



Senior Boys' Basketball

Congratulations to our Senior Boys' Basketball players, coaches, and supporters.

The boys had an amazing year winning the Island Championships and coming in 6th place in the BC Provincial Championships.

These successes come from hard work and dedication from the entire school community and community at large.

Thank you all!



USS Wrestling

Congratulations to our USS wrestlers, coaches, and supporters.

USS' wrestling team had an amazing year with multiple Island winners at the Island Championship at Nanaimo District Secondary School. This success translated to 7 athletes qualifying for the provincials, with Kennedy Bruno finishing 4th and Ava Duncan finishing 5th in their respective weight classes.

These successes come from hard work and dedication from the students, the coaches, the school and support from the West Coast community.

Go Warriors!!

Ucluelet Secondary School Update _April 2026

School Website and App

For the most current USS information please access our school website at <https://www.sd70.bc.ca/uss>. You can download our website app onto your phone by clicking on the links provided at the bottom of our website.

Principal's friendly reminder 😊

Happy April to our wonderful school community. With spring in the air, birds singing, and days getting longer all of us are enjoying the sights and sounds of our communities awaking from the long winter.

A reminder to students, we still have a full quarter left in the school year so please make sure you are staying on top of your studies, using homework hall if needed, and connecting with your teachers if you are away.

Parents and guardians, if you have any questions regarding your child(s)' classes please reach out to their teachers.

Name	Course(s)	Email
Lucas Anderson	English First Peoples 12, Careers 9	LAnderson@sd70.bc.ca
Fijona Brinkman	English 9	FBrinkman@sd70.bc.ca
Michael Chapman	Physics 12, Sc 8, Sc 9, Sc 10	MChapman@sd70.bc.ca
Ornella Cirella	Textiles 10-12, PC 11, Foods 11/12	OCirella@sd70.bc.ca
Monique Copeland	Fr 8, NCN 8, Fr 9	MCopeland@sd70.bc.ca
Bryan Grigg	Math 8, PE 9	BGrigg@sd70.bc.ca
Sarah Hagar	CLC 12	shagar@sd70.bc.ca
Rory Henderson	Music 8 & 10-12, SS 10, OE 11/12	rhenderson@sd70.bc.ca
Heather Hendry	Creative Wr. 11, Eng 8	hhendry@sd70.bc.ca
Arran Jackson	Land Based Learning	ajackson@sd70.bc.ca
Colin Maxwell	Foundations 11, Sc 10, CLE 10, OE 10	CMaxwell@sd70.bc.ca
John Meszaros	Sc 8 & Sc 9	jmeszaros@sd70.bc.ca
Shannon McWhinney	Art 8-12, Fr 8	smcwhinney@sd70.bc.ca
Luke Mudge	Woodwork 8 & 9, Media Arts 11/12	lmudge@sd70.bc.ca
Kevin Nixon	SS 9 & 10, BC First Peoples 12, Phys. Geo 12	knixon@sd70.bc.ca
Chris Sylvester	PE: Ball, Math 8 & 9	csylvester@sd70.bc.ca
Rayanna Stace-Smith	SS 9, Eng 8	rstacesmith@sd70.bc.ca
Chloe Vernich	Strength & Cond 11/12, PE 8-10, Careers 9	CVernich@sd70.bc.ca

Course Selection: USS Website for course selection information: <https://www.sd70.bc.ca/uss>

Student course selection sheets were due into the office prior to the break. If your child has not handed in their course selection sheet, please asked them to do this ASAP.

Over the next few weeks students will enter their selected courses for next school year which will begin the process of creating next year's timetable. If students/families have any questions around course selection please reach out to either Sarah Hagar (Shagar@sd70.bc.ca) our school counsellor or myself Drew Ryan (dryan@sd70.bc.ca) school Principal.

REMINDER: Homework Hall runs Tuesday-Thursday. If students need some extra focussed time to work on projects, get caught up on outstanding assignments, and/or study for quizzes/exams they should take advantage of our homework hall.

Homework Hall in Hitacu is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5pm. For more information, please contact Indigenous Support Teacher Phil Busch at PBusch@sd70.bc.ca.

Extra-curricular:



USS Badminton Team

Practices: Tuesday (3:15 – 4:55) Thursday (3:15 – 4:30)

Coaches:

Jess Bennett jbennett@sd70.bc.ca

Karen Mudge

USS Track Team

Practices: Monday (3:15 – 4:30) Thursday (3:15 – 4:30)

Coach:

Chloe Vernich cvernich@sd70.bc.ca

USS Girls Soccer

Practices: Monday (3:15 – 4:30) and Thursday (3:15 – 4:30)

Coaches:

Rayanna Stace- Smith rstacesmith@sd70.bc.ca

Bobbi Chism

USS Junior Ultimate Frisbee

Practices: Monday (3:15 – 4:30) Wednesday (3:15 – 4:55)

Coaches:

Rory Henderson rhenderson@sd70.bc.ca

Dennis Morgan

USS Senior Ultimate Frisbee

Practices: Tuesday (3:15 – 4:55) Thursday (3:15 – 4:30)

Coaches:

Rory Henderson rhenderson@sd70.bc.ca

Lucas Anderson

Drop – In Basketball

TBA, planning on Friday 2:15 – 4:00 pm

Chris Sylvester csylvester@sd70.bc.ca



Yearbooks:

Student council will start pre-sales for our 2025-2026 yearbook beginning next week at lunch hour. This year's yearbook cost \$40.00 payable by cash or cheque filled out to Ucluelet Secondary School.

Emergency Preparedness:

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensure our students, staff, and guests are as safe as possible when at USS we regularly practice and review fire, earthquake/tsunami, and lockdown drills.

We will be conducting a lockdown drill in the first few weeks of April and encourage families to review the information below with their child/ren.

Ucluelet Secondary School EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN

If an intruder is identified, the staff member who sees the intruder should contact the principal/vice-principal/office who will determine if lockdown procedures should be initiated.

Based on an immediate threat to school safety, school officials or local law enforcement agencies may then call a lockdown.

The principal or vice-principal will then call 911 and initiate LOCKDOWN. If there is a need for a lockdown, we will signal this with a PA announcement:

“Lock Down, Lock Down, Lock Down”

All classroom doors are keyed to provide teachers the opportunity to lock staff and students within the classroom. During in-class sessions, students will be locked within their home classroom or in the library, music, or gymnasium area.

For Students Inside the Building

Staff is to:

- Gather any students in your vicinity and go into closest room, lock doors, turn off lights, close blinds and **BE QUIET**
- Keep everyone away from windows, doors, and outside walls
- Admit **NO ONE**
- No phone calls or texting out (except for 911)
- **WAIT**



Students Outside the Building

- Get away gather together (off-site assembly area at the Community Hall)
- Call RCMP to let them know your whereabouts

(If no cell phone, knock on a door to use their phone)

- Stay put and **WAIT** until you are contacted or visited by RCMP

*****NOTE FOR DRILL PURPOSES:**

- The word DRILL will be used in addition to the words LOCKDOWN or Hold and Secure.
- Principal/Vice Principal and police (if available) will check washrooms, gym, staff room, classrooms, and library doors.
- Principal/Vice Principal and police (if available) will check to ensure hallways are clear.
- Principal/Vice Principal and police (if available) will return to office area with report.
- The ALL CLEAR will be given and classes will resume.
- A follow-up email or announcement or debrief will be given on the success of the drill and adjustments will be made if necessary.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, March 30th – beginning of trimester #3 electives for Grade Eights

Friday, April 17th – End of Quarter 3

Monday, April 20th – Beginning of Quarter 4

Monday, April 27th – Quarter 3 reports go home