



BARRIERE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Barriere Secondary September 15, 2023 Weekly Update

Good Afternoon

This week course change requests were addressed, wherever possible, and class lists finalized. With course changes now closed, students are settling into regular class routines.

All sports' teams started practicing this week, and this morning the Boys' Soccer team headed to their first games at the annual Clearwater Secondary School tournament. Go Cougars!

Next week, Senior Leadership will begin fundraising for the Terry Fox Run. This year's event will take place for BSS students on Thursday September 28th.

Your child(ren) should have brought home a Verification package earlier this week. Inside the package, several forms are required to be signed and returned to the school. These forms were due today. If you have not yet returned the forms to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

Also next week, student and course fees will be assigned through the [SchoolCash](#) system. Should you require financial assistance through the Student and Family Affordability Fund, information will be available within the SchoolCash website.

Meet the Teacher and Welcome Back BBQ

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the annual 'Meet the Teacher Night and Welcome Back BBQ'. All teachers, including Mr. McVittie and myself, will be available between 5pm and 6:30pm at the school. No appointments are needed. Please drop by and say hello! Unfortunately the BBQ date conflicts with the first day of the Ag Expo. I apologize to those families who will not be able to join us this year. Our office team has made a note in order to avoid this conflict in future years.

Graduation 2024

Many BSS students and parents are already thinking about Grad 2024. The Ceremony is scheduled for June 14th. Planning for Safe Grad and the Dinner/Dance portion of the weekend will begin this week. Grads and parents/guardians please plan to join the first meeting: Monday September 18th at 5:00pm in the BSS library.

School Cash

SchoolCash will be used to collect any fees assigned this year. All students have been assigned an "optional" fee for the Cafeteria. This may be used to purchase lunch cards for your child(ren) to use in the cafeteria. If you purchase lunch card(s), please have your child notify Ms. Luison to ensure the card is made available at the cafeteria. The school cafeteria also accepts cash.

Provincial Student and Family Affordability Fund

SD73 is pleased to announce that the unused funds from the Provincial Student and Family Affordability Fund received last year will be available for the 2023-2024 school year. The use of these funds will be prioritized to help students and families with the increased cost of living by providing financial assistance for the cost of school supplies, course fees, academy fees, and enhancement fees if needed. Once fees have been assigned to all students, you will have the opportunity to indicate your consent to use these funds by selecting the checkbox in SchoolCash online system.

Meet The Teacher Night

Thursday September 21 BSS will host the 2nd annual Meet the Teacher evening. This is a drop in event.

Once again, there will be a free BBQ available. As we have a number of new teachers, we hope to see many of you here. Staff will be available between 5 and 6:30pm.

Supporting Parents Raising Teenagers

BGC of Kamloops is offering a free 9-week group program for parents of children between the ages of 11-18. The program will focus on supporting parents in understanding the attachment needs that create the behavior their child is demonstrating, strengthening parent-teen relationships and building a foundation for collaborative problem solving. Sessions will be 90 minutes once a week and supper will be provided. Please contact Jaimie Peebles of Family Support Programs: (250) 554 5437 ext 206 or fsupport@bgckamloops.com

Cafeteria Menu

Monday, Sept 18 - Chicken caesar wrap \$5 or Tuscan chicken penne & garlic toast \$6

Tuesday, Sept 19 - Chicken rice soup & biscuit \$5 or Pulled port sandwich & veggies \$6

Wed., Sept 20 - Grilled ham & cheese with veggies \$5 or Taco bowl salad \$6

Thursday, Sept 21 - Cheesy broccoli soup & herb bread \$5 or Pesto alfredo fettucine & garlic toast \$6

Friday, Sept 22 - Pizza (meat lovers / ham & pineapple) \$5 or Butter chicken with rice & pita \$6

I hope you have a great weekend ahead!

John Tyler
Principal