

PSO - FEBRUARY

Newsletter



IMPORTANT INFO:

Last day of classes for Semester 1 was Friday, Jan 30th. Semester 2 started Monday, February 2nd. If your child is requiring a class change they should contact the school counsellor or PSO Administration as soon as possible. Students who failed or were withdrawn from a course need to connect with the school counsellor to determine your schedule for the future. Most courses are required to graduate, so for Grade 12s this is especially important. As of Thursday, February 5th, no more course request changes will be accommodated.

LEARNING UPDATES

All Learning Updates are available in the Parent Portal on MyEducation. If you need a printed copy, please call the office @ 250-395-2461 and we will print one for you. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on accessing the Learning Updates. Please note that MyEd requires parents to reset their Portal password every 90 days, please call the office to reset your password.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb 2nd - Semester 2 starts & Gr 8 Elective E5 rotation starts
- Feb 4th-6th - Grad photos
- Feb 12th - Learning Updates released on MyEd at 3:00pm
- Feb 13th - Pro-D Day
- Feb 16th - Stat Holiday - Family Day
- Feb 17th - PAC Meeting @ 5:30
- Feb 25th - Pink Shirt Day
- Mar 3rd - Grad Photo Retakes
- Mar 6th - Scholarships Due at 3:30pm
- Mar 9th - Gr 8 Elective E6 starts
- Mar 11th - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 16th - 28th - Spring Break



GRAD 2026 INFO

Grad photos happened last week from Wednesday, February 4th to Friday, February 6th. During photos, all grads were measured for their grad gowns, and received a package that contained all sorts of information regarding graduation, scholarships, and important dates. Grad photo retakes will be on March 3rd, sign up will be posted soon.

Grad ceremonies will be on **Friday, June 19th, 2026 start time at 6:30pm at the South Cariboo Arena.**

Scholarships application packages are due March 6th @ 3:30pm

****Graduate Ceremony Fee: \$50.00** -This fee covers the costs of the grad gown, the cap and tassel, the mini composite picture, the folder for holding mini composite and diploma, and picture of acceptance of diploma with an administrator. We have a debit

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-395-2461 or by email at psoinfo@sd27.bc.ca

Attention Grads and Parents of Grads - To support graduation planning, graduation status will be shared with the Dry Grad Committee and/or the PAC. If you prefer that you or your student's information not be shared, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

RIBBON SKIRT, SHIRT OR HOODIE MAKING

Ribbon Skirt, Shirt or Hoodie making in The All-Nations room

Instructed by: Tsq'escen First Nation member, Norma Theodore-Archie

Students & Staff will learn the significance of the ribbons on Indigenous apparel, develop textile skills and express their creativity with their project.

In the future these pieces will be displayed and/or used at cultural events.

Week 1: February 2nd & February 4th

Week 2: Feb. 9th, Feb. 11th

Week 3: March 2nd & March 4th

C block, 12:30-1:50 pm



PINK SHIRT DAY

On February 25, our school will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day, a day dedicated to standing up against bullying and promoting kindness, respect, and inclusion. Wearing pink is a simple but powerful way to show support for those who have been affected by bullying and to remind one another that our words and actions matter. Pink Shirt Day also highlights the importance of not standing by when bullying happens—whether that means speaking up, offering support to someone being targeted, or getting help from a trusted adult. By participating, we show that our school community chooses empathy over silence and kindness over cruelty, helping create a place where everyone feels safe, accepted, and valued.

SPORTS AND CLUB INFO

BASKETBALL

Mondays & Wednesdays - Gr 8 girls 3:30 to 4:30 & Jr. and Sr. Girls from 4:30 to 6:30
Tuesdays & Thursdays - Jr. boys 3:30 to 5:30 and Sr. Boys from 5:30 to 7:30

INDOOR CLIMBING

Tuesdays after school from 3:30 to 5:00 in the weight room.

TRACK AND FIELD

Track and field will start after spring break. Students can sign up with Mrs. Meville in 103.

