



**SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL
BULKLEY VALLEY EDUCATION CONNECTION
BULKLEY VALLEY LEARNING CENTRE**

SEPTEMBER 2025



**FOLLOW
SMITHERS SECONDARY
SCHOOL
ON FACEBOOK AND
INSTAGRAM**



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 23

Board meeting-School board office 5:30pm

Sept 11

Grade 8 field trip to Crater Lake

Sept 15

Terry fox run 12:45pm on the track

Sept 18

**Meet the teacher night
5:30-6:45pm in the Round Room**

Sept 25

School wide Gryphon assembly 2nd period

Sept 30

Truth and Reconciliation Day-No School

Oct 6

Picture day

Oct 13

Thanksgiving-No school

Oct 22 & 23

Parent/teacher interviews (1hr early dismissal)

Oct 24

Pro-D day-No school

Oct 28

Board meeting-School board office 5:30pm



SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose: The purpose of Smithers Secondary School is to foster a safe, secure and supportive community which encourages individual excellence and mutual respect, and prepares students for life's challenges.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Acceptable Expectations:

Students at SSS are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful way at school, while going to and from school, and while attending any school function at any location. Such behaviour includes:

- Respecting oneself, others and the school
- Helping to make the school a safe, caring, clean and orderly place
- Reporting, in a timely manner, incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation, or discrimination
- Regularly attending and engaging in purposeful learning activities
- Acting in a manner that brings credit to the school
- Including and welcoming students of all abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and ethnicity

Unacceptable Conduct: Students at SSS are expected to avoid and help eliminate such adverse conduct as:

Behaviours that:

- interfere with the learning of others
- interfere with an orderly environment
- create unsafe conditions

Acts of:

- bullying, harassment, intimidation, discrimination
- physical violence
- cheating and plagiarism
- truancy/lack of attendance
- swearing and foul language

Illegal Acts, such as:

- possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances
- possession or use of weapons
- theft or damage to property
- Recording (pictures, video, audio) any person on SSS property or during school hours, without their consent

Statements referencing the specifically prohibited grounds of discrimination, as outlined by the Human Rights code:

Race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, gender identity or expression, and age.

Rising Expectations: At Smithers Secondary School all students are expected to be positive role models. As students become older and more mature, they are expected to:

- take increasing responsibility
- be more self-disciplined
- promote our school as safe, caring and secure

Consequences: At Smithers Secondary School, we believe in following a progressive discipline model that is not merely punitive but considers the age and maturity of the student involved. When possible, consequences will focus on restorative practices. Discipline infractions are categorized as MILD, MODERATE or SEVERE and are designed to address each individual situation.

MILD infractions are expected to be handled through standard effective classroom management

MODERATE infractions include ongoing, chronic behaviours and may be referred to administration

SEVERE infractions are considered gross misconduct and will be referred to administration and may result in suspension from school and possibly suspension to the School Board Office. Such infractions include:

- Racism
- Sexual Harassment
- Violence
- Bullying
- Drug/Alcohol Use
- Weapons
- Vandalism
- Discrimination
- Recording (video, pictures, audio) without consent

Notification: When it becomes necessary, the school will take responsibility to notify other parties of serious breaches of the Code of Conduct. For example:

Parents will be notified by staff and/or administration in the event of discipline infractions involving their children

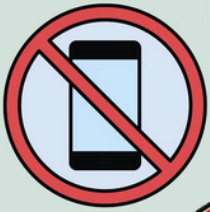
The School Board Office may be notified as required by school district policy

The RCMP or other agencies may be notified as required by law.

**** Special considerations and/or accommodations may be given to students who are unable to comply with the code of conduct due to having a disability that is either intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional, or behavioral in nature.

