Alberni District Secondary School

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

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 ext 4
- When leaving message please speak clearly, state first and last name of student
 ➢ Email: adss@sd70.bc.ca

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

Where can I get informed? On the ADSS website <u>Alberni District (sd70.bc.ca)</u> On Facebook @ *Alberni District Secondary School*

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 18	Pro-D Day – no school for students
Nov 25 – 29	Graduation Photos–booking link will be sent to sd70 email
Dec 10-11	Winter Band Concerts
Dec 23–Jan 3	Winter Vacation
Jan 6	School reopens after Winter Break
Jan 9-11	Totem Tournament



School Bus Registration

Link to Online Registration <u>here</u>



Reminder to please keep students home if they are feeling unwell and unable to be successful in the classroom. With a full school of over 1300 students, we want to do what we can to avoid the spread of sickness and prevent

absenteeism for our entire school community. Thank you.

SD70 Accessibility - feedback appreciated

In response to the passing of the Accessible BC Act in 2021, School District 70 Pacific Rim (SD70) 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 <u>feedback form</u> 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 (located on the SD70 website), 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)

Don't miss out, order your yearbook today!

- > Link to Online Ordering <u>Schools :: Alberni Dist SS Friesens Yearbook Store</u>
- Forms in classroom 250 Mr. Roberts
- Link to Website <u>Yearbook (sd70.bc.ca)</u>

Click on link for information - <u>School Meal Program</u>



SUMMER EXCHANGE NANTES, FRANCE SUMMER 2025

The Pacific Rim International Student Program is pleased to offer Grade 10-12 students at ADSS & USS an opportunity for an exchange to Europe



Spend one month (June 28-July26) with a French family in the Nantes region.

Students will travel to France in a group but placed in different communities throughout the region.

French students will fly home with the Canadian students and spend one month (July 26-August 23) here.

Intermediate French is an asset, but not a requirement.

- Participants must have basic/intermediate level of French
- Cost is \$2,600 (airfare, medical & chaperone)
- For more info: <u>www.sd70.bc.ca/isp/page/7755/exchange-programs</u>
- email: prisp@sd70.bc.ca
- Application Deadline December 6, 2024

To apply email: prisp@sd70.bc.ca





SD70 – PACIFIC RIM CAREER EDUCATION DUAL CREDIT Courses & Programs available to students





SKILLED**TRADES**BC



FULL YEAR PROGRAMS you do not attend ADSS for classes at all

Dual Credit Certificate Programs - Grade 12's (sometimes Grade 11's)

This is a full-time program that students can take during their grade 12 year. Includes Early Childhood Care and Education, Health Care Assistant, and Human Service Worker. Program schedule is set by NIC and may include daytime, afternoon, or evening courses.

Youth TRAIN in Trades - Grade 12's (sometimes Grade 11's)

Apprenticeship Technical Training

During school hours - This is a program that will allow you to take your first-year trades training such as: Electrical, Automotive, Welding, Professional Chef, Cabinet Making, Carpentry, and more at post-secondary institutions.

COURSES OFFERED IN THE 2ND SEMESTER ONLY attend ADSS for other classes around these DC classes

<u>Emergency Medical Responder Course</u> – Grade 12 (sometimes Grade 11's)

This Academic Dual Credit course is offered through a partnership between SD70 and the Justice Institute of British Columbia. This course takes place within the timetable at ADSS in 2nd Semester and will be delivered within the regularly scheduled timetable.

ACADEMIC DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS Second Semester in your Grade 12 year

This opportunity allows you to take first year transferrable University courses at NIC while you are enrolled at ADSS. (*Your tuition is covered by the School District.*)

OTHER COURSES/PROGRAMS/OPPORTUNITIES

these courses are usually done outside of the regular timetable and completed after school hours

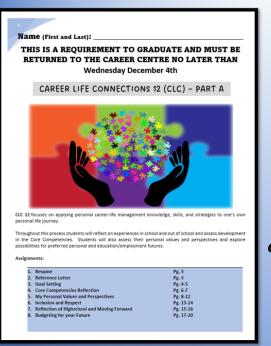
Work Experience—Grades 10,11,12

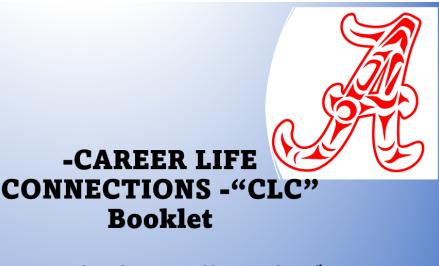
The WEX 12A & WEX 12B courses can allow you to receive 4 credits per course towards graduation for work experiences that are related to your career pathway. See Mr. Parmar if you are interested or want more info.

Youth WORK in Trades – Grades 10-12 Secondary School Apprenticeships

This program allows you to earn up to 16 credits toward graduation if you are interested in or currently working in one of the over 100 apprenticeship areas like: welding, cooking, auto mechanics, plumbing, and electrical. Visit <u>SkilledTradesBC</u> to see more options. See Mr. Freethy or Ms. Mowat for more info about this program.

If you have a student in grades 10-12 who might be interested in one of these programs, please send them to the Career Centre to start the conversation!





Given to Students during assembly on October 30th

DUE DATE: December 4th, 2024 to be handed in to the Career Centre

BUS PASS FINAL WARNING

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that effective **Tuesday November 19, 2024** all ADSS students who attempt to board a School District No. 70 school bus without a Bus Pass Card **WILL be denied** bus transportation.

School District 70 Pacific Rim is committed to providing better safety and security to the students while they are commuting from school to home or vice-versa. As such SD70 has implemented a student bus pass system. All Alberni Valley School District 70 Pacific Rim students (Kindergarten to Grade 12) who ride a bus to and from school daily, must be registered (on-line) and obtain a bus pass card to be considered eligible for school bus service.

The key reason for this requirement is student safety. The new system allows the tracking of students as they embark and disembark our buses providing up to date information on their location. Additionally, it is mandatory for the School District to adhere to all laws and regulations that apply to the operation of a school bus. The BC Motor Vehicle Act states that the District shall establish and maintain an accurate and up to date list of students riding the bus.

This means that ALL students who use a school bus to get to or from school MUST be registered and have obtained a School Bus Pass Card. Students are required to scan the card getting on and off the bus. Those students that do not have a Bus Pass Card or have one and are not using it, will be denied bus transportation effective November 19, 2024.

Bus pass cards for registered students have been made and distributed. If you have registered your student and they have not yet received a bus pass card, please contact Dave at 250-720-2772.

Further Bus Pass Card information can be found at: <u>https://www.sd70.bc.ca/page/1817/bus-routes</u>

Dave Prevost School District 70 – Pacific Rim Transportation Department Team Lead 250-720-2772 dprevost@sd70.bc.ca





The Travel Club will be going on a 9-day tour of Greece, during Spring Break 2025. The trip will include the following cities<u>-Athens</u>, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae, Argolida and Epidaurus. This trip is open to students and their parents. <u>Final</u> deadline to join the trip is Nov.25, 2024. For more information regarding the cost of the trip and other trip details please contact Laurie Hurst at <u>lhurst@sd70.bc.ca</u>