



# BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 26, 2024

Good Afternoon,

This week was the last week of Semester 1 regularly scheduled classes for students in Grade 8 through 12. Students in Grade 10 and 12 also wrote the Ministry of Education Graduation Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy.

The grade 7 students continued their outdoor education with the Barriere Outdoor Club. Both classes have now completed the X-Country Skiing sessions. Next they will be experiencing Snowshoeing.

There were a number of basketball games throughout the week with all teams, Grade 7 through Senior, competing. On Wednesday, the graduating Seniors were celebrated at the Annual Senior night! Today and tomorrow the Grade 8 boys will be hosting their Cougar Classic tournament.

Congratulations to Bobby Raye Farrow, who was named BC School Sports' Female Athlete of the Week. This recognizes Bobby Raye's performance out of athletes across the province and across all sports!!!

To facilitate the transition into Semester 2, students received their schedules at the end of the day today. If there are any course change requests, please direct them to Ms. Gabel. These requests will be prioritized based on Graduation requirements, or in cases where a student needs to repeat a Semester 1 course due to lack of success. Please be aware that not all requests can be accommodated.

For those students not required to attend project completion days, Semester 2 will begin on Wednesday January 31st.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday, February 2nd is a Professional Development Day and there will be no school for students.

Enjoy the weekend!

John Tyler  
Principal

### 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.**

### 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>

## **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](mailto:kfennell@sd73.bc.ca).