



SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL  
BULKLEY VALLEY EDUCATION CONNECTION  
BULKLEY VALLEY LEARNING CENTRE

**MARCH 2026**



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**SSS Website: <https://sss.sd54.bc.ca/>**

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

**March 9 & 10**

Grad Photo retakes

**March 12**

Course Selection & Course Fair

**March 20**

Last day of classes before Spring Break

**March 21-April 6**

Spring Break

**April 7**

First day back to classes

**April 20-24**

Literacy & Numeracy Assessments  
Grades 10 & 12

**April 22**

Early Dismissal 2:00 pm  
Parent Teacher Interviews

**April 23**

Early Dismissal 12:00 pm

**April 24**

Non-Instructional Day (NO school)

# GRYPHON OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2026

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

**Grade 8 - Carter Richmond** is a keen and motivated learner who consistently strives to do his best. His kind and polite nature shines through in all of his interactions, helping to create a welcoming and positive classroom environment. He approaches his learning with enthusiasm and genuine engagement, always ready to participate, ask thoughtful questions, and support those around him. Carter's positive attitude and steady commitment to his growth make him a wonderful presence in the school community.

**Grade 8 - Max Meyer** is a positive presence who brings warmth and encouragement to every learning environment he enters. He is consistently kind and polite, treating peers and adults with respect and genuine consideration. Max works hard and shows a clear desire to do well, approaching challenges with determination and a willingness to grow. His steady engagement in class makes him an active contributor to discussions and activities, helping to elevate the learning experience for himself and those around him.

**Grade 9 - Izzy Stefanek** - is a creative and hardworking student who brings kindness and positivity to everything she does. She is consistently responsible and respectful, demonstrating strong character in her interactions with both peers and adults. Izzy routinely goes above and beyond expectations, whether she's contributing thoughtful ideas in class or helping to strengthen the school's overall culture. Her dedication and positive presence make her an invaluable part of the classroom community and a role model for those around her.

**Grade 11 - Jakobe Dash** - is an extremely hardworking and dedicated student who consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to his classes. He is always punctual and responsible, showing a level of reliability that sets a positive example for his peers. Jakobe leads by example through both his actions and his attitude, approaching his learning with maturity and a genuine desire to improve. He regularly seeks feedback and uses it thoughtfully, reflecting a growth mindset and a drive for personal excellence. His work ethic and leadership make him a standout member of the school community.

**Grade 10 - Preston Roe** is a polite, hardworking student who consistently demonstrates initiative in both his academic work and his athletic pursuits. He approaches every task with a positive attitude and a genuine willingness to push himself, whether he's tackling a challenging assignment or striving to improve his performance in sports. His interactions with peers and adults are always respectful and encouraging, helping to create a supportive environment around him. Preston's combination of dedication, positivity, and strong character makes him a standout role model in the school community.

**Grade 12 - Taylor Delwisch** - is a hardworking and creative student who approaches her learning with independence and a strong drive to excel academically. She consistently supports others, offering encouragement and kindness that help build a positive classroom environment. Taylor handles life's challenges with resilience and maturity, using each experience as an opportunity to grow. Her demonstrated focus and development, both in and out of the classroom, reflect her determination and thoughtful character. She is a role model whose dedication and steady progress stand out in everything she does.

# COURSE SELECTION

*Course Selection for all SSS students will be starting  
Thursday March 12.*

*Students will be participating in our Course Fair  
Thursday, March 12 in the afternoon and students will bring their  
course selection forms home for parent review and signature.  
**All forms are to be returned to SSS Counselling area by March 16***



**SSS TIMETABLE  
HIGHLIGHTS 2026-2027**  
COURSE SELECTION TIME HAS ARRIVED!

- WITSUWIT'EN LANGUAGES & CULTURE  
GRADES 8-12
- THEATRE & MUSIC  
CONCERT BAND, CHOIR, GUITAR  
DRAMA  
DIRECTING & SCRIPT WRITING 10, 11, 12  
THEATRE COMPANY 10, 11, 12  
THEATRE DESIGN 10,11,12
- NEW ADST COURSES  
GRADE 8 & 9  
ADST - ART & DESIGN IN ACTION  
ADST - EXPLORE, DESIGN & BUILD  
ADST - OUTDOOR PURSUITS  
ADST - PROPS, EFFECTS AND COSTUMES  
ADST - TEXTILES  
  
ADST - YOUTH EXPLORE SKILLS  
(CARPENTRY & METALS - GR. 9 ONLY)  
  
