



SPECTRUM

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019 EDITION

As in past years, our October newsletter accompanies our first formal report card for the school year. In reviewing the student's marks and comments, my admin team and I are very impressed with how hard our students are working and how much they have achieved.

We have had another great start to the school year welcoming over 1100 students this past September. We launched into another fundraising campaign for the Tour de Rock/Cops for Cancer in September. This is an excellent way for the school community to come together for a common cause. Check out some of our star fundraisers later in the newsletter.

Because of some turnover from last year, a number of new teachers, a new Career Center Coordinator, a new school counsellor AND a youth and family counsellor have joined us this year. While that has made for a busy first term, we are very pleased with the new vibe and atmosphere they have brought to our school.

As you know the McKenzie Interchange Project continues to trudge along, when you add in the recent Grange Road construction, traffic in the area is an absolute mess! We have also been notified recently that **the Galloping Goose Trail will be affected in the coming months. Please see the notice at the end of the newsletter about the upcoming trail closures and detour routes.**

Please take this time to remember to be careful and be mindful during high traffic volume times. The beginning and end of the day are extremely busy, and we need *your* help to try and reduce the volume coming into our parking lot. If your son or daughter needs to be dropped off (or picked up), please arrange to do so a few blocks away. This will greatly alleviate the amount of congestion in our parking lot. We need minimal traffic coming through our parking lot in order to accommodate our school bus, special needs bus and District vehicles. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in reducing the parking lot congestion.

As always, if you would like to discuss any topic with us please go to our school website 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 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Regards,
Bruce Bidney, Principal

Outdoor Rec and Athletic Leadership

Kick off your holiday shopping on and support your favourite charity! Tickets to this November 17 event are \$5.00 and allows you access to this special holiday event. Enjoy musical entertainment, tasty treats, in-store incentives, prizes and the grand prize of a \$4000 travel voucher. Please contact Darien Peereboom for tickets at dpeereboom@sd61.bc.ca.



Scholarship 12

Scholarship 12 is a 4 credit course available to all grade 12 students with no academic requirements needed as there are scholarships for students with mid to high averages. The class meets on Mondays at lunch but attendance is not a requirement in the course. For more details join our google classroom with code 7372zjg.

Library News

The library is a busy place this fall, with classes participating in literature, research, media literacy, and digital citizenship activities. We also welcomed our new school library assistant, Mrs. Val Irwin. We are so happy she is here.

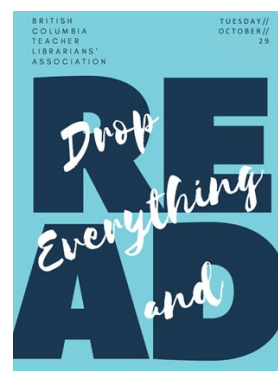
"Off Topic" – Spectrum Student Book Club: This student-led group meets every Wednesday at lunch in Room 158. Club members choose a book to read and discuss each month (Wayward Son by Rainbow Rowell is the selection for October) and organize literary-related events. On Tuesday, October 29, the club is hosting a "Hallowe'en Literary Trivia Event" afterschool in the library. Everyone is welcome & refreshments will be served. Students travelled to Vic High on Thursday, October 3 to meet with their book club & hear insights from Brian Francis, author of the young adult novel Break in Case of Emergency. Students are looking forward to a November visit to a local bookstore to select new books for the library.

Staff Sponsors: Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Clark

Spectrum AV Club: This club meets Mondays and Fridays at lunch in the library. New members are welcome! Students learn how to use recording equipment and are welcome to work on group projects (such as an ongoing podcast series) or personal projects.

Staff Sponsors: Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Marchi, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Clark

We are beginning to form the longlist for this year's Great Spectrum Read event. Our theme is "Inspiration". Any students with title suggestions are encouraged to share them with us. On Tuesday, October 29, Spectrum will celebrate National School Library Day with DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) – a province-wide initiative that involves approximately 70,000 students each year.



Cops for Cancer/Tour de Rock campaign 2019!



Spectrum welcomed our 2019 riders at the beginning of October and presented them with a cheque for over \$10,000! Thank you to all our contributors, we can't do this without your generosity and hard work. A very special thank you to **Cycles West** who donated TWO bicycles to our top student fundraisers! Jayden and Kathleen raised over \$2,000 between them! Keep a look out for various opportunities to contribute to this amazing cause as we take our fundraising to a year round campaign!

From the Desk of Rene Schwarz...

