

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

#### OCTOBER 2025

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SEPTEMBER 30, 2025



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# IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER

October 13

Thanksgiving Day-School closed

October 16

Post Secondary Institutions visit

October 22

Early dismissal 2:00pm Parent teacher interviews 2:30pm – 6:45pm

\*\*Contact SSS Office to book your 15-minute appointments
Call 250-847-2231

October 23

Early dismissal 12:00pm

October 24

Pro D Day-No School

## **NOVEMBER**

**November 10** 

Pro D Day-No School

**November 11** 

Remembrance Day-School closed

November 25

Photo retakes

# GRYPHON OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 2025

Our Gryphons of the Month are selected by our SSS staff. They are chosen for exemplifying our Gryphon SPIRIT.

**Grade 8 - Finnley Niethammer** for being friendly, kind and helpful. She demonstrates excellence in her academics and contributes positively to Smithers Secondary School through her extracurricular activities.

**Grade 9 - Alexis Bradley** for being a responsible, creative and hard-working student who puts full effort into everything she does. She quietly goes about contributing to our Gryphon community.

**Grade 10 - Kaede Kurihara** for bring a polite, hardworking and conscientious student who is always prepared for the tasks set in front of her. She takes pride in her work and contributes positively to the school community.

**Grade 11 - Kaylee Johnstone** for her strong citizenship and positive contributions to our school and community. She is always willing to help others and is a quiet leader who shows initiative. Her helpful and thoughtful ways contribute to our Gryphon SPIRIT.

**Grade 12 - Nicole Murray** for her commitment to her studies and her leadership in the school and community. She is actively involved in making our world a kind and more supportive and inclusive space. She is a role model for her peers.





#### INSTITUTIONS VISITING

- **UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BC**
- UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
- SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
- ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE
- O COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA
- THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

- O COAST MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
- **VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY**
- **UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**
- **⊘** NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
- **ROYAL ROAD UNIVERSITY**
- **TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY**

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### Group 1 - 9:00 to 9:25

<u>Homeroom Teachers</u>: Garland, Jacobsen, Holland, H. Erickson, Creighton, and BVEC

#### Group 2 - 9:25 to 9:50

Homeroom Teachers: Jordan, Courchesne, J. Erickson, Daviel, Rath, and Staplin

#### Extra Session - 10:00 to 10:30

Please check in with your Block 2 teacher before attending this extra session.

#### **SCHOOL MESSENGER**

If you're wondering, why you're getting phone calls and notifications-your child is either late or absent from classes.

Did you forget to report using these three options? Or maybe you didn't know they were absent?

### 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.

<u>IPHONE</u>

ANDROID

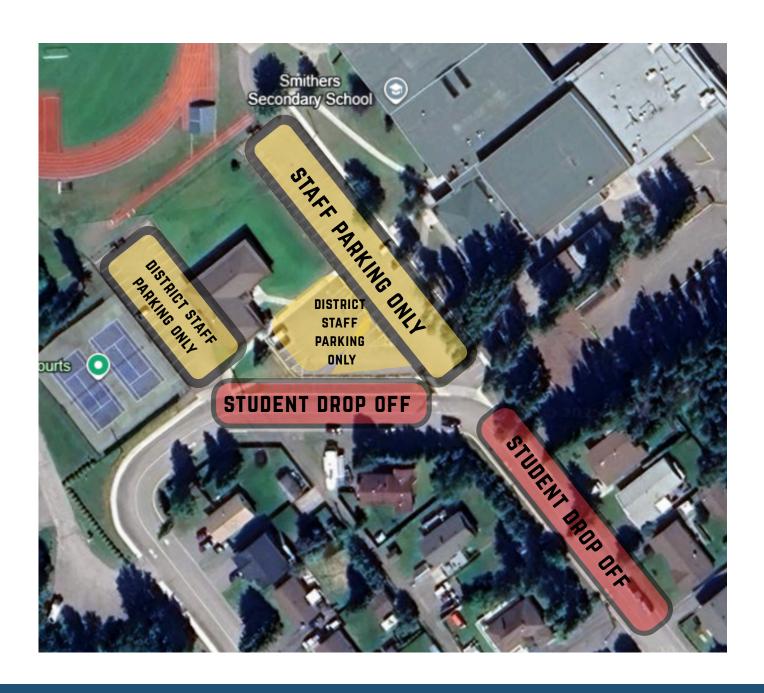
Please report all absences prior to 9:20AM for the current day. If your child has an upcoming appointment, you can also schedule future absences by using one of these three methods.

