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# HAZELTON SECONDARY NEWS

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## Healthy Choices Youth Summit, October 25<sup>th</sup>

With the support of the Gitksan Government Commission, Northern Health, and the RCMP, HSS is honoured to be able to host a full day youth summit for all students grades 8 through 12. There will be a keynote speaker, Gary Anaka, and his session on the teenaged brain, as well as ten other breakout sessions for students to choose from throughout the day. Topics include self-defence, healthy lifestyle choices, healthy relationships, yoga and mindfulness, stress, success, tribal tattooing, and conflict resolution. Students will sign up on line at school to register for their sessions, and lunch will be provided. This will be an exciting and important day for all students to participate in; it is the first time this summit is presented in Hazelton.

## Cafeteria

Did you know that the profits made from sales in our cafeteria go right back into the school funds, to support sports teams, clubs, extracurricular events, the purchase of things like electronics, appliances, and our new minibus? Our cafeteria, run by Heather Sturney, also offers work experience to students. The menu meets healthy school nutrition guidelines and offers a wide variety of items including soups, hot sandwiches, wraps, pizza, pasta, chow mein, fruit and veggie trays, salads, and smoothies. Costs range from \$1-\$6.

We strongly encourage people to support our cafeteria, which supports our school in many ways! You can pay by cash or purchase a meal ticket from the office.

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

**October 16** – Grad/Parent Info Night, 6pm, Cafeteria

**October 20** – Provincial Pro-D Day

**October 25** – Healthy Choices Youth Summit

**October 31** - Halloween Dress Up Contest

**November 9** – “Find Your Fit’ Career Fair – HSS gym

**November 10** – Remembrance Day ceremony, 11am

**November 13** – Remembrance Day holiday

**November 14** – Term 2 begins

**November 15** – Photo Retakes

**November 17** – Term 1 Report Cards issued

**November 22** – Parent-teacher interviews, 5-7pm

**November 22-23** – Early Dismissal

**November 24** - Pro-D Day

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## **Professional Cook 1 Program**

In conjunction with the Northwest Trades Education Training Centre (SD #82) and Northwest Community College, Hazelton Secondary is hosting the Professional Cook Level 1 course this semester. Adult students from the community and HSS students are participating in this college program, which is taught by an instructor from NWCC.

Monday to Thursday, the PC1 students are offering meals in our cafeteria. The full meal, which includes soup, salad, bun, full entrée, and dessert, costs \$8; prices for just soup or salad or main course range from \$2 to \$6. The program is sharing its profits with our cafeteria as well, which supports our school in many ways.

## **Flex Block**

Flex block has started again, on Wednesdays between first and second block in the morning, for one hour. This is an important time for students to get extra time and help from their teachers, catch up on missing work, or seek enrichment. Grade 8 and 9 students will be assigned to their math/science and humanities teachers at this time. Grades 10 through 12 can choose which of their teachers they wish to see.

## **Class Size/Composition Issues**

Because of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling requiring the province to return to 2001 teacher contract language with regard to class size and composition structures, and a significant, unexpected increase in student enrollment at HSS this year, the school district is in the process of hiring an additional teacher for our school. Once this position is filled, it will require adjusting our current course timetable and rescheduling a number of student timetables. This will result in some class changes for students, particularly at the grade 10 level, as well as for some senior electives.

We will be communicating with students and parents/guardians of all those who will be affected by this as soon as these changes are confirmed. We endeavor to have all changes made before Term One ends on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Any questions or concerns can be addressed with school administration.

## **Athletics**

Volleyball season is in full swing. Senior girls host at HSS this weekend, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

There are two Junior girls' teams; they host at HSS on November 11, and Grade 8 girls host on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Intramural volleyball will start next week.

## Parent Reminders

- The staff parking lot has one-way traffic only.
- Please use the **student parking lot** for student pick-up and drop-off.
- Please call in to the school to let the office know if your child will be away.
- If your child is not bringing progress reports or homework home regularly, please check in with their teachers!
- Energy drinks (Monster, Rockstar, Redbull, etc) are NOT permitted at school.
- Please join the **Hazelton Secondary School PAC** page on Facebook for updates about school activities, events, and important dates. Also check out our school website: **hazeltონsec.cmsd.bc.ca** for up-to-date information.

## Ms. Bob is offering Homework Club!

Mondays, 7 pm at the Gitsegukla Youth Centre

Thursdays, 3:10 pm at Hazelton Secondary School

Kispiox coming soon, date and location to be announced.

## Grad 2018 Update

The first grad/parent meeting of the year was held on September 26. Students were given information about grad committees and provided with a grad contract and contact information sheet (on yellow paper). Please make sure those forms are returned to the office by October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Newbery and Ms Thorburn met with Grade 12s on October 5 to take nominations for the student grad committee. Voting is taking place this week and the committee will be announced October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Students should start collecting 10-15 photos for the ceremony slideshow. We would like to have those collected before the Christmas break. Listen for announcements about who will be collecting them (student committee).

The next meeting for all potential grads and parents/guardians is **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the cafeteria. Mrs. Vince, school counsellor, will present information on post-secondary applications, scholarships applications, transcripts, and other important graduation information. Parents will also be asked to volunteer to form the parent committee.

The Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Hazelton Secondary gymnasium on **Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, at 2pm.**

## **Math Help!**

Ms Brown is offering Math help for Grades 10 and 11 in Room 103 at lunch and after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

## **Terry Fox Run**

On September 27, our school participated in the annual Terry Fox Run. \$245 was collected and our students and staff ran/walked the 3km route. Thanks to Mr. Melanson and Ms. Stoney and their classes for organizing the run, to the RCMP for supporting us, to Gavin Penner for taking photos for the website, to Heather Sturney for doing the lunchtime BBQ, to our audio club for the music, and to our senior girls and boys volleyball teams for a fun-filled game.

## **Community Visits**

HSS administration is working with education coordinators and other community partners to organize visits to communities with our staff to touch base with parents, answer questions, discuss our work with the new curriculum and new graduation assessments in literacy and numeracy. Stay tuned for dates in your area!

## **Meet LIBBY!**

Hazelton Secondary School Library is promoting the use of a new app called Libby, which has been formulated for young adults from the same designers who designed Overdrive for public libraries. It is faster and easier to use than Overdrive and only requires a library card to enable the use of thousands of electronic and audio books right on your phone or tablet (which will be great for those long bus rides home or trips into town). The librarians at Hazelton District Public Library have put together a form for parents to sign giving permission to students to have their own library cards which are available for pick up at the school library...just ask! Our new library clerk, Ms. Polhuis, as well as Ms. Tetreau and Ms. Charlebois, are more than willing to help with any questions or directions on how to use this amazing new app. The app is free, and so is the library card!

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