CELL PHONE POLICY

No Personal
Use of Devices
During Class
Time



NOTICE

SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL
CODE OF CONDUCT STATES:

**No recording of picture, video or
audio is permitted without consent.**



**GRUB
HUB**

**PIZZA
DAY**

NOW BEING
SERVED ON
MONDAY &
THURSDAY

\$3 A SLICE

**AT THE GRUB
HUB**

STUDENT DROP OFF ZONE

REMINDER TO FAMILIES TO PLEASE DROP OFF/PICK UP STUDENTS ON THIRD AVE, OR IN DROP OFF AREA ALONG MONTREAL STREET.

FOR SAFETY AND CONGESTION CONCERNS,
** PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STAFF PARKING LOT.

SSS WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website lately?

Lots of updated information to look at.

Newsletters, staff contacts, course selection, registration, Scholarships, bus information etc.

<https://sss.sd54.bc.ca/>



BUS STATUS

For bus status updates visit our website

<https://sd54.busstatus.ca/>
and look for the bus symbol in the top right corner.



or download the app called
"Bus Status 4"



On the bottom of the Bus Status app, click on "District" and enter "54", then click on the star and enter your students bus number.



COUNSELLING

All course changes should be complete by
September 9, 2025 for Semester 1.

Grade 8-10, 12 Shirley White (swhite@sd54.bc.ca)

Grade 11-12 Karolina Bolton (karolina.bolton@sd54.bc.ca)

District Counsellor Toby Lake (toby.lake@sd54.bc.ca)

SCHOOL MESSENGER



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Whether it's an illness, medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. SD54 (Bulkley Valley) is introducing a new method for parents to report their child(ren)'s absences. Using the SafeArrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:



833-829-5808

Call toll-free before 9:20AM
to report an absence



Log onto the web portal following the
address below. Using this website, you
can set up your account to report and
schedule absences.

<https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/#/login>

SM Home
App



Using your smart phone or tablet.
Simply download the SM Home -
SchoolMessenger app. The app is
compatible with both Apple and
Android devices.

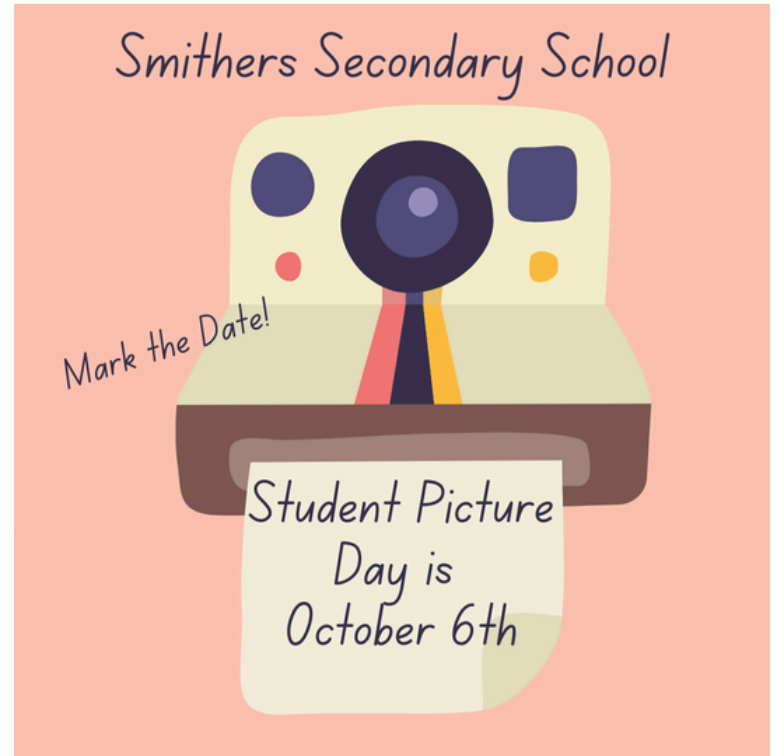
[IPHONE](#)

[ANDROID](#)

Please report all absences prior to 9:20AM for the current day. If your child has an upcoming appointment, you can also schedule future absences by using one of these three methods.

