



BARRIERE SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

ENGAGE! ENCOURAGE! EXCEL!

At Barriere Secondary, students and staff will be supported to **engage** in their strengths as individuals, **encourage** to strive for personal academic success, and nurtured to **excel** as members of the school community and beyond.

Belonging Achievement Respect Responsibility Individuality Effort Relationship Excellence

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT OUR WEBSITE AT
<http://barrsec.sd73.bc.ca> (note; no www)

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC Meeting 5:30pm Dry Grad meeting 6:30pm
Wed., October 3	School Photo Day
Monday, October 8	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Tues., October 9	Sr. Girls VBall at BSS 4:30pm
Wed., October 10	School Fees Due
Monday, October 15	Jr. Girls Volleyball at BSS 5pm
Thur., October 18	Gr. 8 Girls Vball at BSS 5pm
Friday, October 19	Pro D Day – no classes
Tuesday, October 24	Sr. Girls Volleyball at BSS 5pm
Thur., October 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Dismissal 12 pm Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:00 – 3:50pm and 5:00-6:50pm
Wed., October 31	HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
Thurs., November 1	Photo Retakes
Mon., November 5	PAC Meeting – 5:30pm



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a great start to the 2018-2019 school year here at Barriere Secondary! We have been very excited to have the Grade 7s join us this year, and they are settling in very nicely along with our new grade 8s who came up together from the Elementary School. We have had some great welcome back activities in the month of September, including our annual Welcome Back BBQ and special Property of Barriere Secondary activities for our 7s and 8s with their own BBQ and Scavenger Hunt events last week. It has been great to see our 7s and 8s wearing our school colours and embracing what it means to be a Barriere Cougar!



As you know, we have several new staff at Barriere Secondary this year (six new teachers plus one new Certified Education Assistant) who have been getting to know your kids over the last month. I am very pleased with our new additions to staff, as well as our collective work at our September Professional Development Day at which we collaborated on our school goals, strategies to enhance the success of our students, and supports we are putting in place for students in the school. One of those supports will be a continuation of our Wednesday afternoon "Earned Release/Academic Intervention" model which we implemented in May of last year. Please see further on in the newsletter for more information.

On October 25th, please do your very best to join us for our Parent-Teacher interviews in order to sit down with your child's teachers and connect about what's going well at school, where the challenges may lie and how you can best support your child's education from home. I cannot stress enough how important Parent-Teacher interviews are for making that vital communication connection with the adults working hard to ensure the success of your student here at BSS.

Moving forward in October, please watch for information from the office regarding the rollout of our new and improved school website, as well as our new SafeArrival morning callout system that is being implemented soon. This is the same SafeArrival system currently in use at Barriere Elementary School, which helps the office to inform parents when their students have been marked absent at school first thing in the morning.

I look forward to another successful year for all our students at Barriere Secondary School this year. Thanks to parents, guardians and families for your continued support of our students, our school, and our community. Please stay in touch with our school website (<http://barrsec.sd73.bc.ca/>) our school facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/BarriereSecondary>) and our Remind.com app (details for subscribing can be found later in this school newsletter) for timely updates about school events. Happy Fall, everyone!

ATTENDANCES & LATES

It's a known fact that students who are chronically late or absent from classes have less success than students with good attendance.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS - PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE LATE OR ABSENT.

Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Our automated 'synvoice' system will call when students are absent without notification.

*Students who know they will be absent ahead of time need to pick up a 'Planned Absence' form at the office.

PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day will be Wednesday, October 3rd

All students will get their picture taken on that day. Pose choice sheets will be sent home a day before and should be brought in on picture day. You will be able to preview the images before you buy!



Please do not send money on picture day.

SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for fees were handed out to the students on September 19th. We requested that they be **paid by Wednesday, October 10th**. If you have not paid your child's fees yet, please send them as soon as possible or call Mrs. Luison to make arrangements.

ATHLETICS

Fall Sports are up and running

The Boy's soccer team is up and running. They are off to a 1-0 start, defeating Clearwater 2-0. Goals were by Ty Hartman and Jimmy Jackson. Gerald Loring had a shut out to start the season. The boys next game is October 1st in Kamloops. A huge thank you to Thomas Lowe, Keith Massey and Brian Tommasini for coaching the boys this year. Check the players Google Classroom for announcements and schedules.

We are very proud to have a **Grade 8 Girls Volleyball** teams this year. Coached by Travis Hall, Alyssa Lampreau and Beth Zerr. The girls have their first game this Thursday at St. Anns. Good luck girls. Practices for the grade 8 girls will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school.

