



## Ucluelet Secondary School\_May & June 2026 Update

“The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.” Harriet Anne Jacobs

### 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 new website app by clicking on the links provided at the bottom of our website.

### Grade 10 & 12 Provincial Assessments

For any grade 10 or 12 students who missed the earlier Provincial Assessments dates there is an opportunity to write these exams from June 9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

Here are a few links to the BC government websites that explain a bit about the required exams, what to expect, pre-assessment activities, and a parent brochure that you can download which has some quick facts about the assessment.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment> = Grade 10 Literacy

[Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)  
Grade 10 Numeracy

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment> = Grade 12 Literacy

### Course Selection

Students continue to meet with Mr. Ryan and Ms. Hagar confirming course selection for next school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [dryan@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:dryan@sd70.bc.ca) or [shagar@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:shagar@sd70.bc.ca).

# SUPPORTING LITERACY AT HOME

## SPOTLIGHT ON GRAPHIC NOVELS

### GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE:

- novels written in a comic book format
- longer than comic books
- complete narratives with character development, plot and theme
- written in a variety of genres

### STUDY THE TEXT

Look at how the author uses captions, sound effects, word bubbles and thought balloons to create interest or make an impact. Think about how the arrangement of text reveals information about characters.

### CREATIVE WRITING



Try writing in a graphic novel format at home. Practice adding captions, thought balloons and word bubbles.

### VISUAL LITERACY

Visual literacy is the awareness of how we experience the images and videos that we encounter in every day life. Students need to learn how to approach

images through a critical thinking lens.



Use graphic novels to develop visual literacy skills by:

- Thinking about what the images are telling the reader
- Considering the use of colour in the illustrations
- Examining the facial expressions and body language of characters to make inferences

### ASK A LIBRAIRIAN

Ask your school librarian or a librarian at the local branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library to help you find graphic novels to borrow and read at home.





On **Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>** grade 10, 11 & 12 students will be participating in Vancouver Island Health Authority's Party Program.

"The P.A.R.T.Y. Program is offered to high school students across the Island Health region, who learn about real life physical trauma from those who witness it first-hand.

The students meet volunteers from various health care and related professions (such as BCAS and RCMP) as they experience the pathway of a seriously injured patient, from the crash site through to rehabilitation.

This reality education provides information to young people that will enable the participants to recognize potential injury producing situations, to make informed choices and to adopt behaviours that minimize injury risk. The purpose of the program is to educate teens about what is safe, taking personal responsibility, and making smart choices.

Students learn that crashes are not accidents and that traumatic injury can be prevented. They learn the consequences of not wearing a seat belt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, and distracted driving—consequences such as permanent brain or spinal cord injury, burns, paralysis and death."

### Transportation

Students from Itatsoo, Millstream, and Ucluelet will depart from USS at 9:00am. Students from Esowista and Ty-Histanis please be at your bus stops at 9:30am and students from the yellow gate at outward living in Tofino please be at your bus stop at 9:45am.

Students who are meeting us at the Tofino Community Hall please be there by 10am.

**Please know lunch will be provided for students.**

### Overview

#### 6 stations

1. **BC EHS** - with an ambulance at the Fire Dept  
Overview: A paramedic will provide a brief introduction to paramedicine and an ambulance. They will be explaining what initial treatment looks like when they arrive and their role in getting patients to the hospital. They will explain the importance of effective communication in an emergency and discuss what bystanders can do, including when first aid, CPR and the recovery position can be helpful.
2. **Tofino Fire** - at the Fire Station  
Overview: A first responder will go over what vehicle extrication looks like, including a demonstration of how the extrication tools work, and the dangers that exist both inside and outside the vehicle during rescue operations. This will include what happens after an incident occurs, the sequence of events after 911 is called, and what to expect from first responders on scene. There will also be messaging to outline how these incidents affect all parties involved, including the impacts on first responders themselves.
3. **RCMP** - outside with a tent at the Fire Station

Overview: A police officer will explain what a criminal collision investigation looks like, including collecting statements, blood/breath demands, traffic analyst, search warrant for a vehicle and consequences if found guilty. The collision demonstration will show drivers that speed or engaging in other high risk driving behavior increases their chance of a serious collision.

4. **Trauma Station** - A nurse will provide a realistic overview of what a trauma victim goes through when they come into the ER.
5. **Rehab Station** - Students will hear about what it is like to recover from an injury, as well as the realities of living with a permanent injury. After a trauma injury it is common for recovering patients to need to re-learn how to talk, read, write, and dress themselves again.
6. **ICBC Road Safety** - ICBC will give a presentation on the GLP process & responsibilities. There will be discussion surrounding high risk driving to support young drivers to make safer driving choices with the goal to improve new driver safety through personal accountability.

\*Students will walk back to the community hall for a wrap up (approx. 1:45-2pm) to debrief with presenters before boarding the busses to head back to USS.

## Year-end Dates:

- May 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Track & Field Island Championships
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – Junior Ultimate Championships
- May 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Sr. Ultimate Championships
- May 28<sup>th</sup> -Surfrider Vargas beach clean
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grad Trip
- June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – BC Provincial Track & Field Championships
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Sr. Surfrider Kayak Trip
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Grade 10-12 Party Program
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Hillary Sexual Health grade 10-12
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Alive after 5 Presentation: WorkSafe presentation & Awards Assembly from 2pm-3pm in the gymnasium
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Grad Prom
- June 12<sup>th</sup> -Westcoastchella
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of regularly scheduled classes.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Graduation – ceremony to begin at 2pm in the school gymnasium.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grade Sevens here from UES and Wickaninnish Community School.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – school open for students completing work, exams, etc. buses are not running.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Administration day for school staff.