From the desk of René Schwarz: The school year has been off to a running start as usual with Video Arts classes learning the film making craft hands-on with short film assignments on camera framing and actions and the 180 degree rule to name a few. Video Arts has been compiling segments on Thanksgiving, the resurrection of Student Council, and the Student Vote for their Ground Zero show to be broadcast online and on Shaw TV. Students have also been planning and creating a video for the Remembrance Day assemblies. Photography students are also getting over the technical hurdle of learning old-school B&W film photography and print making. The Junior Musical Theatre students have begun to build their parts of the school's Fine Arts Showcase on from Dec. 16-18. The A/V club continues to add to Spectrum's SoundCloud channel with podcasts on a variety of topics and genres. The club has also assisted with A/V support for school assemblies like Cops for Cancer and the Welcome Back BBQ. Staying tuned in to inform our community about what's happening at Spectrum is what makes school a fun place to work and learn.

CLC Reporting

Beginning this school year, each report card, for students in grades 10, 11, and 12, will be accompanied by a "CLC Report". This report serves as both a check-in and a checklist pertaining to the requirements of our new Career Life Connections (CLC) course. Please ensure that you and/or the student's Mentor takes a moment to look over the report, talk about the student's work in CLC, and sign off on both sides of the second piece of paper in the Report.



It is very important that ALL PAGES of this CLC Report AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS are delivered back to Mr. Chris Lubinich's Room 23 or the school's main office; if a student's work is not documented on the report, they will not receive the four credits for the course that are mandatory for graduation.

All information for the CLC course can be found at spectrumclc.weebly.com. Please do not hesitate to email Mr. Chris Lubinich at chlubinich@sd61.bc.ca if you have any additional questions. *If a student wishes to hold on to the first piece of paper of the CLC Report to keep track of their work, the second piece of paper must still be returned to Mr. Chris Lubinich or the school's main office.

Civix Student Vote

Our results are in from the Spectrum Student Vote 2019 campaign. During the days of October 16 & 17 students had the opportunity to come to our library to vote at our polling station for who they would choose as our Member of Parliament. This has been an amazing authentic hands-on learning activity where students get to learn about democracy, voting, government, the rights and responsibilities of citizens and as well looking at media and media literacy. Our library was turned into a mock polling station complete with voters lists, voting screens and ballot boxes. Thank you to the students from Ms. Raynor's SS 10H class who helped out as scrutineers and thank you to Civix who organized this nationwide event where over 1.18 million students in over 7800 schools have participated in all 338 ridings around the country. As a school we had 54% voter turnout and the results for Spectrum were as follows:

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| 1. David Merner-Green Party of Canada 245 votes | 6. Jeremy Gustafson-People's Party of Canada 15 votes |
| 2. Randall Garrison-New Democratic Party 147 votes | 7. Fidelia Godron-Independent 13 votes |
| 3. Jamie Hammond-Liberal Party of Canada 74 votes | 8. Josh Steffler-Libertarian Party of Canada 12 votes |
| 4. Randall Pewarchuk-Conservatives Party of Canada 45 votes | 9. Louis Lesosky-Independent 9 votes |
| 5. Tyson Strandlund-Communist Party of Canada 42 votes | 10. Philip Ney-Independent 8 votes |

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.



Europe Spring Break 2021

Are you interested in travelling to Berlin, Prague, Krakow, Auschwitz, Budapest and Vienna? We are heading to Europe during Spring Break of 2021. We will see many historical sights and experience some truly incredible culture and food. Please email Ms. Raynor for more information at mraynor@sd61.bc.ca



How to book parent teacher interviews

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for Semester One - Term One classes will take place on Thursday, November 7, 2019, in both the Old Gym and the New Gym, from 5 to 8 PM. The booking system will open October 30th. 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 7th. School buses will run on a Friday schedule. If you have any questions, please email Tina Carleton at carleton@sd61.bc.ca or call 250-479-8271, ext. 224

NEWS FOR GRADS

Grad 2020 is June 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM, University of Victoria, Farquhar Auditorium at 5pm

This year our grads will purchase their cap and gown for the 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 October 30th through 8th. Retakes are scheduled for January 14th through 16th, 2020. 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 Store is now open! These items make great Christmas gifts! Be sure to check your email for ordering details.

Congratulations to Esha H. for submitting the winning 2020 grad logo. Thank you to all the grads that entered.

GRAD WINTER FORMAL

This year is December 19, 2019 from 6 to 10 pm at the Inn at Laurel Point. Guest applications will be available starting November 18 through December 5th. Winter Formal tickets will be available online November 18 through December 6th for purchase.



