



BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 12, 2024

Good Afternoon,

It was great to see everyone back in the building after the Winter Break. Students quickly became engaged in their lessons, many realizing that there are just 2 full weeks of classes left in Semester 1!

This weekend BSS has several teams away at basketball tournaments. The Senior boys are in Kelowna. The Junior Girls are in Merritt and the Junior Boys are in Ashcroft. Good luck to all teams!

Looking ahead to the end of the Semester the last 2 days of the semester are scheduled for Project Completion Days. January 28th and 29th are designed for students in Grade 8 through 12, who may need additional time or support in completing assignments, or improving upon work completed earlier in the Semester.

Classroom teachers will notify students and parents when a student is *required* to attend. If your child(ren) are not required to attend, they may choose to improve in certain areas of their course work, or, they may choose to use those days to recharge before Semester 2.

Grade 7 students will have regular school days on these 2 days.

Finally, as winter is officially setting in, a reminder for students to bring winter clothing to school. This morning, I noticed a number of students coming off the buses wearing only a sweatshirt. In the unlikely event that something happens to a bus and students are stuck with limited heat, we do not want anyone to be cold or uncomfortable.

PAC

The next PAC meeting is Monday January 15th at 5:30pm in the library. A zoom link will be sent out on Monday morning for those who may not be able to attend in person.

Grad 2024 Planning Meeting

The next Grad planning meeting is Tuesday January 16th at 5:30 in the library.

BC Excellence Scholarship

Students that are applying for BC Excellence Scholarship are reminded to forward their name to Mr. Tyler by January 15, 2024. Only one student will be nominated from our school to go on to compete for this prestigious award.

WELDING

TRU's Mobile Training Unit (MTU) is coming to Barriere in January/February 2025. The TRU MTU is a 12 welding-bay expandable trailer capable of delivering the welding foundation program and other industry contract training in smaller and remote communities.

MTU is a partnership between TRU's School of Trades and Technology, School District 73, with some funding coming from the Industry Training Authority. There are only 12 seats available in this program. Students will receive their entry-level welding training as well as secondary school credits

towards graduation. Ancillary fees, textbooks, manuals, safety gear and hand tools are to be covered by the student. Students must meet application requirements and must pass the Accuplacer test. This program runs from January/February 2025 - July 2025. Students are expected to attend until the end date. Students currently in grades 10 and 11 can apply. There is an information session on Tuesday January 23 at 5:30 pm with representatives from TRU and SD73. Please RSVP to Kim Fennell kfennell@sd73.bc.ca.

Money Madness - District of Barriere Library

[Please click here](#) for information about an event available to students through the community library.

Cafeteria

Monday, January 15 - Hunter soup & bun \$5 or Meatballs in gravy over potatoes \$6
Tuesday, January 16 - Cheesy Broccoli soup & biscuit \$5 or Perogies with sausage \$6
Wed., January 17 - Tortellini soup & bun \$5 or Lasagna with garlic toast \$6
Thursday, January 18 - Chicken caesar wrap \$5 or Shepherds pie \$6
Friday, January 19 - Taco soup & bun \$5 or Chicken alfredo with garlic toast \$6

Wishing you a great weekend ahead!

John Tyler
Principal