

# SPECTRUM

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The October newsletter accompanies our first formal report card for the school year. In reviewing the student's marks and comments, I am very impressed at how much our students have achieved.

We have had another great start to the school year welcoming close to 1200 students in September. Immediately we launched into another fundraising campaign for the Tour de Rock. This is an excellent way for the school community to come together for a common cause. Between some turnover from last year, a few new teachers, one new office staff, a new school counsellor and a youth and family counsellor, we had a lot of new Hokies join us this year. While that has made for a busy first term, we are very pleased with the new vibe they have brought to our school.

As you know the McKenzie Interchange Project continues to trudge along, and to put it bluntly, traffic is a gong show out there. This is a friendly reminder to everyone to be careful and be mindful of the volumes of traffic. The beginning and end of the day are particularly busy, and we need your help to try and reduce the volume coming through our parking lot. If your daughter or son needs to be dropped off, doing so a few blocks away would be very helpful. And while we do remind our students to be careful when leaving the school, they can be a little inattentive at times. Patience is the order of the day, especially with our Supervisors!

As always, if you would like to discuss any topic with us please go to the website <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 1st from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Regards,  
Bruce Bidney, Principal

### ***Outdoor Rec and Athletic Leadership***

Outdoor Rec and Athletic leadership are selling Hillside Night of Lights tickets for Sunday November 18th. When you purchase a \$5 ticket to this special evening, 100% of the proceeds support the student fees. The \$5 ticket also buys you a special evening event like no other! The evening includes fabulous in-store discounts, tasty treats, musical entertainment, and the chance to win great prizes including the GRAND PRIZE – a \$4,000 Flight Centre Travel Voucher towards your next getaway! For Tickets or information please contact Darien Peereboom ([dpeereboom@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:dpeereboom@sd61.bc.ca)).

### ***From the Visual Arts Department***

Congratulations to Alexa K. and Proud T., winners of our federal MP Randall Garrison's holiday card contest. Both cards will be printed in colour and handed out over the winter holiday season, Alexa's as the holiday card and Proud's as a thank-you card; this year's theme was environmental protectionism. Congratulations to our Spectrum artists!





## Numeracy Assessment

Numeracy assessment is a requirement for graduation with the assessment being written in grade 11. Approximately 90 of our current grade 12's did not write the assessment last year and will have to write this year to be eligible for graduation.

The Ministry is opening up a session in November, at which time only the grade 12's still needing it will have to complete the assessment at this time. Any grade 12's wanting to rewrite will be given the opportunity in 2019.

We will be organizing the students needing to write by alpha, into 3 sessions; morning and afternoon of the 5th and morning of the 6th. The morning sessions will start at 8:30 and the afternoon session will start at 11:30. We are asking students to arrive a few minutes early for set up.

Students needing to write will be notified by the Office on Monday and be given a sheet a paper with the date and time. Assessments will take place in lab 324. Please listen for your name to be called to the Office and attend TAG to find out when you will be writing. Students can receive support around the assessment in Collaboration on Thursday mornings.

There are also links to practice assessments available on our website: <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/numeracy-assessment/assessment> up to three times before completion of grade 12. The Assessment is mandatory by the Ministry of Education for graduation.

## From the Desk of Rene Schwarz...

Video Arts students have been realizing just how valuable interpersonal skills are in the collaborative act of making their own group production from idea to the screen. Also capturing school events for the archive and our news magazine Ground Zero, our team has covered the Cops for Cancer campaign, club activities, and we'll be recording the Back in Action Band Concert as well as creating a short film for the Remembrance Day assemblies.

B&W Photography students have been progressing well in their attempts to learn the hands-on technical skills of making old-school photographs using film and darkrooms. Watch for a display of their work in the school.

The Junior Musical Theatre classes are busy building a great set of highlights for the Fine Arts Showcase that will run during the last week before the winter break in December.

## Parking Woes

In a continued effort to manage the chaos that is our parking lot, we are reminding all students that only Grade 12 students with a *Spectrum Student* parking decal are permitted to park on the school property. The small lot closest to our football field is designated as student only. The large lot is for staff and visitors only. If there are no student spots available we respectfully request that students find street parking. Any students found to be parking in a staff/visitor spot may have their parking pass revoked. We thank you for your understanding.



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## Fine Arts Showcase

Don't miss Spectrum's annual Fine Arts Showcase, running December 17, 18, and 19 at 7:30 PM and featuring performances from Spectrum's Band, Dance, Musical Theatre, Video Arts, Drama, and Digital Media programs as well as a gallery of work in the foyer from the Visual Arts & Photography programs. Tickets can be purchased or set aside through the main school office (250-479-8271) starting in November. All 3 shows always sell out so get your tickets soon!

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

It's been a busy start to the school year in the library, with orientations for English 9 and Social Studies 9 students, novel studies, and Inquiry projects.

Students are welcome to participate in two extra-curricular activities at lunch in the library:

The Spectrum AV Club gives students the opportunity to learn how to make professional-quality recordings. This group meets on Mondays and Fridays in the sound studio. Club members are also welcome to use the equipment for spoken word or music recordings outside of these times as well. We would like to thank the Spectrum PAC for their support of this program.

