PSO NEWSLETTER

November 6th, 2026

November at a glance:

School Calendar: Some Important Upcoming Dates

- Nov 2nd – 6th – Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Catch up for Grade 12's
- Nov 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am
- Nov 11th – Remembrance Day – No School
- Nov 12th – CLC Assignments Due & Grade 12 Scholarship Meeting B Block
- Nov 16th – Gr 8 Elective 3 starts
- Nov 17th – PAC Meeting @ 5pm in PSO Library
- Nov 23rd – Pro-D Day – No School
- Nov 24th – Learning Update Released on MyEd

Parent Teacher Night

Our parent teacher night (Oct. 14th) was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended. If you could not make parent teacher night, please reach out to your child's teachers through email. Staff Emails

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Tuesday, November 10th, we will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly. If you would like to attend, please arrive by 10:00am in the gym to get advanced seating.

Term 1 is almost done!

The middle of semester 1 (Term 1 end) is Friday, November 13th. All students need to ensure that their work is up to date so their grades (Term 1 Learning Update) reflect their full learning to this point. Learning updates will be available through MyEd parent portal on November 24th. If you have trouble accessing this, or need your password updated, please email our records secretary: sylvia.zailo@sd27.bc.ca. Any parents with concerns please call the school to arrange a teacher meeting if necessary. Course failures at the Grade 10-12 level may have an impact on graduation eligibility.

CLC 12 Information

Gr. 12 students are required to complete CLC 12 which is a course comprised of 12 assignments, a Capstone project and 30 hours of Work/volunteer experience. Students are to complete this course in their study block (if they have 1 this semester) or on their own time. Below are the important deadlines for students to remember:

- Assignments due November 12, 2026
- Capstone project mandatory check in with Mrs. Gardner – November/December
- Capstone project mandatory check in with Mrs. Gardner – February
- Capstone project due April 5, 2027
- Capstone project presentation day – May 11, 2027

- Work/volunteer hours/paperwork must be completed by May 28, 2027

** Any students finishing gr. 12 at the end of January must complete CLC 12 by the end of January.

** Mrs. Gardner is available for assistance in B and C blocks, most lunch times and afterschool by request.

Scholarships

Our scholarship process will officially begin on November 12th, 2026. Students will attend a scholarship meeting during B Block that day, where they will receive important information and materials to help guide them through the application process.

Parents are encouraged to review all materials sent home with their students and work together to develop a plan for researching and applying for scholarships.

The deadline for all scholarship applications is March 5th, 2027.

Newsletters

Newsletters School newsletters will be emailed out at the beginning of each month and posted to the school website PSO Website. We also have a PSO Facebook page that we would encourage you to join as it is used regularly and has very timely news.

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**

Student Verification Forms, Indigenous self-identification form and Walking Field Trip Form

Student verification forms will be on your MyEd portal. Please go over the information listed and make changes as needed. It is vital we get these forms updated as soon as possible so we have accurate contact information for all students. The office can print you up a copy if needed. Also please return your Indigenous self-identification form to the school as soon as possible. Walking Field trip forms are now overdue; the office will be reaching out again to those who have not returned the forms.

Steps to Resolve Concerns & ERASE Reporting Tool

If you have concerns with a situation at the school, there are steps to follow to ensure your concern is dealt with efficiently and properly. Please refer to **Steps to Resolve Concerns** for more information.

Homework Requests and Attendance Related Questions

Please contact teachers directly via email for homework, class updates or attendance related questions. This direct line of communication helps ensure your child receives accurate and timely information about what they've missed. Teachers are best positioned to provide details about current lessons, assignments, and expectations, and can work with you or your child to arrange for homework to be sent by email or have a homework package prepared for pick-up at the school office.

Homework Requests Link

Safe Arrival

School District No. 27 uses the free School Messenger App to keep families informed and connected. Caregivers can use it to report when their child is absent, late, or leaving early.
If a student is absent or late without a valid excuse from a parent or guardian, the absence will be recorded as unexcused. An automated School Messenger call will then be sent to the student's primary contact.

School Messenger App

***Please plan with your student in advance for early pickups and appointments.**

When a parent or guardian calls the school to excuse a student from class who is in attendance at other times of the day, please be aware of the following:

- Students must still sign out at office if leaving campus and sign in at return.
- If excusing a student and they are NOT leaving campus, we expect the student to remain in the location that has been designated with the teacher or administration (e.g., library, front office, or another approved area). Please communicate with your student's teacher if this is the case.

Students who are excused from class are not permitted to wander the campus.

This policy is critical to maintaining a safe environment. In the event of an emergency, we must be able to quickly and accurately locate every student. If a student is not where we expect them to be, it poses a serious safety concern.

