



Weekly Newsletter

24-January—2024

Principal's Message

Hello DMS families,
please see below for some upcoming events and general information.

Reminder: Dunsmuir is a Closed Campus for Students: Please remind your student(s) that Dunsmuir is a closed campus. This means that students cannot leave the school property from the time they are **dropped off** to the time they leave at the end of the day. We have had some students trying to leave the school property to visit the bakery or store before school starts in the mornings. Please let your student know that this is not allowed. Thank you.

WestCoast BJJ: thank you to WestCoast BJJ for coming to DMS and introducing all of our students to the martial art and discipline of Brazilian Jujitsu. All students had a great time, learned something, had a new experience and participated to the best of their ability/comfort level. Thank you also to DMS PAC for sponsoring this event.

Whole School Presentation: On January 25, we are bringing in a guest speaker for a school-wide assembly from *Children of the Street* to provide awareness, education, and support to keep our students safe from situations where they could become exploited, online and in community. The workshop will focus on consent, boundaries and preventing exploitation, and will provide our students with the knowledge and tools to keep themselves and their peers safe.

Grade 8 Leaving: We have booked Olympic View for the grade 8 leaving once again. Unfortunately, like everything else, the costs have risen. For this reason, we would like to provide advance notice to families for the purposes of budgeting for this event. Without fundraising, the cost will be as high as \$80 per ticket. During the PAC meeting last night, there were some great ideas about possible fundraising opportunities to offset this cost to students. Please pay attention to upcoming fundraisers as some of the proceeds will be used to support this celebration and reduce ticket costs to families. To be clear, we are hoping to get the cost below \$80 per student. This will entirely depend on the support and success of the fundraisers.

Possible fundraising opportunities:

- Bake sale
 - Bottle collection
 - Formal grade 8 individual student photos that families can purchase (all proceeds go to grade 8 grad) – a professional photographer will volunteer her time and resources for this
- And more...

Please stay tuned to upcoming information as we will be looking for adult support and help as well as community engagement in the fundraiser itself for success.

Change of Date for Grade 5 Parent Information Session: this event will be held on February 12, Monday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 25th—Gr.8 Visit # 1 RBSS

Jan. 25th—TC02 Presentation

Jan. 25th—Gr 8 Ski trip
parent mtg, 6:00pm, gym

Jan. 25th—Family Board
Game Night, 6-8pm

Feb. 6th—7-8pm, Gr 8
Student/Parent Info night,
RBSS

Feb. 8th - Gr. 8 Ski trip

Feb. 8th—Gr. 8 Visit #2, RBSS
(will be rescheduled)

Feb. 12th - Gr. 5 Parent info
evening, 6:00pm, gym

Feb. 16th - Non-Instructional
day

Feb. 19th—Family Day

Feb. 23rd - Gr. 8 Bake Sale

Feb. 23rd — RBSS Course
forms due in office

Other News Continued...

Calling all Bakers! Bake Sale Fundraiser!!

Stay tuned for the Grade 8s Bake Sale fundraiser On Feb 23, 2023, during Lunch Recess. We will be looking for parents and students to donate baked goods and parents' volunteers.

ALL proceeds are going towards the Grade 8s Grad celebration in June. If you can volunteer or can donate baked goods contact Sa-hye Cummings at 250-661-2995 or email at sahyecummings@gmail.com

Come support the 2024 grade 8 graduating class!!!

Family Board Game Night—Amended date

JANUARY 25TH Join us on Thursday from 6:00pm – 8:00pm as Dunsmuir hosts a Board Game Night presented by the Board Game Café. Come with the family and learn a new board game! Admission by donation, concession available. Proceeds will go towards purchasing new board games to update our shared games cart that classes

Grade 8 Ski Trip Parent meeting

Hi Parents,

Due to a conflict with our Family Board Game Night we will need to change the location and time of our parent meeting for the ski trip. The new time and place will be **6:00pm in the gym. The date has NOT changed and will still be January 25th.**

Please let me know if you can't make that time and please email Meghan Caldwell (mcaldwell@sd62.bc.ca) and arrange another time to meet in person.

Ministry of Education 2024 Student Learning Survey Information

Parents page; [Community](#) page

Volleyball

All volleyball team members need to ensure they have filled out the participation permission form as well as paid the Athletic Fee. If you have any questions please email the Athletic Director – Meghan Caldwell (mcaldwell@sd62.bc.ca)

Permission form link - <https://forms-reg.sd62.bc.ca/form/dunsmuir-athletic-participation->

Fees can be paid via School Cash Online.

Yearbook

If your student would like a yearbook please order that as soon as possible. We are down to our last 50 yearbooks. We need to have our final order in by the end of February. We do not order extra yearbooks, so if you think your student may want one. Please order as soon as possible. Ordering can be completed on School Cash Online. If you have any questions please email Meghan Caldwell (mcaldwell@sd62.bc.ca).



Pizza Orders

We will have pizza lunches every Friday that school is in session. Ordering is done through [school cash online](#).

Pizza is provided by Local Pizza (formerly fresh slice). We unfortunately do not have a gluten free or vegan option. No refunds on unclaimed pizza. Pizza not claimed in class will be redistributed to other student.

Student Attendance

Is your child is going to be absent, late, or signing out early?

Email Dunsmuir at dunsmuir@sd62.bc.ca as well as your student's teacher(s).

Please include your child's first and last name, teacher's name and reason for absence.

Please do not call in your attendance. Thank you!