ADST GRADE 10/11/12  
WOOD, METAL & POWER MECHANICS  
MODERN TECHNOLOGIES  
STAINED GLASS AND SILVERSMITHING
- YEARLONG  
FOUNDATIONS & PRE-CALC. 10 WITH CLE  
PRE-CALCULUS 11 WITH ENGLISH
- SSS ONLINE FRENCH 10, 11, 12  
(WHEN SCHEDULING CHALLENGES ARISE)  
DELF PREP

**SSS Course Selection handbook will be  
available for review on our website  
Tuesday March 10.**

**SSS Course Selection forms (if needed)  
will be available on our website  
Thursday March 12.**

**Visit:**

**<https://sss.sd54.bc.ca/course-selection/>**



*If form is lost, please use link above and  
email to [sssoffice@sd54.bc.ca](mailto:sssoffice@sd54.bc.ca)*

# **GRAD 2026**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

*Grad photo retakes-March 9-10*

***Grad Ceremony June 18***  
***Prom & DAF Grad June 20***

**\*\*Grad 2026 families, please check your junk mail for “[sssdafgrad2026@gmail.com](mailto:sssdafgrad2026@gmail.com)”**

*Also, join the Facebook page*



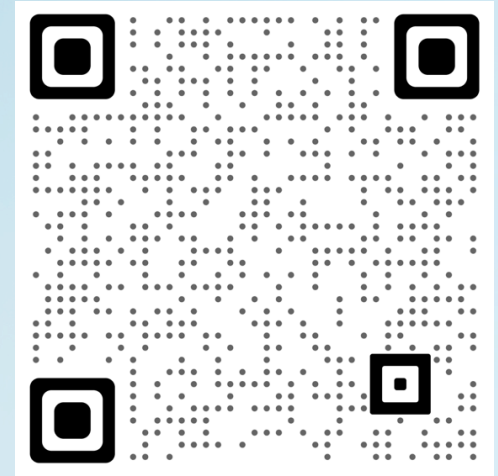
**Parents of SSS grad 2026!**



# Parents of 2026 Graduating Class

## Congratulatory & Baby Ad

Deadline: May 14, 2026  
\$45 for ¼ page and \$25 for ⅛ page  
After the deadline the cost  
increases.

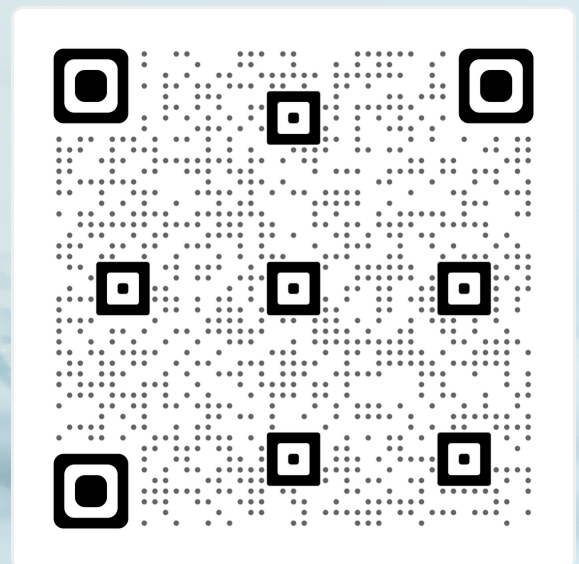


## ***USE QR CODES TO ORDER***

### Yearbook Order

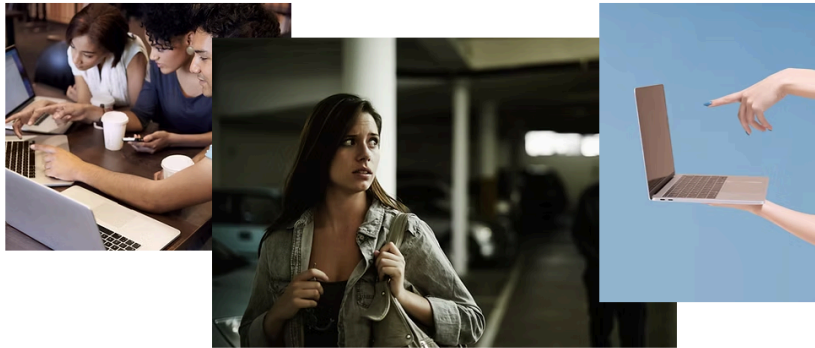
Deadline: March 13, \$40  
Second deadline: April 1, \$70

No exceptions after these  
dates.