The **Jr. girls Volleyball** season has just got underway. The girls are lead by Louise Lodge and Stacey Gartner. The team is a solid mixture of grade 9s and 10s. So far the girls have won 2 games and tied 1. The Jr. Girls play on Monday nights and practice Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

The **Sr. Girls Volleyball** team had a strong start to the season winning their first matches against Chase. The girls are coached by Tiffany Bowser and Angie Rainer who are looking to win the league and host Okanagans. Good luck girls.

Athlete of influence deadline is October 15th.

For all schedules and practice times, please check out the Barriere Cougars Athletics page. For any questions regarding bills and fee's please contact Brian Tommasini at btommasini@sd73.bc.ca. Please pay Fee's as soon as possible to the front office. Soccer - \$50. Grade 8 Girls Volleyball - \$50, Jr. Girls Volleyball - \$75, Sr. Girls Volleyball - \$100. If you were unable to attend, please see the Powerpoint presentation sent out to all parents via email for this years Annual Athletics Meeting.

Thank you to all parents for supporting their students in athletics. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to communicate them with me as they arise. Thank you for your continued support and efforts in building a positive athletic culture at Barriere Secondary.

All schedules and results are on <https://sites.google.com/site/westzoneathletics/fall-season>

GO COUGARS!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Thursday, October 25th students will be dismissed early (12:00 pm) to allow for Parent Teacher Interviews. Interview appointments are available between 1:00 – 3:50pm & 5:00– 6:50pm (if this time does not work for you, please call the school to book an appointment for an alternate time). This is a prime opportunity to talk to teachers regarding your child's interim marks and progress. We look forward to seeing you!



Please call the school at 250-672-9943 to set up your appointment.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be aware that this year at Barriere Secondary we have several students with life-threatening allergies to nuts. We ask that families please avoid sending nuts or nut products to school with your kids. While in a high school environment we cannot ever guarantee that nuts will not be present, if we all work together to not bring nuts into the building and continue to reinforce good hand-washing habits both before and after eating, we can minimize the risk that one of our students will have a life-threatening incident. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

CONNECTIONS BLOCK

Most parents will recall that starting in May last year, on Wednesday afternoons regular classes ended early to facilitate our Academic Intervention Program. We will be resuming this structure every Wednesday moving forward, with students either being dismissed early at 2:10 (if they have earned their early release by being caught up on all courses) or being required to attend our Academic Intervention Program for the remainder of the afternoon until the regular 2:55pm dismissal. We call this Wednesday afternoon structure "Connections Block".

Please be aware that Grade 7 students will not be permitted to depart prior to 2:55pm. If they are not required to attend Academic Intervention, their "earned release" will take the form of in-school activities supervised by appropriate staff.

GRADE 10 CAREER ED

The new BC Curriculum is up and running for K-10 students. All grade 10 students are currently enrolled in Career Life Education (CLE) unless they completed Planning 10 last year. This is a 4 credit required course for graduation. Students will discuss, research and explore career options, graduation requirements, cover letters, resumes, finances, self awareness and the labour market. Students are required to complete 30 hours of work experience related to the career goals. This work can be paid or volunteer. These hours can be started in grade 10 and should be completed well before graduation. Students must present a final capstone project before graduation in grade 12.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our school 'Welcome Back BBQ' was held on Friday, September 14th. Fun and food was enjoyed by all!

Just before the Welcome Back BBQ the students and staff worked up an appetite by participating in our school Terry Fox Run.



GRAD NEWS

Upcoming Grad Fundraisers:

October – **Tipperware** – Grads will be out with catalogues soon!

November - **Poinsettias**

Our next meeting is on Monday, October 1st at 6:30pm. All parents and Grads please attend!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



BSS PAC NEWS

The PAC AGM was held on September 12th Thank you to all those who attended.

Elections were held and the following positions were filled:

Chairperson - Mrs. Sandra LeFeuvre
Vice-Chairperson – Ms. Michelle Johnson
Secretary – Ms. Kelly Rayworth
Treasurer – Ms. Denise Wright

PAC meeting minutes are posted on the school website for your information. If you would like more details or copies of the minutes e-mailed to you please send a note to . **Our next meeting is Monday, October 1st at 5:30pm** in the school library.

Please join us – to discuss topics of interest & happenings at the school, answer parent enquiries, investigate ways of supporting our students, and distribute Gaming and Direct Access funds to benefit our students. We get reports from the Principal and School Trustee as well.

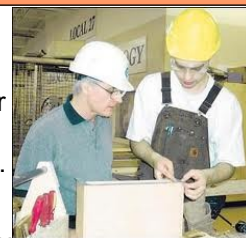
Scentsy fundraiser for BSS athletes starts September 28th til October 25th. All packages are due back to me on Thursday, October 25th.

Please call Sandra LeFeuvre at 250-672-9515 for packages and information.

BSS athletes may join my Facebook group 'Parents of BSS Athletes' or email me at sandrarealff@hotmail.com parents and Grads please attend!

TRADES AND TRANSITIONS

Once again, SD 73 and Barriere Secondary School are pleased to be offering a variety of programs this year that allow students to earn course credits in exciting and meaningful ways.



YTIT Youth Training in Trades (ACE-IT): Grade 10 and 11 students can apply this year to do their grade 12 year in an entry level trades program at TRU and have the tuition paid for by SD73. A wide variety of programs are being offered and participating students will receive dual credit which means they still graduate high school with their peers. Other fees, materials and supplies are student responsibilities.

YWIT Youth Work in Trades: If a student is currently working with a ticketed trades-person (mechanic, carpenter, baker, welder, plumber etc.) they can earn up to 16 course credits (4 courses) and be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship through the YWIT program.

TRU Start: Current grade 11 students can apply to any three programs offered: Office Assistant, Early Childhood Education, and Home Care Attendant. The best part is that SD73 will cover all tuition costs – saving you up to \$4000. Ancillary fees, course materials and textbooks are the students' responsibility. Students must be in good academic standing. Applications available in January 2019.

TRU Open House 9:00 - 3:00 pm Saturday October 2th . Please visit the TRU website for more information. Students must register to attend this event.

RCMP YAC - RCMP Youth Advisory Committee - The School District, along with the RCMP, are looking for students to voice their opinions on community issues as teenagers. Any students interest in attending this session, please see Mrs. Fennell prior to November 1, 2018.

Please see Mrs. Fennell for more information on the above programs. Many other programs are being offered throughout the course of the year so check the newsletter for regular updates. Visit School District 73 "Trades and Transitions" (TNT) website for more information. Updated application forms will be available soon.

COUNSELLING NEWS

Mrs. Plummer will be meeting with all grade 12s in the next couple of weeks to make sure all students are on plan for graduations and to talk about scholarships.



There is information on the school website regarding scholarships. Please see Mrs. Plummer if you need help applying.



BSS Parents & Guardians: Sign up for important, timely reminders from Barriere Secondary School.

Choose how you receive them: by text message, email or through an app on your smartphone. Instructions for how to use the *free* Remind.com service are below (you can unsubscribe at any time):

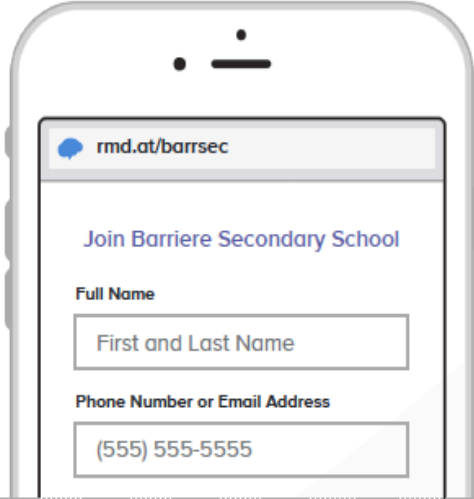
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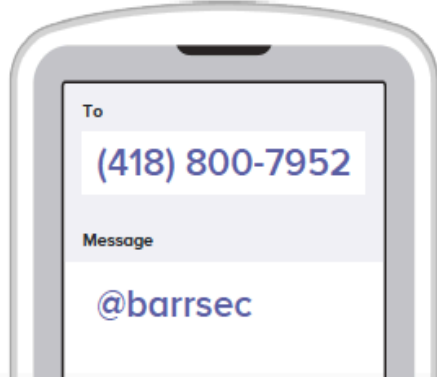
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* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/barrsec on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Get timely reminders about school events, non-instructional days, parent-teacher interviews, etc. delivered directly to you. Questions? Please ask Mr. Hembling or Mr. McVittie at the main office.

PARENTS AS CAREER COACHES

WITH FACILITATOR MARION HAYTHORNE



CONNECTING STUDENTS
TO THEIR FUTURE



This three-hour interactive workshop is designed to help parents of grade 9–12 students become more effective career development allies for their children. They are introduced to the concepts of coaching and given practical tools and research skills to help them as they coach their youth.

In the workshops, parents are guided through exercises that:

- Explore values placed on and communicated about jobs, occupations and careers
- Update current labour market dynamics and future employment trends
- Highlight the impact of parents and their role in the career journey, including
 - identifying and aligning interests and values, skills and strengths
 - developing career clusters
- Align parents as co-researchers, connectors, supporters and coaches



Where: Henry Grube Education Centre

245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops, BC V2B 1B9

When: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Register: Emailing **Debbie Isenor** at disenor@sd73.bc.ca

Reserve your seat early as spaces are limited

Cost: Seats are limited and the workshop is free

Parents as Career Coaches workshop strengthens the important role of parents in a youth's career journey, and supports the existing programs offered by school districts.

Tuesday, October 30th
6:30 – 9:30 pm
Room 6



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