

Spectrum

Community School

N E W S L E T T E R

October 2016

The October newsletter accompanies our first formal report card for the school year. We hope you find it full of interesting information regarding recent and upcoming activities and events. Please do check out our final result for the Cops for Cancer Fundraising! October 6th was a very proud day for Spectrum.

We have had another dynamic start to the school year welcoming about 1160 students in September. Band Concerts, Athletics, Dance performances and Musical Theatre preparations enhance the scene, while classrooms are well underway and completing the first term of Semester One. In addition, we have had the painters in our building, and they will be here until the Winter Break. There is nothing like a fresh coat of paint to spruce everything up again!

As you know the McKenzie Interchange Project has begun, although it hasn't affected traffic too much just yet. We know it's coming, however, and it's something that everyone will need to get ready for given the volume of traffic in our area already. Please continue to be mindful of that fact, especially at the beginning and the end of the school day. If your sons and daughters are able to be dropped off and picked up a block or more away from the school, that would be helpful.

If you would like to discuss any topic with us please go to the website at <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/> where you will find staff e-mail addresses should you have a question about your child's progress. I also look forward to meeting many of you at Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Regards,
Rob House, Principal

Bands' Back in Action Concert
Wednesday, November 2,
7 PM, Old Gym

Come and hear Jazz Bands Concert Bands, Jazz Combos and Spectrum Drumline!



As you know our school was one of the stops this year for the **Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock**. The gymnasium on October 6th was electric as our drumline marched in the riders to our cheering students. We were proud to present Mena Westhaver and the

team the big cheque of \$20,450! This is money raised through the efforts of so many of our students and staff—through head shaves, the Spin-a-Thon, the Car Wash, bottle drives, and just getting out asking family and friends for donations to this worthy cause. It was a proud Spectrum moment!



A great big thanks to the entire Spectrum Hokie family—students, staff, parents, community—for making our Cops For Cancer/Tour de Rock "re-boot" a huge success. Through your support and participation, the actual amount climbed to just over \$23,000 to help kids with cancer.

We would also like to give a special shout-out to the following community members, who generously gave up their time for this cause.

1. Juliane Webb, **On-The-Side-Hair-Design**, who coloured the hair of 26 students and donated beautiful gift baskets
2. Parent Jennifer Guerra and **Studio 63 Teaching Salon** students who shaved the heads of 25 staff and students
3. **Richard Mar Advanced School of Hairstyling & Esthetics** <http://www.richardmarschool.com> students who shaved the head of our star head shavee, teacher **Cathy Besse!** Finally, a HUGE shout-out to our top student fundraisers:

Boh Figursky	\$1245
Aman Singh	\$340
Ty Smith	\$340
Oliver Adam	\$220
Ethan Pye	\$225

News for Grads

Grad 2017 is June 27, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Grad photos are underway and continue until November 10th. Retakes are scheduled for January, times to be announced. Please book your appointment online through Lifetouch. GTP deadline if you are taking English 12 or Communications 12 this semester is November 25th. See Ms. Johnson in the CRC if you have any questions.



Grad Wear clothing order forms are available this month. These items make great Christmas gifts! Contact Donna Thompson at dthompson@sd61.bc.ca for further

information or to order. Congratulations to **Halle Martell** for submitting the winning 2017 grad logo. Thank you to all the grads who entered.



Grad Winter Formal this year is January 31st, 2017 from 6 to 10 pm at the Inn at Laurel Point. Tickets and guest applications will be available in January. All grade 12 students in good standing and in a position to graduate are invited to participate.



For additional information please visit Spectrum's Grad webpage at <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/grad-resources/>

Spectrum Dry Grad

The next parent meeting is November 17th at 7:00 pm in the Library. We are looking for community support with donations for either prizes for the graduates or services. Volunteers will be needed on June 27th to help with the dry grad event. If you are a Grade 11 parent we encourage you to attend a meeting or the Dry Grad event, it will help make your event in 2018 a success.

Grad Recognition Ceremony

Tuesday, June 27, 2017
5:00 PM

University of Victoria Farquhar Auditorium



*Need help with a formal outfit? Connect with
The Magic Wand Project at
<http://www.themagicwandproject.ca>
Formal wear is available to borrow
for both men and women*

How to book Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for Semester One classes will take place on Thursday, November 3, 2016 in both the Old Gym and the New Gym, from 5 to 8 PM. The booking system is now open. The online booking system can be found on our website www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca, follow the links to Parent Info and Parent-Teacher Interviews and click on www.spectrum.schoolappointments.com Please make sure to have your student's teachers' names in order to book appointments.

To accommodate the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews, school will dismiss at 2:00 PM on November 3rd. School buses will run on a Friday schedule.

If you have any questions, please email Shauna Johnson shjohnson@sd61.bc.ca or call 250 479 8271, ext. 222.