HOW DO I...

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

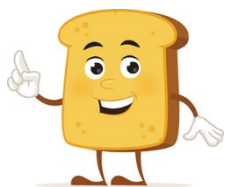
A to G and Y, Z	Graeme Hamilton
H to O	Jude Woodland
P to X	Celeste Bradshaw

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

A to L	Mr. Jeff Marchi, Teacher in Charge
M to Z	Ms. Jennifer Wignall, 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 for the 2019-2020 school year! Most Tuesday & Thursday mornings Leadership Students serve up warm toast, baked goods, and juice starting at 7:45 AM and finishing at 8:25 AM when the first 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 24 - Report Cards Issued

October 25 – Pro-D Day, students not in session

October 30 – Nov 8 - Grad 2019 Portraits

November 3 - Clock change - turn your clocks back

November 6 - Grade 9 - Take your kids to Work day

November 7 - Early dismissal - student dismissed 2pm

November 7 - Parent-Teacher Interviews, 5 to 8pm, Old Gym

November 11 - Statutory Holiday - in lieu of Remembrance Day

November 12 - PAC meeting, 7pm, Library

November 21 – CLC Semester 1 deadline

November 22 - Professional Development Day - no classes

December 5 - Band Winter Concert

December 10 - PAC meeting, 7pm, Library

December 16-18 - Fine Arts Showcase, 7pm

December 19 - Grad Winter Formal

December 20 - Pancake Breakfast and last day of classes

December 23 - January 03 - Winter Break

January 06 - Schools re-open

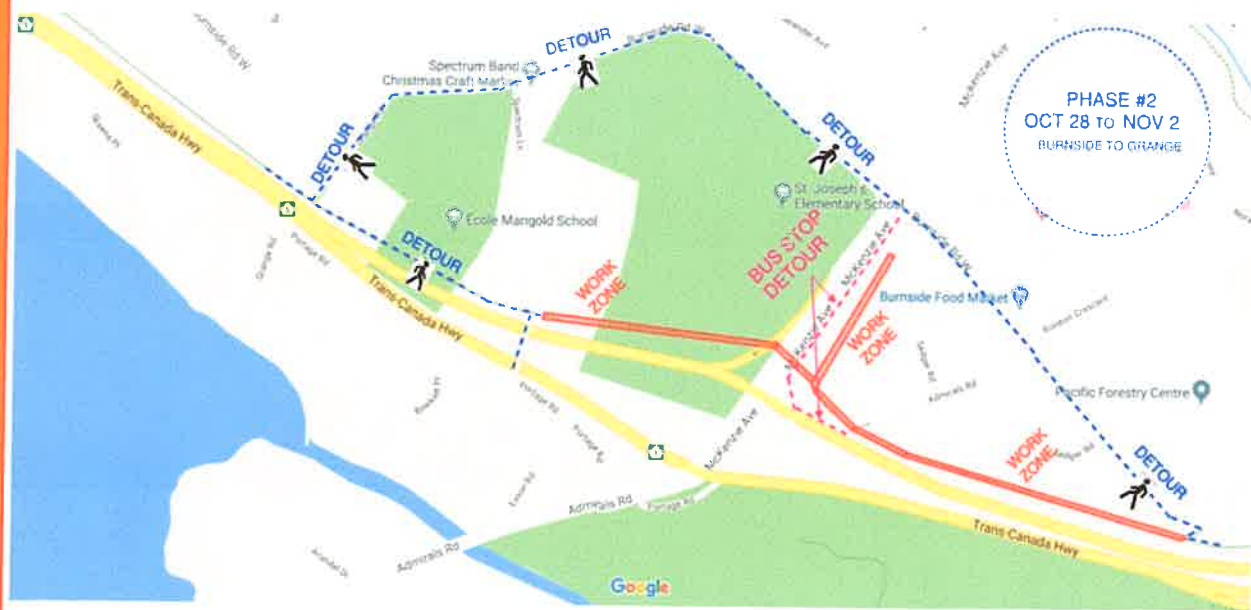
UPCOMING TRAIL CLOSURE

PHASE #2

ANTICIPATED OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2019

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MCKENZIE INTERCHANGE PROJECT



Heading westbound, detour commences near Interurban Rd onto Burnside Rd West, and connects back to Galloping Goose Trail at Grange Rd. Bus Stop on HWY #1 NB connects with trail at McKenzie and Burnside Junction.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/mckenzieinterchange/construction-updates>