

David Thompson Secondary School

NEWSLETTER | JAN 2024

Principal's message

I hope you enjoyed a refreshing break over the Christmas period, and would like to wish all our families a very happy, healthy and productive 2024.

Students completed their Term 2 and Semester 1 courses at the end of this month, and teachers are working hard on the providing informative feedback for the report cards that will be going home in early February. This is an excellent opportunity to review your child's progress so that any issues or concerns can be addressed in the second semester. This is particularly important for our Grade 12s, who need to be paying close attention to their progress against the graduation requirements.

January is the time when we start to plan in earnest for the next academic year, and we are currently in the process of reviewing the curriculum and finalizing next year's timetable to ensure we are offering the best possible range of courses for our students. Course information booklets will be available soon, and we will be holding meetings for each grade to complete their course selections. Keep an eye out for the parent selection forms that students will be bringing home, and be sure to get these completed and sent back to school as soon as possible.

M. Hubick

2023-24 bell schedule

Monday to Thursday: 8:50am - 3:30pm

Friday: 8:50am - 1:30pm

The full bell schedule, including period times and day rotations, is available on our website: [CLICK HERE](#)

UPCOMING DATES

Jan 26	Last day of Semester 1/Term 2
Feb 6	Term 2 report cards go home
Feb 19	Family Day
Feb 20	Pro-D day
Feb 29	Grade 9 immunizations
Mar 6	Parent - Teacher meetings
Mar 16 – Mar 31	Spring break



Important Information

Provincial assessments

Grade 12 students had their first opportunity to write their Literacy 12 assessment at the end of this term, and some Grade 10s wrote their Numeracy 10 and / or Literacy 10. These are provincial assessments and are a requirement for graduation.

The next provincial assessment session is in April - this is when the remaining Grade 10s will write, as well as anyone who missed their registered slot in January or who wants to re-write to improve their mark.

More information about the provincial assessments can be found here:

[Graduation Assessments - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/graduation-assessments/)

ATHLETIC SHOE DRIVE – Our Athletes are in need of shoes!

Two things in life are a given: 1) Our kid's feet seem to grow faster than they can wear out shoes and 2) Shoes are very expensive!

The DTSS Athletic Department has reached out to PAC to help promote an Athletic Shoe Drive. Good athletic shoes are essential to our student's success and enjoyment of gym class and a variety of school sports. Please consider donating all good condition used athletic shoes to the School to give to students who are in need of shoes.

All sizes and styles are in need (court and running shoes) but especially larger men sizes. Please drop shoes off at the office.



Our Athletes thank you!

Absence reporting

GOOD ATTENDANCE

is crucial for
students' academic
success and
wellbeing.

We use School Messenger to notify you by phone and email whenever your child is absent from class.

The call will always say that your child missed the afternoon session, because DTSS only sends calls out in the afternoon. However, if you do receive a call it means your child could have missed the morning, afternoon or a full day.

If you know in advance that your child(ren) will be absent, please call the Attendance Secretary voicemail at **250-342-9213, ext 1.**

Festive fun!!

December saw DTSS really get into the festive spirit, starting with our first ever pep rally...



... and finishing off the year with the Grade Challenge assembly on the last day of term:

