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SEMESTER 1 PROVINCIAL EXAM MARKS

Exam results are scheduled to be released on Friday, March 4, 2011. Students can go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams to find out their exam scores. They will need their PEN number which can be found on the top left-hand side of their report card.

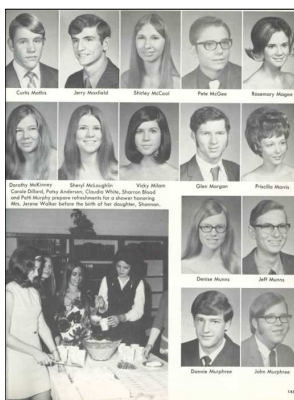
MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE BAND

Rattlers Jazz Band students have just returned from their trip to the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho. Students played extremely well in their festival performance, receiving compliments and suggestions from the judges in their workshops. They also got a taste of campus living, and participated in workshops with master musicians, as well as getting to attend several dance workshops where they learned some steps that they showed off at the evening concerts in the big arena at the University. These concerts featured vocal jazz group Manhattan Transfer, bassist Victor Wooten, the Lionel Hampton Big Band, with special guests from Doc Severinsen's Tonight Show Band, saxophonist Pete Christlieb, drummer Ed Shaughnessy, as well as NEA Jazz Master Jimmy Heath and vocalist Carmen Bradford. It was a great time and Mr. Thompson and the Band students would like to thank all of the staff and administration who supported this great opportunity. A special thank you goes to our OSS chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Coutu. If more students would like to join in these activities in the future, they should look for music classes in their course selection for the 2011-2012 school year!



SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Every year the Ministry of Education conducts satisfaction surveys for students in grades 10 and 12 and the parents of those students. Once again this year, the Ministry has opted to conduct all surveys electronically. Parents of Grade 10 and 12 students have received information with the report card that indicates the website and gives each parent their own code to input into the website. The e-survey site will be open until mid-April. If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to drop by the school and we will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your cooperation.



2010-2011 OSS YEARBOOKS ARE READY TO PURCHASE !!!

2010-2011 OSS Yearbooks are being pre-sold now! Look for the Yearbook Sales Team at lunch to order yours. Yearbooks are \$50.00 each and cheques should be made out to Osoyoos Secondary School. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity to own a souvenir of your school life. Yearbooks will be delivered to the school in June of this year. If you would like to advertise your business or service in the Yearbook, please contact the yearbook advisor, Mr. Short at dshort@sd53.bc.ca before May 14, 2011.

SPRING BREAK

A reminder that the last day of classes prior to Spring Break is **Friday, March 18**. Classes resume again on **Monday, April 4, 2011**.



~DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME~

Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 13, 2011** at 2:00 am. Don't forget to "Spring" forward!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS....



COURSE PLANNING

In the coming weeks, our students will participate in course selection for next year. This process may take a few weeks to complete as we determine which courses students are choosing and which courses we can run based on the limiting resources of staffing levels and classrooms. In the meantime, we are asking for patience on the part of teachers, students and parents as we slowly begin the process of course planning for next year. Students in grades 9 to 11 should read the portion of the newsletter below that deals with Math choices for next year and choose an appropriate program for them.

Next year, there is a new Mathematics curriculum being implemented at the Grade 11 level. The following two boxes review the Mathematics pathway options for students going into grade 10, 11 and 12. For more information about the Mathematics curriculum, please go to: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp_math.htm

FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADE 11, INFORMATION REGARDING ESSENTIALS OF MATH, APPLICATIONS OF MATH, AND PRINCIPLES OF MATH

Essentials of Mathematics 12: Students following this pathway will be prepared to use mathematics in their personal lives as citizens and consumers, and to enter some post-secondary programs such as trades and vocational programs. OSS does not offer this course in the timetable. Students choosing to take this course will take it through YouLearn—Distance Learning.