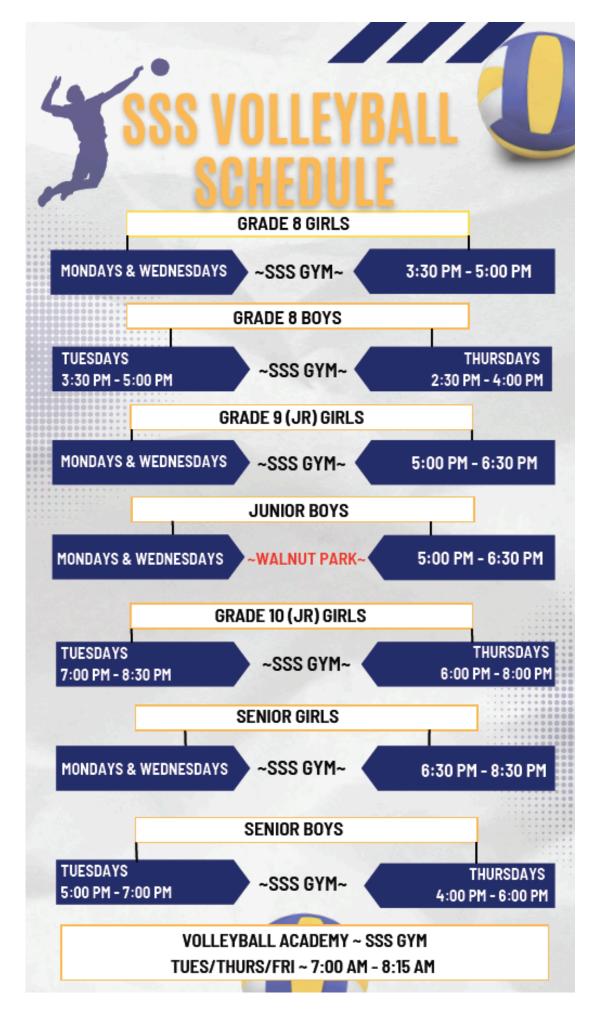
If you want to know about School messenger, check it out on our website and sign up today.

https://www.sd54.bc.ca/safearrival/

# STUDENT DROP OFF ZONE

Student drop off is only on Third Ave (red zones on map)
NO parking or entering any staff parking lots







**GRADE 8, 9, 10 BOYS** 

MORNING BASKETBALL CLUB



MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS 7:15AM - 8:30AM

WALNUT PARK ELEM.

**GRADE 8-12 GIRLS** 

MORNING BASKETBALL CLUB



SSS GYM

ALTERNATE FRIDAYS STARTING SEPT 19 7:15AM-8:30AM

**GRADE 11 & 12 (SR. BOYS)** 

MORNING BASKETBALL CLUB



SSS GYM

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS 7:15AM - 8:30AM

#### **PACINFO**



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.





PARENTS, HAVE YOU
HEARD ABOUT
"GROYPERS"?
A CONCERN EVERY
PARENTS, CAREGIVER,
AND EDUCATOR SHOULD
BE AWARE OF!

SCAN THE QR BELOW TO LEARN MORE.



VISIT THIS SITE FOR THE WHITE HATTER ONLINE PARENTING BOOK

HTTPS://WWW.THEWHITEHATTER. CA/ONLINE-PARENTING-BOOK





# NOTICING YOUR CHILD HAS A LOT OF WORRIES?

Is your child struggling with seperation anxiety or worries about school?

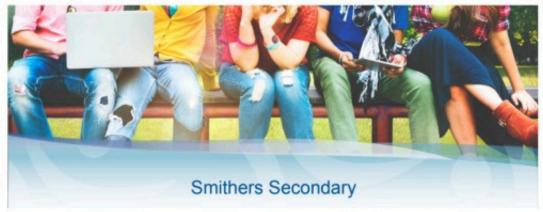
Worries are a **NORMAL** part of life.

Here are some tools to help you:









### YOUTH WELLNESS CLINIC

#### All students welcome!

Drop-in Monday's 10:30 a.m. - noon
Located in the sensory room across from counselling area.

#### Offering free and confidential health services:

General Health Education and Information

Sexual Health Services

- Emergency Contraception
- Pregnancy Testing
- STI Testing/Treatment
- Free Birth Control

Referrals to other service providers Health Questions

Questions about Vaping and Tobacco Cessation

How to Access Services

Located in the Sensory Room-across the hall from the counselling area.

Services also available at: Smithers Options Clinic

Located at 3793 Alfred Avenue (2nd floor courthouse building)
Drop-in on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Call: 250-847-6400 for more information.







#### LEADERSHIP UPDATE

















