

Alberni District Secondary School

The Grapevine



January/February 2024

Web site Address: www.sd70.bc.ca/adss

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 12	Learning Summaries Issued (Report Cards)
Feb 16	Non-Instructional Day – School closed to students
Feb 19	Family Day Holiday – School closed to students
Feb 28 -29	Informal Learning Updates (Parent Teacher Conferences) (There will be an email sent out the week of Feb 19 th)
Mar 18-Apr 1	Spring Break/Easter Weekend

Reporting an ABSENCE: If your student is absent or late, please use one of the options below:

- Download app - Pacific Rim Schools
- Call the Main Office at 250-723-6251
- Email: adss@sd70.bc.ca



Teachers are not able to excuse students; they can only mark absent, present, or late.

Learning Summaries and Honor Roll/Principal's Roll

With the change to reporting this year, we are presented with a challenge in terms of how we acknowledge students with exemplary achievement. Previously, at the end of each semester, all students that received a B average were placed on the Honor Roll. Additionally, students that received an A in every class, as well as a work habits grade of G or E in every class would be placed on the Principal's Roll.

As we consider how this looks under the new reporting requirements, we need to recognize that Work Habits are no longer a part of report cards/learning summaries and that students in Grades 8 and 9 don't receive letter grades.

The changes will be minor at the Grade 10-12 level. We will remove the Work Habits requirement for the Principal's Roll but everything else remains unchanged.

At the Grades 8 & 9 levels, we have a larger change. As there is no way to differentiate achievement based on letter grades, the Principal's Roll is no longer possible to calculate. Instead, the school has created a new definition for the Honor Roll and will cease to use the Principal's Roll until students reach Grade 10. To achieve Honor Roll standing, students in Grades 8 & 9 will need to achieve grades of Proficient or Extending in all courses.

Students who meet the requirements for these achievement awards will find them attached to their Semester 1 Learning Summaries (report cards).

Helpful link below on youth and screen use:

[The Screenagers Project | Parents Page](#)

SHE Kills Monsters
Parental Guidance under 13
for language and mature themes

Tickets: General \$10

ADSS Theatre: 4000 Roger St.
Port Alberni

Friday March 8 7pm	Saturday March 9 1pm & 7pm
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Online Tickets at
[ShowTix4U.com](#)

She Kills Monsters, Written by Qui Nguyen, premiering Nov 4, 2011. Published by Samuel French and licenced through Concord Theatricals.

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2022 Yearbook
\$55 each



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with credit card or PayPal

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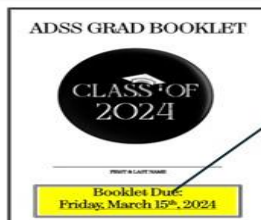


[Yearbook Order Form 2024.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Band Updates

- 2nd payments for Vancouver and Edmonton Tours are overdue.
- Friday February 9th - Grade 8 tour to Victoria! Tour members must meet at the front of the school at 7:30AM! You will need instrument and music so don't forget!
- ADSS Choir meets Wednesdays afterschool.

Information is on website www.adssmusic.weebly.com



**Booklet Due:
Friday, March 15th, 2024**

Please make sure you have everything
submitted by March 15th to
adssadvising@sd70.bc.ca
The booklet will need to be handed in at the
Advising Centre!
Graduation Information can be found through
this link! → [GRAD 2024 \(sd70.bc.ca\)](http://GRAD_2024(sd70.bc.ca))



Track & Field

- Starting: Monday February 26th.
- Practices: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after school at Bob Daily Track.
- Any questions please contact Anna Jack at ajack@sd70.bc.ca

Withdrawing from ADSS? Here's what to do!

Fill out our withdrawal form → [withdrawal-consent.ad2c637582.pdf \(sd70.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd70.bc.ca/withdrawal-consent.ad2c637582.pdf)
Completed forms must be emailed to adssadvising@sd70.bc.ca or dropped off at the main office.

All ADSS resources must be returned!

In response to the passing of Accessible BC Act in 2021, School District 70 Pacific Rim (SD70) has developed an accessibility team and plan for students, staff, families, and visitors who access SD70 buildings and services. In addition to the district plan, a feedback form was created and is provided for people to share their accessibility experience with SD70. This feedback form offers individuals the opportunity to let SD70 know how we are doing around accessibility and where we can make improvements to be more accessible and inclusive to students, families, and staff in our communities.

We would like to hear from you about your accessibility experiences in the district. You can choose to fill in the form below, email or call to speak with Michell Bennett, Director of Inclusive Education. THANK YOU in advance for sharing your thoughts with us. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

Feedback Form: [SD70 Accessibility Feedback -How are we doing? \(office.com\)](#)

Email: daat@sd70.bc.ca

Phone: 250-723-3565

More info about the SD70 Accessibility Plan: [Pacific Rim Accessibility \(sd70.bc.ca\)](#)

ADSS BREAKFAST CLUB

To read more about the Breakfast Club and to find out how you can get involved or offer support, check out the page on our website at:

[Breakfast Club Info - January 2024](#)

ADSS ATHLETIC DEPT TO CHANGE TEAM NICKNAME

The ADSS Athletic Department would like to announce that it has formally begun the process of selecting a new nickname for its teams. We are cognizant of the many alumni that have played or cheered for an Armada team and who have enjoyed the associated school pride. Those experiences and emotions will remain a part of ADSS history, to be cherished and remembered by all. As we move forward, we must not fear change, but rather embrace it as an opportunity for growth. Opening a new chapter in our history is a positive, collaborative movement forward and we are excited about what the future holds for our school.

The students, staff and coaches have spoken, and we have listened. The input we received clearly indicated that the name “Armada” no longer has a connection with our school community and does not represent what we value and who we are as a school. As a result, the ADSS Athletic Department has decided, through careful consideration and analysis, to move forward with a process that will result in a nickname with which we can all identify and be excited about.

The ADSS Athletic Department acknowledges that our school is located on the unceded ha-houlthees of the c̓šaaʔath and hupačasath nations. Recognizing the importance of Truth and Reconciliation, our school is committed to working collaboratively with our Indigenous partners throughout the process.

From ideas gathered from students, staff, and the public, the ADSS Athletic Department will endeavor to find a new nickname that can help build excitement and connection with our school into the future. The ADSS Athletic Department and partners will consider such things as Indigenous history and culture, athletics and school history, geographical location, as well as iconic events, when selecting a new nickname. We are seeking a name that is bold, represents strength and power, and is a name that everyone can be proud of.

We hope that all people who feel a connection to ADSS will collectively support us. There is no timeline on when a new name will be selected as we want to ensure all ideas are reviewed carefully and vetted accurately. We’re excited for the next generation of ADSS Athletics.

ADSS Athletic Dept.

For the month of February, suggestions can be submitted to the QR code below.