Volunteering at the School

All volunteers 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: **https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck**
PSO Access Code: V5L5RVHL5M

Fall Sports

- **Volleyball**
  Sr. Girls (Gr. 11 – 12) & Boys Jr. & Sr.
  Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 to 6:00pm
  Jr. Girls (Gr. 9-10)
  Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:00 pm
  Contact: Lisa.Pugh@sd27.bc.ca

- **Soccer**
  Mondays & Wednesdays Upper Field
  3:30 to 5:00 pm
  Contact: Steven.Keller@sd27.bc.ca

- **Climbing Club**
  Tuesday
  3:30 – 5:00 pm
  Ken.Mackenzie@sd27.bc.ca

- **Rugby**
  Tuesdays & Thursdays Lower Field
  3:30 – 5:00 pm
  Chris.Leflufy@sd27.bc.ca

Sports Announcement
The #1 seeded PSO Boys' Soccer team dominated the competition at the North Central Zones Championship, beating Fraser Lake 8 – 1, Fort St. James 5 – 1, and Burns Lake 8 – 0. The boys finished first out of seven teams, outscoring the opposition 21 - 2. They received standout performances from Thorsten Cibrian, Gurlal Mudhar, Toran Todd, Freddy Hedtfeld, James Argent, Josh Ohlund, Gurmanjit Pannu, Abhijjot Mann, Kieran Macdonald, Daniel Mailer, Robert Mailer, Zack Brandt, Hanro Van Der Westhuizen, Alex Kreschuk, Graydon Forster, Gerard Hutton, Damian Ma, and Triton Fowler.

Players that received awards as selected by the other coaches / organizers:

- Abhijot Mann – Tournament MVP
- James Argent – Top Forward
- Damian Ma – Top Midfielder

Our boys are going to PROVINCALS!!

ERASE Information for Caregivers: Caregiver resources can be found at: erase for Adults - Province of British Columbia. ERASE posters are in classrooms and posted around the school.

Please bookmark and check out these FREE sessions/information from ERASE:

1. Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities, FREE Upcoming Remote Sessions – Next session is **November 25, 2026** at 6:30pm.

3. Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers, FREE Digital Download (this guide will be continually updated by Safer Schools Together)

Contact Info

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Administration Team
Caitlin Currie, Principal
Ty Lytton, Vice Principal
Carol Gabel, Vice Principal

Clerical Team
Shantell Silvey, Accounting
Sylvia Zailo, Records
Nicki Jackson, Office Front Desk

Counselling
Jodi Wium, School Counsellor
Heather Wood - Career Counsellor
Nicki Hansen - Youth Engagement Worker

PSO Indigenous Support Workers
Angel Smith
Sharmaine Grimes

Student/Parent Resources

- **Suicide Crisis Helpline**: 988 Call or text for a safe place to talk, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

- **ERASE** (Expect Respect & Safe Education) Anonymous reporting tool for students.

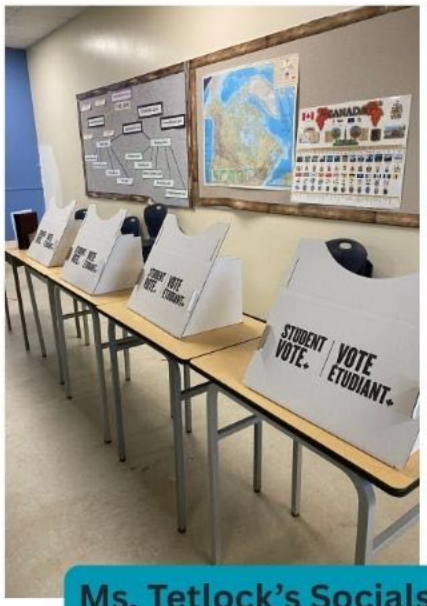
- **Vaping** Information for Parents

- **Screen Time** Information for Parents

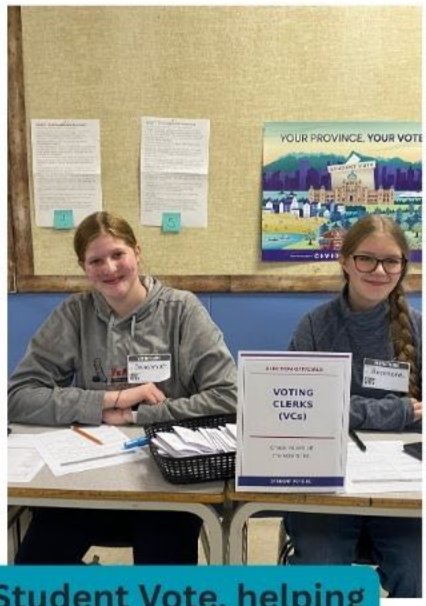
- **Healthy School BC Information**

- **PSO Website**

- **PSO Facebook Page**







Ms. Tetlock's Socials 10 class led the way with Student Vote, helping students experience how elections work and cast their own ballots





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PSO









Mrs. Ball's class doing some outdoor learning











PSO Prep Rally and Halloween Costume Contest

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2026

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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