Spectrum Student Book Club participants select books of interest to read, discuss (and view movie adaptations) over tea and cookies. This group meets on Wednesdays at lunch in Room 160. New members are welcome!

The "Hunger Games Trivia Contest" has just ended. Congratulations to our winners, Celina L and Meagan W, who won movie passes!

Our second Open Mic event of the school year is Wednesday, November 7th, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the library. Students are invited to share music, poetry, or other creative efforts with an audience. Refreshments will be served.

We are beginning to organize "The Great Spectrum Read", a book-based competition for semester two. At the moment, we are building the 'long list' of titles. If your son or daughter has a book suggestion for the list, they are encouraged to stop by the library or send an e-mail to [aeclark@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:aeclark@sd61.bc.ca).

The library is open before school, at lunch, and after school for students wishing to sign out materials, access computers, and work on projects.

## **HOW TO BOOK PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for Semester One - Term One classes will take place on Thursday, November 1, 2018, in both the Old Gym and the New Gym, from 5 to 8 PM. The booking system is now open. Information and links to the online booking system can be found on our website: <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/parent-interviews/>

Please make sure to have your student's teachers' names in order to book appointments. Once you have booked your appointment times, please write them down as once the system closes on November 1st at noon, you will not be able to check your appointment times. To accommodate the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews, school will dismiss at 2:00 PM on November 1st. School buses will run on a Friday schedule.

If you have any questions, please email Tina Carleton at [tcarleton@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:tcarleton@sd61.bc.ca) or call 250-479-8271, ext. 224

## **NEWS FOR GRADS**

**Grad 2019 is June 17, 2019 at 5:00 PM, University of Victoria, Farquhar Auditorium at 5pm**

This year our grads have voted to have a cap and gown ceremony. Gown purchase information will be made available in the coming weeks. Grads should be registered with Google Classroom as all tickets will be distributed through their account.



Grad photos run November 1 through 9th. Retakes are scheduled for January 14th through 18th, 2019. Please book your appointment online through Lifetouch. All information can be found on our Grad Resources pages: <https://spectrumcommunityschoolgrad.weebly.com/grad-photos.html>

Grad Wear clothing order forms will be available soon! These items make great Christmas gifts! Watch our website in the coming weeks for information on what will be offered and how to order!

Congratulations to Taylor M. for submitting the winning 2019 grad logo. Thank you to all the grads that entered.



## GRAD WINTER FORMAL

This year is December 20, 2018 from 6 to 10 pm at Ocean Point Resort. Guest applications will be available starting November 19 through December 5th. Winter Formal tickets will be available November 26 through December 12<sup>th</sup>. All grade 12 students in good standing and in a position to graduate are invited to participate.

### GRAD TRANSITION PLAN

Students taking English or Communications in Semester 1, will need to have their GTP completed and have an interview with Ms. Crisp before they can purchase tickets to the Winter Formal. For additional information please visit Spectrum's Grad webpage at <https://spectrumcommunityschoolgrad.weebly.com/>

### SPECTRUM DRY GRAD

The next parent meeting is November 15th 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 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 2020 a success!

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

### HOW DO I...

Find a student's counselor? Counselors at Spectrum divide their case load by student last name – as follows:

<b>A to G and Y, Z</b>	Lise Tetrault
<b>H to O</b>	Jude Woodland
<b>P to X</b>	Celeste Bradshaw

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

<b>A to L</b>	Ms. Amanda Chan, Vice-Principal
<b>M to Z</b>	Mrs. Donna Thompson, Vice-Principal

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

### TOAST PROGRAM



Spectrum's Toast Program is up and running again for 2018-19! Every Tuesday & Thursday morning, we serve toast, baked goods, and juice starting at 7:30 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, great big thank you to Connie Warrender, Richel Condie and Celeste Bradshaw for making this happen for staff and students!

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

We greatly appreciate our volunteer drivers. Volunteers driving any child other than their own must submit copies of their driver's license, 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 license), this is free of charge. For detailed info, please visit our website at: <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/volunteer-drivers/>



## ***DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR***

**October 26** - Report Cards Issued

**October 30** - Band Parents Association meeting, 7pm, Library

**November 1 - 9** - Grad 2019 Portraits

**November 1** - Early dismissal - student dismissed 2pm

**November 1** - Parent-Teacher Interviews, 5 to 8pm, Old Gym

**November 4** - Clock change - turn your clocks back

**November 12** - Statutory Holiday - in lieu of Remembrance Day

**November 13** - PAC meeting, 7pm, Library

**November 14** - Grade 9 - Take your kids to Work day

**November 22** - Semester 1 - Grad Transition Plan Deadline

**November 23** - Professional Development Day - no classes

**November 27** - Band Parents Association Meeting, 7pm, Library

**November 30** - Reunification Drill (information to follow)

**December 6** - Band Winter Concert

**December 11** - PAC meeting, 7pm, Library

**December 17-19** - Fine Arts Showcase, 7pm

**December 20** - Grad Winter Formal

**December 21** - Pancake Breakfast and last day of classes

**December 24 - January 04** - Winter Break

**January 07** - Schools re-open