Applications of Mathematics 12: This pathway prepares students for entrance into some university degree, certificate, diploma, continuing education, trades and technical programs, none of which require calculus. Students will cover most of the main concepts taught in Principles of Mathematics, but will focus on how to apply the concepts to real-life situations.

Principles of Mathematics and Calculus 12: One of the primary purposes of this pathway is to develop the mathematical skills of students in order to pursue a wide range of post-secondary programs.

FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADE 10

Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics: Students following this pathway are planning to enter trades or the workplace after high school. This pathway continues through grades 11 and 12.

Foundations of Mathematics: Students following this pathway are planning to attend college or university but do not plan to major in Mathematics, Science or Engineering. This Mathematics course will open the door for students to take a variety of university and college programs that do not have a mathematical emphasis.

Pre-Calculus: Students following this pathway are planning to attend college or university to pursue degrees in Mathematics, Science, Engineering or other programs that require theoretical Math.

FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADE 9: THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S GRADE 10 MATH COURSES:

Common Grade 10 Course: Students following this pathway will be accepted into a wide-range of post-secondary programs. In grades 11 and 12, this pathway splits into two different pathways called *Foundations* and *Pre-Calculus*. *Foundations* will be accepted by universities for entrance into most programs. *Pre-Calculus* is designed for students who plan to pursue post-secondary studies in Math, Science and Engineering.

Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics: Students following this pathway are planning to enter trades or the workplace after high school. This pathway continues through grades 11 and 12.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

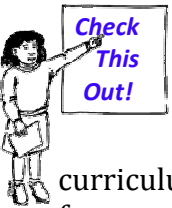
The 2011 OSS Graduation Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 am in the OSS gym. At this time, over \$38,000 in scholarships and bursaries will be presented to graduating students from local donors and district representatives. Osoyoos Secondary would like to thank all the donors, volunteers and presenters who will give up their time and money to support the Graduating Class of 2011. Students are reminded that the donor applications, letters, grad profile, and the OSS Awards Committee Checklist are due into the office by Friday, March 4, 2011.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORK EXPERIENCE AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSORS!

As we enter the second semester, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all community employers for their sponsorship and support of our students in the work experience and apprenticeship programs at Osoyoos Secondary School. Over the course of the last five months, and into the first months of Semester 2, we have had 12 student work placements with 11 employer/businesses. We currently have four Secondary School Apprentices completing their hours. For more information about the SSA program whether it is regarding participation or sponsorship of our students, please contact Rod Kitt at OSS. The School District's website (www.sd53.bc.ca) contains links to Career Education programs at OSS, SESS and SOSS.

Thank you to the following Employer Sponsors for their support:

* Osoyoos Elementary School * Mariposa Gardens * Vengeance Lifestyles & Fitness * Osoyoos Secondary School * Breeze Bar & Grill * Family Foods * Shores Lakeside Restaurant * Demelo Fruit Company * Interior Health * Family Health Clinic * Bell Star * Dance Oasis * Burrowing Owl Estate Wintery Ltd. * Wapiti Creek Resources * J F Customs * Beyond Beauty Hair Studio * Ray's Automotive & Small Engine Repair * Osoyoos Coyotes * Osoyoos Volunteer Fire Department * Campo Marina * Collision Craft * Walnut Beach Resort * OK Underground * Balogh Electric * Eastlink TV * Sun Valley Dental Centre *



PARENTS AND STUDENTS

By checking out this website, www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp.htm you can access the curriculum content and expectations for courses from English 8 to Physics 12! This site will give you detailed information about what you can expect in our classes and would be a great resource to check out while you make course selections for next year.

A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

*When your child(ren) are away from school because of illness or other reasons, please contact the school between 8:00—8:30 am to let us know. **Students are reminded to check in at the office if they arrive late for school.** Thank you for your help.*

BASKETBALL SEASON WINDING DOWN

With basketball season coming to an end, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of our students, community and teacher coaches for their hard work and dedication to our students:

Grade 8 Boys: Gerald Davis

Junior Girls: Casey Brouwer

Senior Girls: Barb Loura

Junior Boys: Paul Moamar

Senior Boys: Robin Bonnett



We would also like to thank Gail Hochsteiner who was available to drive our teams to out of town games and weekend tournaments. Thanks to Mr. Schulting our Athletic Director, for his tireless efforts in coordinating, arranging transportation, and coaching so that our athletes can play.

