

The Grapevine
Alberni District Secondary School

October 2026 **Web site Address: www.sd70.bc.ca/adss**

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 23 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
Oct 26 Photo retakes
Oct 28 Band Halloween Concert – 6:30pm

School Bus Registration

Link to Online Registration here



Reporting an ABSENCE:

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

1. Download app
   Pacific Rim Schools
2. Call the Main Office at 250-723-6251 ext 4
   When leaving message, please speak clearly, state first and last name of student
3. Email: adss@sd70.bc.ca

Where can I get information?

- On the ADSS website Alberni District (sd70.bc.ca)
  www.sd70.bc.ca/adss
- On Facebook @ *Alberni District Secondary School*



École Secondaire Régionale Alberni District Secondary School

At ADSS we set personal, high-quality standards to become responsible, independent, life-long learners

Dear ADSS School Community,

We are asking for your support in addressing ongoing concerns regarding inappropriate behavior and vandalism in our school washrooms. Unfortunately, damage to facilities and misuse of these spaces has occasionally resulted in washroom closures, creating inconvenience for everyone. That has been amplified, as of late, because of scheduled maintenance to one of our single use washrooms. On a weekly basis we have had damage to stall doors, vapes stuck in toilets, and food/garbage thrown around.

We have multiple washroom options between single use stalls, traditional male/female washrooms, and universally designed/gender-free washrooms. These are shared spaces that should be safe, clean, and respectful for all students and staff. We ask every member of our school community to take pride in our school by treating these facilities responsibly and reporting concerns to a staff member when necessary. Students have come forward and expressed their own frustration with access to washrooms, but as a school of 1350, we can't police every bathroom all the time. To be honest, we'd rather not have any conversations in our student washrooms, but unfortunately that has become a daily routine.

Temporary closures are never our preferred solution, but they may be required when student safety, cleanliness, or repairs are needed. By working together and making positive choices, we can ensure washrooms remain open, accessible, and welcoming for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to maintaining a respectful school environment.

Sincerely,

Craig McAulay
Principal ADSS



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VIU FEST

Saturday, October 24

12 to 4 pm rain or shine!

Whether you're thinking about becoming VIU a student or you're just looking for something fun to do with the family, you won't want to miss VIU Fest.

Fun activities are planned for every corner of the Nanaimo campus. You can explore the pumpkin patch, take part in hands-on activities and enjoy delicious food and beverage options.

Pop-up classes

Pop-up classes are a chance to get inside a classroom and experience what hands-on learning is like at VIU. Pop-up classes are for ages 15 to 25.

VIU Fest | Vancouver Island University | Canada

Welcome back everyone, we are so pleased to share that Vancouver Island Crisis Society will once again be offering G.R.A.S.P training for ADSS students.

Growth, Resilience, Acknowledgement, Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Personal Planning

youth creating change

G R A S P

GRASP is a fun and interactive gatekeeper training program presented in Vancouver Island schools for students from Grades 8 to 12 interested in learning skills to be effective peer helpers. We cover self-awareness, communication, healthy relationships, boundary settings, community resources, suicide awareness, and how to access help others.

Young people often turn to their peers in times of difficulty and are aware of school dynamics about which school staff may not be cognizant. GRASP was developed as a Peer Gatekeeper training program to provide youth with the skills needed to recognize and identify students at risk and where they can turn for help.

GRASP was designed to boost self-confidence, problem solving, community resource knowledge, knowledge of school district protocols, critical thinking, awareness of personal biases, resilience, and suicide awareness and response in students selected to take the program.

GRASP dates at ADSS:
October 27th, 28th, November 3rd & 4th

Who can register?
Grade 8 – 12 students.

Registration deadline:
October 19th or until spots are full.

Location:
Echo Field House

Time:
11:00 am – 3:00 pm (Students will miss B & C blocks, lunch and snacks provided – more details to come!)

The program is presented in four sessions. Through a series of games, interactive discussion, group activity, written work, and role play, youth learn:

- Active listening skills
- The impact of social and cultural biases on listening and helping
- Why difficult situations can be turning points for the better
- The power of our choices
- How to respectfully communicate in an open and direct manner
- The differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships
- How to recognize manipulation
- When to set boundaries
- How to set boundaries
- Coping with crisis
- Suicide awareness, the importance of reaching out, and never keeping suicide a secret
- Community resource information

To register, or for more information please contact Rhonda Kuncio at rkuncio@sd70.bc.ca or stop by the Wellness Center.

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Alberni District Secondary School



2026-27 Yearbook
$60 each

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Student Name:	
Grade:	
Phone #:	

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Date:	Email Address:	

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PARENT NIGHT • K–12 October 20

WHEN SCHOOL FEELS HARD

Responding to School Anxiety

You are not alone.

Is your child worried about school, avoiding school, or finding it harder to get through the school day?

Join us for a practical evening focused on understanding school anxiety and finding ways to support your student.

WHAT YOU'LL TAKE AWAY

UNDERSTAND	RESPOND	TAKE HOME
Learn more about students' anxiety about school.	Explore practical ways to respond when school feels overwhelming.	Leave with 4 community resources to support your family.

JOIN US

HOSTED BY

Lynn Brown

Manager of Mental Health & Wellness

Felicia Randall

Teacher

EVENT DETAILS

October 20 6 pm

ADSS

Front door access

Childminding available

Light refreshments

COME AS YOU ARE.

Bring your questions. Leave with practical support and resources.