



BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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May 6-2022 Updates from Barriere Secondary

Good Afternoon,

I would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to complete the parent portion of the Student Learning Survey this year. Your feedback is important as we review our progress this year and look towards creating our goals for next year.

Earlier this week Mr. Lowe and Ms. Dolha joined me as we welcomed the North Thompson Family of Schools to present our School Learning Plan progress to Kamloops School District #73 Trustee Kershaw, Trustee Sim, Superintendent Nixon and a team from the School Board office. It was so nice to be able to host this meeting and showcase our remodelled Learning Commons Library. Perhaps a an even greater highlight (to me) was how well our students responded to having this large group in our building. I was proud of our student ambassadors greeting guests and how well our entire student body represented themselves as the presentations took place over the lunch hour. The Learning Commons was being used for this event and the gym was closed ahead of the Fashion Show. Despite having limited space than usual to spend their lunch, our students while curious what was happening, were very respectful throughout.

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the Grad Fashion Show. Our Grads did not disappoint with a fun-filled evening. It was wonderful to welcome our community members back into the building for the first time in over 2 years. I want to acknowledge the community generosity both in the purchasing of tickets but also for their donations and subsequent bidding on the silent auction items. The Grad class of 2022 is grateful for you support. We would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to pull this event together, specifically, Angie Farrow, Irene Kempter, Jody Schilling, Leesa Schilling, and Beth Zerr. I look forward to celebrating our Graduation Commencement on Friday June 24, as we return to a more traditional ceremony at the Curling Rink.

As I discussed in previous updates, we held our Cougar Mission Possible day that focuses on student well being. One of the pieces of feedback focused on students "unplugging" at times. Beginning next week, Tuesdays and Thursdays will be devoted to "Unplug and Play" days. During lunch on Tuesday and Thursday, students will not have access to the computers for gaming. We will be encouraging everyone to get outside and enjoy the sunshine that spring is bringing us.

Next week we have our monthly PAC meeting on Monday May 9 at 5:30pm in the library, followed by a Grad Planning meeting at 6:30.

Cafeteria

Monday, May 9th - Chicken rice soup with a bun - \$4.50 or Meatballs with mashed potatoes & coleslaw - \$6

Tuesday, May 10th - Tortellini with sauce & garlic toast - \$4.50 or Turkey provolone sandwich with salad - \$6

Wed., May 11th - BLT with veggies - \$4.50 or Pork bites with sauce & rice - \$6

Thursday, May 12th - Chicken Caesar wrap - \$4.50 or Lasagna with garlic toast - \$6

Friday, May 13th - Pizza (Hawaiian or meat lovers) - \$4.50 or Perogies with sausage - \$6

Parking

As we move into warmer weather, we have an increased number of students that are walking to and from school. We are also seeing an increase in student drivers as more of our students achieve their New Driver permits. All of this leads to increased foot and car traffic around the school during peak drop off and pick up times.

Please ensure you are only using designated spaces if you are waiting to drop off or pick you child(ren). Specifically, please ensure you are not parked in a designated no parking zone on either side of Barriere Town Road. Parking only in designated areas will help reduce safety concerns as our student enter and exit school property.

Have a restful weekend ahead.

John Tyler
Principal