

BARRIERE SECONDARY COUGAR NEWS



What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, September 15

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TUESDAY, September 16

- BSS PAC 5 pm in the BSS library

WEDNESDAY, September 17

- Course Change Deadline

THURSDAY, September 18

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FRIDAY, September 19

- Student Verification Packages Due

September 15 – September 19

New Moon, September 21

Ninth Moon

Peltspántsk
mid summer month

Upcoming Dates

- September 15 BSS PAC Meeting – Library 5:00 pm
- September 22 Pro-D Day (No school for students)
- September 26 Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
- October 3 Photo Day

**Secwepemcúl'ecw yi7élye ell,
re tmicws re Simpcw n7élye.**

**Acknowledge that we are on
the territory of the
Secwepemc Nation,
specifically the territory of the
Simpchw People.**

Cafeteria Menu

Monday

- Club Wrap or Beef Burrito

Tuesday

- Carrot Ginger Soup w/ Bun or Taco Salad Bowl

Wednesday

- Tortellini w/ Sauce and Garlic Toast or Chicken Dinner

Thursday

- Cheesy Broccoli Soup w/ Biscuit or Chicken Alfredo w/ Garlic Toast

Friday

- BLT w/ Veg or Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce

More Photos from Camp Cougar



BSS Personal Device Policy

Please speak with your child prior to them coming on Tuesday about the [BSS Digital Device Usage Policy](#). While the official language is below, what it means is that personal devices, such as cell phones are not to be used during class time. Phones must be stored in their lockers during class time.

At Barriere Secondary School we believe that the foundations of a safe, caring, and welcoming school environment are fostered and maintained through a focus on inclusivity and equity-focused education implemented and supported through a progressive continuum of supports.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will be open on Thursday, September 4. Cash is accepted or you may purchase your child(ren) lunch cards through the [SchoolCash](#) Online system.

Breakfast Program

The **Free** Breakfast Program has started. For those new to BSS, every weekday from 8:00 am – 8:25 am all students can enjoy a free breakfast.

Course Change Requests

If a course change is needed for Graduation or Post-Secondary requirements, or due to incorrect course assignment, please request an appointment. Continue attending your original classes until you have completed the processes the change.

Lost and Found Items

If students have misplaced clothing or personal items they will be placed on the table at the entrance to the school where students and families can collect the items. If you happen to be in the school, please have a look. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store these items for long periods of time. We will periodically be packaging unclaimed items and donating them to charity.

Loran Scholars

Please see Ms. Domingo if you are interested in applying. Deadline is Oct. 16th. You can find all the information you need to apply at loranscholar.ca.

[Homepage - Loran Scholars](#)

Loran builds meaningful, positive change across Canada and beyond by empowering young people with curiosity, integrity, and the dedication to uplift their communities. We believe that identifying such promising young people means looking beyond grades to find students with character—those who show courage by pushing boundaries and challenging the status quo; display a commitment to service ...loranscholar.ca

FEES and SchoolCash

Grade 7 / 8 School fees will be available online today; all other student's fees will be posted soon.

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.

Barriere Secondary School - Schedule of School Fees 2025-2026

*School Fee invoices are distributed to students
September 2025 for Semester 1 and February 2026 for Semester 2*

Please note that paying online has a processing fee (on average 5%) incorporated in the cost to be paid online, which was approved by the Board after the budget consultation process last spring. These represent true transaction fees charged by the District's processing platform.

Payments made to the school by cash or cheque should be submitted at the lower amount specified below.
Kindly ensure payments are made in the exact amount, as no change can be provided.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE - \$10.75 online / \$10.00 cash or cheque

Charged to ALL students for supplies to support general school activities over the school year.

LOCK RENTAL - \$6.50 online / \$6.00 cash or cheque

Charged to ALL students. Students will be assigned a lock by the school at the beginning of the year and will be expected to return the lock at the end of each year until they leave the school. Students are required to use the lock provided by the school.

GRAD FEES - \$89.00 online / \$85.00 cash or cheque

Charged to Grade 12 graduating students includes: Lifetouch grad photo sitting fee, grad gown rental, souvenir hat & tassel, souvenir grad photo composite in folder and other grad incidentals.

YEARBOOK-OPTIONAL FEE - \$42.00 online / \$40.00 cash or cheque

Optional fee to pre-order the school yearbook and keep those GREAT school memories!

