



BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 19, 2024

Good Afternoon,

This weekend the Senior Girls host their annual Cougar Classic basketball tournament. Games will take place throughout the afternoon and throughout the day Saturday. Come out and watch some great basketball games!

Students currently enrolled in English 10, Math 10 and English 12 courses will write the required BC Ministry Graduation Assessments. The schedule is listed below.

Monday, January 29th & Tuesday, January 30th are Project Completion Days. 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.

Semester 2 course schedules will be distributed next Friday afternoon. No course change requests will be taken until the following week.

Grad Portrait sittings will be scheduled for mid February. Information is available below regarding booking your child's photo session.

Finally, please see a message from the SD73 Health and Safety Department regarding Radon levels.

Provincial Graduation Assessments

Tuesday January 23 - Literacy 10

Wednesday January 24 - Numeracy 10

Thursday January 25 - Literacy 12

Graduation Portraits

Grad photos are scheduled to take place **February 12 - 13** and your grad needs to make his/her appointment at this link <https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca>

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.

Radon in Schools

January 22, 2024

Dear Parents, and Guardians:

Re: Radon Test Results at Schools

Interior Health has been working in partnership with school districts and participating independent schools on a pilot project to test radon in schools. Results from the testing have arrived, and most of the test results are fortunately below the Canadian guideline. For schools above the guideline, this includes Vavenby Elementary, Barriere Secondary and Barriere Elementary, School District No.73 has hired a consultant to implement short-term measures. These short term measures include increasing ventilation, extending the hours the system will operate in occupancy mode, and testing for radon using continuous monitors to ensure radon levels are below recommendations during occupied hours. Our consultant is an engineer who is certified through the Canadian National Radon Proficiency program (C-NRPP).

According to the BC Centre for Disease Control, radon levels are generally higher in the Interior region than in other areas of the province. While this project focuses on schools, radon may be present in other buildings in your community, including homes. We encourage you to test your home for radon.

For more information and resources about radon in BC and to order test kits visit:

- [Interior Health's Radon Information Page](#) - Radon Overview and Resources
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) - Radon Overview and Mapping Information
- [BC Lung Foundation](#) - Test Kit Information and Radon Projects in BC

If you have any questions about the radon testing initiative at schools, please contact the Healthy Schools team at HealthySchools@interiorhealth.ca.

Wishing you a great weekend ahead!

John Tyler
Principal