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WEEKLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Good Afternoon

This week marked the start of Semester 2 courses at Barriere Secondary School. BSS welcomes Mr. Nielsen, who joins us for the remainder of the school year. In addition to providing various learning support services, Mr. Nielsen will be teaching Marketing and Psychology.

Staff are currently processing course change requests, taking into consideration limited space in classes due to size and composition requirements. Changes are being prioritized based on Graduation requirements.

As part of the transition to Semester 2 we also do a mid-year inventory review. If your child(ren) have any textbooks, library books or Chromebooks buried in their room or around the house, please remind them to bring those back to the library. If they are needed for 2nd Semester, students can sign them out once the inventory is taken.

Today marks the beginning of the Cougar Classic tournament for the Junior Girls' Basketball team. Games will kick off at 3:15 pm today and continue into the evening and tomorrow.

Thank you to Angie Rainer who presented Mr. Repka with a new digital possession arrow for the school.

Funds raised at the Alumni basketball tournament made this generous donation possible. Thank you, Basketball Alumni!

I am pleased to share that BSS will once again welcome Ms. Kelly Balatti, who will be facilitating sessions with students and teachers from the Grade 7, 8, and 9 cohorts. Enhancing aspects of the Career and Health Education curricula, this program is designed to cover the following topics, enabling students to:

- Be introduced to various techniques for managing stress.
- Engage in discussions about cultivating healthy relationships with friends, parents, teachers, and themselves.
- Acquire tools to become the best version of themselves.

The program aims to foster the following outcomes:

- Respect
- Self-Awareness
- Self-Esteem
- Empathy

Also, next week, Grade 7 students are set to conclude their outdoor education field trips next week (weather permitting). Additionally, on Thursday, students in grades 10 and 12 will attend the Simpcw Career Fair, providing them with an opportunity to explore summer employment options and long-term career opportunities from organizations across the Thompson region. This trip is part of the students' *Careers* coursework.

The next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting is scheduled for Monday at 5:30 pm in the library.

Grad parents, please also note that the next Grad parent meeting will take place on Thursday February 8th at 5:30pm.

The [BSS Spirit Wear online store](#) is open once again. The store will close February 12th, no late orders will be accepted.

Lastly, Semester 1 Learning Updates will be published on Tuesday, February 6th

Sincerely
John Tyler
Principal

Student Athlete Free Tutoring

BSS has received a financial grant that will enable the school to provide tutoring to student athletes. Any student currently playing basketball is eligible to join tutoring sessions on Wednesdays from 3:15pm to 4:30pm.

The program is scheduled to run until Spring Break. There will be a staff member present for supervision and the tutoring is provided by alumni of BSS. Attendance is on a drop-in basis and students attending should bring their own work in which they wish to receive extra help. Light snacks will also be provided.

Graduation Portraits

Grad photos are scheduled to take place **February 12 - 14** and your grad needs to make his/her appointment at this link <https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca>

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