ATTENTION GRADS!! GRAD PHOTOS RETAKE DAY TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

Please sign up in the office if you missed having your grad photos taken or you want retakes.



NEWS FROM STUDENT PARLIAMENT

The Student Parliament club found a way to beat the winter blues with SPIRIT WEEK! During the last week of February, the club organized five theme days with entertaining activities at lunch. A lot of students came out to watch performers and participate in the events. The club would like to thank everyone who dressed up and got in the spirit during our coldest winter week. THANKS, OSS. The club is planning their next event which will be a Video Dance in May. Tickets will go on sale the week before the dance.



Mr. Bonnett Trivia



Three-Legged Race



Race Winners!



“Anti-Bullying Day”

**GRADE 9 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - **WED., MARCH 16 AT 7:00PM IN THE OSS THEATRE**

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**** On Wednesday, March 16, OSS is hosting an information night for parents of Grade 9 students. Course selection is just around the corner for our students and it is our desire to assist students and parents in navigating the next three years of high school. The topics will include the following items:

- The Graduation Program - Students will need to fulfill all graduation requirements in order to receive a Dogwood Diploma. The requirements can be found at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/docs/ataglance.pdf>.
- Graduation Transitions - This program is a graduation requirement and is something students can begin working on right away.
- Career Preparation/Work Experience and the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program - Students who are interested in the trades have many opportunities to explore and train during their high school career.
- Math Curriculum Choices - There are several Math streams to choose from and students need to make an informed decision.
- Financial Incentives - Students have many opportunities to finance their post-secondary endeavours starting in Grade 10.

PARENTS!! Please plan to attend this important event.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CONCERNS

We are noticing a growing trend of students leaving school, with parent permission, for extended periods of time. Usually students are absent to join their family on a vacation. We are a semestered school with 18 weeks of classes per semester. This means that each week represents a little more than 5% of a course. A two-week absence means a student has missed 10% of a course. This places a great deal of stress and extra work on both students and teachers. In addition, it seems to send the message that education is not that important. It is our desire to fully support all of our students' educational endeavours but that is made difficult when students are not in attendance. Please give serious consideration before removing your student from school for an extended period of time.

MT. BALDY SUPER CRAZY NIGHT SESH

Mt. Baldy is creating a new event for teens aged 12-18. The "Super Crazy Night Sesh" is an event dedicated to bringing together youth from the South Okanagan and Boundary Area during spring break on March 25, 2011. The ski hill staff will be creating a "mini-park" with small features right near the snow sports centre complete with music, lights, food, and a crackling bonfire. Ride the magic carpet to the top of the new feature jib park, or just come up and board and ski with your friends. Don't ride? Come play Frisbee golf, slide on crazy carpets or toboggans, watch the jibbers, or just hang-out by the fire. Everyone is welcome. For more information check out the following website: sportscentre@skibaldy.com and click on the events link at the top of the web page. You may also phone 250-498-4086 and ask for Lee, Sharen, or Kyle.

THE DOWN SIDE OF HIGH

A presentation on Marijuana and Mental Health, based on the David Suzuki narrated film, *THE DOWN SIDE OF HIGH*, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm at Penticton Secondary School's library. There will be a showing of the film and a panel of Mental Health professionals and caregivers. The presentation will be investigating the links that have been found between Mental Illness and Marijuana in some individuals and the potency of local marijuana. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

HealthLinkBC

Now, British Columbians have trusted health information at their fingertips and just a phone call or click away with HealthLink BC. Just three numbers: **8-1-1** on the phone or at www.HealthLinkBC.ca means easy access to non-emergency health information. Any time of the day or night, every day of the year, HealthLink BC is as close as your phone or web.



March 2011

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