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL
MESSENGER, CHECK IT OUT ON OUR
WEBSITE.**

[HTTPS://WWW.SD54.BC.CA/SAFEARRIVAL/](https://www.sd54.bc.ca/safearrival/)



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

2025 SMITHERS TERRY FOX RUN ON SEPTEMBER 14TH FROM 1PM TO 4PM.

EVERY YEAR WITH THE RUN, WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS TO ENSURE THE EVENT RUNS WITHOUT A HITCH.

I AM REACHING OUT AS WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP GUIDE RUNNERS ALONG THE RUN ROUTE IN TOWN AND HELP CHEER THEM ON.

FOR ANY LEADERSHIP OR OTHER STUDENTS REQUIRING VOLUNTEER HOURS, THIS WOULD BE THREE HOURS TOWARDS THAT TOTAL.

ANY STUDENTS INTERESTED CAN EMAIL ME AT FLINT@FLINTONAIR.COM OR MESSAGE THE SMITHERS TERRY FOX RUN PAGE.

SSS School Sports 2025 Fall Practice Schedule

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:30-5:00 SSS GYM	Grade 8 Girls V Ball	Grade 8 Boys V Ball	Grade 8 Girls V Ball	2:30-4:00 Grade 8 Boys V Ball	
WALNUT PARK	*WALNUT 5:00-6:30 Junior boys V ball		*WALNUT 5:00-6:30 Junior boys V ball		
5:00-6:30 SSS GYM	5:00-6:30 Junior Girls- Grade 9 V Ball	5:00-7:00 Senior Boys V- Ball	5:00-6:30 Junior Girls- Grade 9 V Ball	4:00-6:00 Senior Boys V-Ball	
6:30-8:00 SSS GYM	6:30-8:30 Senior Girls V Ball	7:00-8:30 Junior Girls- Grade 10 V Ball	6:30-8:30 Senior Girls V Ball	6:00-8:00 Junior Girls- Grade 10 V Ball	
	OPEN- 8:00-	OPEN- 8:30-	OPEN-8:00-	OPEN-7:30-	

SSS Field: Senior Boys Soccer-Monday/Wednesday 4:00-5:30

Cross Country: Monday/Wednesday 3:30-5:00 Saturday- 9:00-10:30

Join the ...

SSS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



PRACTICE DAYS AND TIMES

Monday 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

First practice
is on Monday,
September 8th.

See Mr. Bolton if you have any questions.

GARAGE SALE!

The SSS Cross Country team is organizing a garage sale to help support their travel costs to the upcoming Provincial Championship Race in Parksville!



Date: Saturday, September 13th

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 AM

Location: SSS Staff Parking Lot



Refundable bottle drive on site as well



Travel 4-hours to the KSM Project, stay in the KSM Camp, meet with site professionals, and learn about careers in mining!

**Special Field Trip for
Grade 11 & 12 Students!**

A Day in the Life at the **KSM PROJECT**

October 9 & 10, 2025

Visit the KSM Project for an exciting opportunity to explore career opportunities in mining. Discover what it takes to work in the industry and gain firsthand experience in the following roles:

- ◆ Environmental Monitor/Professional
- ◆ Camp Cook
- ◆ Security
- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Helicopter Pilot
- ◆ Engineering
- ◆ Geology
- ◆ Heavy Equipment Operator

Meet Our Team:

Interact with professionals and learn about their daily responsibilities and the skills required for their jobs.

Why Attend?

- ◆ Gain insight into the mining industry
- ◆ Explore potential career paths
- ◆ Engage in hands-on activities
- ◆ Ask questions and get real-world answers

How to Participate:

Register early, as spaces are limited. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Registration closes Sept. 26, 2025



<https://t.ly/elqw7>

Event Organized By:



KSM MINING ULC
A SUBSIDIARY OF SEABRIDGE GOLD INC.

PAC INFO



PAC has an account at the bottle depot.

If you would like to donate your recyclables please ask them to go to **SSSPAC Account #40**

Donations to this account will be used for student bursaries.

Attention parents/guardians:

We are in need of your help.

Would you consider joining PAC?

EMAIL: ssspac.sd54@gmail.com

This is a great way to get involved with the school and help distribute money that directly benefits the school and students.