CLUBS

GSA CLUB: MONDAYS @ LUNCH RM 147

POETRY CLUB - PLEASE SEE MS. WIUM FOR MORE INFORMATION

LEADERSHIP CLUB: TUESDAYS @ LUNCH RM 120

CLIMBING CLUB: THURSDAY AT LUNCH AND TUES AFTER SCHOOL 3:30-5PM

GAMING CLUB: EVERY DAY AT LUNCH RM 118

ALSO THE GYM IS OPEN TO ALL IN THE MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL AND AT LUNCH

FIBRE ARTS CLUB: FRIDAYS AT LUNCH IN LIBRARY



ERASE REPORTING TOOL

ERASE = Expect Respect & A Safe Education: Students can report a problem or find help; parents can explore resources and access training, and school staff can find resources for their classrooms and the school. ERASE posters are in classrooms and posted around the school. <https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/>

SCHOOL MESSENGER

PSO uses School Messenger automatic callout module. The program is linked to MyEd BC and sends out emails, phone calls and messages to parents whose children did not go to class for that morning or afternoon (unexcused absence). Parents can respond in kind to the message indicating that the child is away. The system also allows parents to indicate that their child will be away for the day by calling 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, website login or calling the school. <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Join us for our spring Parent-Teacher Night on March 11th to discuss your child's progress. Come and enjoy sweet treats, coffee, tea, and a raffle! Youth Engagement staff, parent portal support, capstone examples, and career info will also be available. Drop-ins are welcome—we look forward to seeing you!

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

The Grade 9 immunization dates will be announced soon. Consent forms will be distributed to students on Tuesday, February 10th.



CODE OF CONDUCT

Our School Code of Conduct is a living document that we continually amend and adapt to ensure our school is safe and student expectations are clear. We encourage feedback from parents to ensure our Code of Conduct is clear and helps guide student behaviour. Please become familiar with our Code of Conduct and contact school administration with any questions or comments: [PSO Code of Conduct](#)

PAC MEETING

The upcoming PAC meeting is scheduled for February 17th at 5:30 PM in our school library. We encourage you to join us and see what's taking place. Your feedback is important!

SCREEN TIME - PROTECTING YOUTH ONLINE

Violent online groups are targeting children and teens through social media and gaming platforms, coercing them into harmful acts and spreading extremist ideologies. Parents and caregivers should watch for warning signs like secretive app use, sudden interest in violent content, or withdrawal. Learn more and get prevention tips: [RCMP Report](#)

VOLUNTEERING AT OUR SCHOOL

All parents volunteering their time to support school events must have a criminal record check completed before they start helping out. This includes driving students, dry grad, coaching, helping in a classroom, etc. To apply online go to the link below and enter the password:

Online Link: [Criminal Record Check Link](#)

PSO Access Code: V5L5RVHL5M

Administration Team

Caitlin Currie, Principal
Shawn Meville, Vice Principal
Robert MacDonald, Vice Principal

Clerical Team

Nicki Jackson, Front Office Reception
Shantell Silvey, Accounting
Sylvia Zailo, Records

PSO Indigenous Support Workers

Angel Smith
Sharmaine Grimes

Counselling

Jodi Wium, School Counselor
Nicki Hansen, Youth Engagement Worker
Heather Wood, Careers Counselor



Navaeh Ratcliff cutting plantain in Ms. St.Pierre's Spanish class to make Casado



Riley Townsend making Gall Pinto in Spanish class



Oliver Pressaco & Owen Cunningham cooking plantains



We had a successful first day of ribbon skirt, shirt and hoodie making with our Knowledge Keeper, Norma Theodore-Archie from Tsq'escen First Nation



Jr. Girls Basketball team won the title of South End Champions!



Drucilla Archie dancing at the Thomas Dueck Annual Pow Wow at Columneetza

PSO STUDY HALL



Join us in Room 137 - Every Tuesday and Thursday @ Lunch

- Drop in peer tutoring (free!)
 - Homework help
 - Exam prep
 - Make friends
 - Boost your grades
 - Make your parents proud
- Get ready for college/university

What to bring? Your textbooks, notes, & any questions you have

Dress the Dream

Prom should be a celebration for everyone!

Dress the Dream is a community-led event created to support students who may need a little extra help making prom night special.

If you think this opportunity might be for you, please sign up in the Counselling Office at PSO.

They are also accepting donations of:

- Dresses*
- Shoes and Boots*
- Dress shirts, suit jackets, and pants*
- Accessories*
- (all genders & sizes)*

Please contact Erin at 604-789-5474

Your generosity helps ensure that students can shine on their big night!

March 4 & 5 | 3:00–7:00 PM

Space is limited so sign up soon!

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