Thompson Rivers University at TRU Open House, **Saturday, October 3**, from **10 am to 2 pm**.

Explore 100+ interactive booths and activities, discover programs, meet faculty and current students, tour campus and residence, and learn more about life at TRU. Students who apply during Open House will be entered for a chance to win one semester of free tuition! Learn more and view the full schedule at [TRU Open House](#).

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Just a reminder that they are not to wear full face masks on Halloween, or bring any items that resemble any kind of weapon.

UPCOMING MATH CONTESTS



Win popcorn by completing the Math Problem of the Week. Join the "Math Problem of the Week 2026" Google Classroom with this code "zgzfjb5a" to see the problems and upload your solutions.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MYP Information Session

NorKam Secondary School invites you to an online information session about the International Baccalaureate **Middle Years Programme (MYP)**, a district program for grades 8-10 that emphasizes inquiry, critical thinking, and clear feedback on student learning. The session will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 6:30 pm** via Zoom. You'll learn how the MYP fits within the BC curriculum and NorKam's IB pathway, what teaching and assessment look like in MYP classrooms, and how to apply for this district-wide program. We look forward to seeing you there and answering your questions about the MYP at NorKam.

Topic: **NorKam MYP Info Night**

Time: **Oct 28, 2026 6:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/69173550503?pwd=ERmOmMxSQFOikvdj9kSX6lJjDQ6FUB.1>

Meeting ID: 691 7355 0503

Passcode: 391103



LA BELLA SAINTS HAIR SALON

Our young stylists are looking forward to helping you to create a new style or refresh your existing look. We are fully registered with Skill Trades BC, and we are open to the public on Monday, October 5th for all hair services, from cuts, colour, and the newest balayage styles, to perm and hair tinsel.



All of the level one stylists are supervised by a Red Seal instructor and are looking forward to showing off their skills! Our prices are the most affordable in town for all services we provide. Come in for a consultation or talk with one of the stylists and book an appointment today! We carry products from heat protectant to hair spray to shampoos and conditioner and all your other hair care needs, all at a discounted price! Come and drop in and check us out! The La Bella Saints is currently operation on a cash or cheque only basis.



We are open Monday to Friday, from 9:00am to 3:00 pm. Call and book an appointment at **250-376-3133** or book online.

EducationPlannerBC Live Learning Sessions

Join a fall virtual presentation that's right for you

Programs & applications

Explore 4000+ post-secondary programs and skills training opportunities in B.C.

Open to anyone, anywhere.

Join us

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Tuesday, Nov. 17

6:30 – 7:30 PM PT

Parents & supporters

Discover post-secondary opportunities, career paths, and resources to support your student.

Join us

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Wednesday, Nov. 25

6:30 – 7:30 PM PT



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2026-2027 School Fees



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Semester one student fees are now due and payable through School Cash online:
<https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com/>

How to create an account:

Go to [SchoolCash Online](https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com/) and click **Register**.

- Type your first name, last name, and email address, and create a password.
- Select a security question.
- Select **YES** to receive email notifications. You will not receive any marketing emails. Selecting **YES** enables the system to send you fee notifications.

SchoolCash Online will send you a registration confirmation email. If you do not receive it, check your Spam folder.

Use your email address and password to log in.

How to add a student to your account:

Sign in to [SchoolCash Online](https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com/).

Primary Guardians (as identified in MyEdBC) will receive a system generated email from SchoolCash Online advising that you have been granted access to (Student First and Last Name).

Please click "Accept" to add this student to your account.

You will now be able to pay school and activity fees for your student(s).

Additional Users: Contact the Guardian identified as "Primary" in MyEdBC.

How to make a payment:

You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.

Select the item which you would like to purchase and click **"Add to Cart."**

Once you have finished adding items to your cart, click **"Continue"**.

You can pay for multiple students' items in one checkout.

Why Use School Cash 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

Save's 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 schools through one account.