Volunteer Drivers

We greatly appreciate our volunteer drivers. Volunteers driving any child other than their own must submit copies of their driver's licence, vehicle insurance and a completed Adult Volunteer Driver form to Spectrum's office before driving. Volunteers are also asked to complete a Criminal Record Check (valid five years) and a Driver's Abstract (valid same as driver's licence), this is free of charge. For detailed info, please visit our website at <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/volunteer-drivers/>

Fine Arts Showcase 2017

Be sure to come out and support the Spectrum Fine Arts Programs' semester end Fine Arts Showcase! Performances are on January 11, 12, 13, 2017 featuring performances from the School Bands, Dance Program, Drama and Musical Theatre productions, Video Arts program, and a gallery of art work by photography and visual arts students. ~submitted by Mr. T. Barss

Toast Program

Spectrum's Toast Program is up and running again! Every Thursday morning, we serve toast, baked goods, and milk starting with our Band students at 7:10 AM and finishing at 8:30 AM when the bell rings. Cobs Bread continues to generously donate bread, and Spectrum's PAC provides us with a grant, but we are also requesting donations of jam, juice, and grocery gift cards that can be used for perishables including butter and milk. If you would like to make a donation, please bring it to the office. Thanks to all our slicers, "butterers" and servers from Leadership to our Life Skills students who do an amazing job helping to clean up, and to the students and staff who show their appreciation each week! Finally a big thank you to Connie Warrender and Celeste Bradshaw for making this happen! ~ submitted by Ms. Donna Thompson



From the Visual Arts Department

We have been really busy in the art classes already this semester. Our artists have been creating submissions for our Federal MP's holiday card contest, if you receive a holiday card from him look closely at the artwork, it could be a water colour by a Spectrum artist! As well, we had a wide range of pieces, showcasing the various types of mediums we work in, that were on display for the BC Art Teachers Conference, which was held at the University of Victoria between October 21 to 23. At the school level, look out for a special cultural holiday on November 1 where we will be collaborating with one of the Spanish classes for a Day of Dead event. As well, our Drawing & Painting and Art Foundations students are getting work ready for our Remembrance Day Assemblies where we traditionally have a gallery set up in the main entrance foyer. Lastly, some of our senior students are getting ready for next semester's Dual Credit Art Course where we will be working alongside a Camosun Visual Arts Professor; we are all really excited about this opportunity. If you are in grade 12 and are interested in taking a Dual Credit Art course in semester two please contact either Ms. Raynor or Ms. Johnson for more information. ~ submitted by Ms. M. Raynor

News From Video Arts

Students are preparing the annual Remembrance Day Assembly Video and working on their short film entries for the Victoria Film Festival. Starting December, watch and "like" your favourites at <https://vimeo.com/groups/filmcan> We've also been busy documenting the changes to the landscape behind our school during the the construction of the McKenzie Interchange. You can check for updates and more Spectrum-produced videos on our school's channel at <https://vimeo.com/user2374070>



How to Report an Absence . . .

Parents/Guardians can report an absence by:

1. e-mail spectrum_attendance@sd61.bc.ca **OR**
2. Phone (250) 479-8271, choose option 1, 24 hours a day **OR**
3. Student can bring a note signed by a parent/guardian. Notes should be handed in to the office.
4. For more information, see Spectrum's website, www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca and choose "Attendance" in the top right corner.



How do I . . .

If you're wondering who your student's Counsellor is, Spectrum Counsellors divide their case load by student last name – as follows:

A to J	Lise Tetrault
K to R	Jude Woodland
S to Z	Celeste Bradshaw



Spectrum's Administrators also divide their case load by last name:

A to L	Mr. Thomas Thompson, Vice-Principal
M to Z	Mrs. Donna Thompson, Vice-Principal

If you have any concerns, please contact your student's teachers or the Principal, Rob House.

School Announcements

For up-to-date information about school activities, visit our website at www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca. "Daily Announcements" are updated daily at 10:10 each day.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, October 29

Band Bottle Drive, 9 AM to 1 PM, Parking Lot

Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 1

Provincial Exam Re-writes

Monday, October 31 to Thursday, November 10

Grad Photos

Wednesday, November 2

Bands' Back in Action Concert, Old Gym, 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 3

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Both Gyms

Tuesday, November 8

PAC Meeting, Library, 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 10

Remembrance Day Assemblies

Friday, November 11

Remembrance Day, school not in session

Friday, November 18

Professional Development Day, students not in session

Friday, November 25

GTP – Semester One Completion Date

Saturday, November 26

Marching Band in Victoria Santa Parade, 5:45 PM

Friday, December 2

Yearbook Deposit Due

Saturday, December 3

Band Bottle Drive, 9 AM to 1 PM, Parking Lot

Thursday, December 8

Winter Band Concert, Old Gym, 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 10

Tuba Christmas Community Concert, Market Square, 1:00 PM

Friday, December 16

Last Day of School before Winter Break, Breakfast with Santa

Monday, December 19 to Monday, January 2

Winter Break

Tuesday, January 3

School re-opens

Saturday, January 7

Band Bottle Drive, 9 AM to 1 PM, Parking Lot

Tuesday, January 10

PAC Meeting, Library, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 11 to Friday, January 13

Fine Arts Showcase

Monday, January 16

Secondary Information Night, Theatre, 7:00 PM

Monday, January 23 to Friday, January 27

Exam Week

Monday, January 30

First day of Semester Two

Tuesday, January 31

Grad Winter Formal, 6 to 10 PM

Thursday, February 9

Report Cards Issued

Friday, February 10

Professional Development Day, students not in session

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you would like to use this newsletter as a vehicle for two-way communication, please send your compliment, idea or concern, to spectrum@sd61.bc.ca and include:

- Parent Name & Student Name
- Telephone (home/work/cell)
- e-mail

With thanks, Rob House, Principal