FEE SCHEDULE FOR COURSE ENHANCEMENTS

The following Fee Schedule represents maximum amounts that would be charged in each of the classes. The items listed are descriptions of consumables for courses, with more specific details to be given within the course outline from the classroom teacher.

Mosaic	online	Cash Cheque	Technology Education	online	Cash Cheque
Mosaic 7 and 8 Supplies for ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technology) activities including wood, art supplies and groceries	\$31.50	\$30	Art Metal 10-12 Metal, casting, supplies, gas, solvents, fasteners, welding/brazing consumables, abrasives and jewelry supplies	\$47.25	\$45
Visual Arts			Metalwork 9-12 Metal stock, sheet metal, gasses, solvents, fasteners, welding/brazing consumables, abrasives, and hearing protection	\$47.25	\$45
Art Studio 9	\$26.25	\$25	Woodwork 9-12 Wood, adhesives, fasteners, abrasives, blades, finishing products, and other consumables	\$42	\$40
Art Studio 10-12	\$26.25	\$25	Skills Exploration 10-12 Building materials: lumber, plywood, fasteners, electrical supplies, and plumbing supplies	\$52.50	\$50
Photography 11	\$36.75	\$35	Information Technology 9-12	10.75	\$10
Media Design	\$21.25	\$20	Entrepreneurship and Marketing	\$5.50	\$5
Media Arts	\$10.75	\$10	Fitness and Conditioning 11-12	\$47.25	\$45
Home Economics			Human Performance 9-12	\$31.25	\$30
Food Studies 9-12 Groceries and supplies for labs	\$52.50	\$50.00			
Textiles 8/9 For materials and associated costs	\$31.50	\$30.00			
Textiles 10-12	\$31.50	\$30.00			

Leaving Early or Reporting Absences

Under "Safe Arrival": Did you know there is a safe arrival app? This makes reporting absences that much easier! You can find more information [HERE](#).

A reminder to parents that ALL absences/ lates /early dismissals should be recorded on our Safe Arrival system prior to 8:30 am on the day of the absence/ late / dismissal (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known). Please review [THIS](#) link for more information and instructions.

BSS Bell Schedule for the 2025/2026 School Year

The [bell schedule](#) for the 2025/2026 school year will be changed slightly from this year. The start end times for the day will remain the same but there will now be two blocks before lunch and two after lunch. This change will allow for lunch to take place earlier in the day, hopefully helping to ensure students have better access to food throughout the day.

TIME	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
8:25 A.M.	Warning Bell		
8:30 - 9:48	A	C	D
9:48 - 10:04	16 Min LONG BREAK		
10:04 - 11:22	B	B	B
11:22 - 12:19 (warning 12:14)	LUNCH		
12:19 - 1:37	C	D	A
1:37 - 1:43	BREAK		
1:43 - 3:01	D	A	C
3:01	DISMISSAL		



Barriere Secondary School Learning Goals 2025-2026



Engagement Foster student connection and care by engaging all educational community members.

Mental Health Create a school environment that supports positive mental health.

Culture Foster a safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive school culture.

For more information please check out the Barriere Secondary School Learning Plan at the following [LINK](#).

Wednesday September 17th



KAMLOOPS
IMMIGRANT SERVICES
TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER

SOCIAL SPORTS COMMUNITY EVENT

SEPTEMBER 17TH

McDonald Park
3:30 - 5:30 pm

Basketball, Soccer, Pickleball, Self Defense class,
Face Painting and More!

Register Here:



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

For more information email Angie: angie@kcris.ca

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TRY HOCKEY DAY



BARBECUE PARTY

• FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2025 •

Are you a youth interested in trying out hockey? We have gear to use - come join us for an afternoon of fun!

**NORTH THOMPSON SPORTSPLEX
CLEARWATER, BC**

3:15pm FREE beginners ice time
3:30pm onwards ball hockey & games
5:00pm BBQ & raffle prizes

FOOD • GAMES • RAFFLE

Admin Message

Dear Barriere Secondary School Community,

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to the BSS Welcome Back BBQ. If you haven't had a chance to meet your child's teachers, please do not hesitate to reach out. Send them an email as they would love to hear from you. Please be sure to return your child's verification packages as soon as possible so that we can ensure your contact information and all other relevant information are up-to-date.

Have a wonderful weekend. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Andres Ruberg
Vice-Principal

Derek Markides
Principal