# THE WHITE HATTER

## When Fear Took Over the Tech Conversation



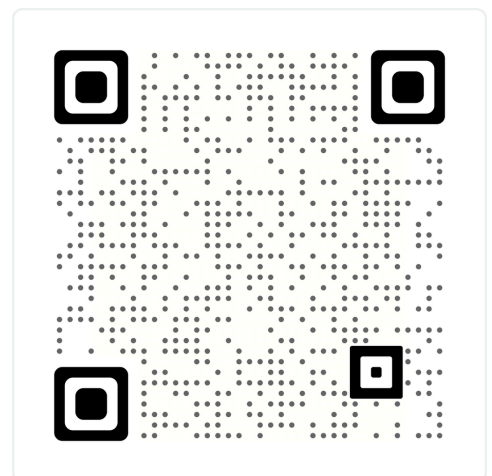
If you feel overwhelmed by the messaging around youth, teens, and technology, you are not imagining it. Over the past decade, the public conversation about youth, screens, and the internet has shifted from concern to alarm. Headlines warn of addiction, brain damage, lost empathy, and a generation in crisis. Parents and caregivers are told that childhood is disappearing and that if they do not act decisively, harm is inevitable.

This chapter is not about denying risk. Real issues exist and deserve serious attention, and something that we do speak about. It is about understanding how fear became the dominant lens through which technology is discussed, and how that fear often clouds judgment rather than clarifies it.

To parent effectively in the onlife world, parents and caregivers need to recognize when concern crosses into moral panic, and what that shift does to families, policy, and to youth and teens themselves.

**VISIT THIS SITE FOR THE WHITE  
HATTER ONLINE PARENTING BOOK**

**[HTTPS://WWW.THEWHITEHATTER.  
CA/ONLINE-PARENTING-BOOK](https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/online-parenting-book)**



Rotary  
Club of Smithers, BC



# ROTARY CALENDAR DRAW

A MONTHLY FUNDRAISER WHERE EACH DAY OF THE MONTH HAS A PRIZE  
SPONSORED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES.  
WINNERS ARE DRAWN DAILY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

## HOW IT WORKS:

PURCHASE A CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET FOR \$20 AT SSS OFFICE  
EACH DAY, ONE TICKET IS DRAWN TO WIN THAT DAY'S PRIZE.  
PRIZES RANGE FROM CASH TO GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM YOUR FAVOURITE LOCAL  
SMITHERS BUSINESSES.  
ONCE YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN, YOU WON'T BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSEQUENT DRAWS  
— BUT EVERYONE GETS BACK IN FOR THE FINAL DRAW DAY!

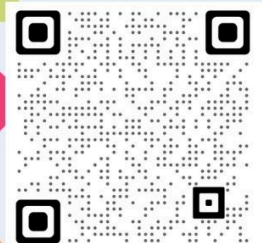
## APRIL'S CALENDAR PROCEEDS GO TO SSS GRUB HUB!



**CURRENT SALE:  
ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE!  
GET YOUR TICKET AT SSS MAIN  
OFFICE**



**ROTARY CALENDAR OF PRIZES**



The background of the poster features a stylized illustration of a red running track with white lane markings receding into the distance. On the left side, there is a large green pine tree. The sky is a light yellowish-green with several white, fluffy clouds. The overall aesthetic is bright and clean.

# **TRACK & FIELD**

**JOIN OUR  
TEAM**

**STARTS  
APRIL 7TH**

**PRACTICES  
3:30 TO 5:00  
P.M. TUESDAY  
THURSDAY  
FRIDAY**

**QUESTIONS:  
ASK MR. BOLTON**



# SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP



- ✓ 1-Week Long Camp
- ✓ Ages 14-18 years
- ✓ Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island
- ✓ Equipping Youth with Skills in Communication, Confidence, and Teamwork



**APPLY FOR  
SPONSORSHIP BY  
MARCH 20TH**

[WWW.BVCU.COM](http://WWW.BVCU.COM)

Sponsorship Provided By:



**Bulkley Valley  
CREDIT UNION**

Sponsorship includes full coverage of registration cost, plus up to \$600 towards transportation costs.

## **PRACTICE/GAMES**

### **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

**U11 & U13: 5:30 - 7:00**

### **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

**U7 & U9: 5:30 - 6:30**

**U15: 5:30 - 7:00**

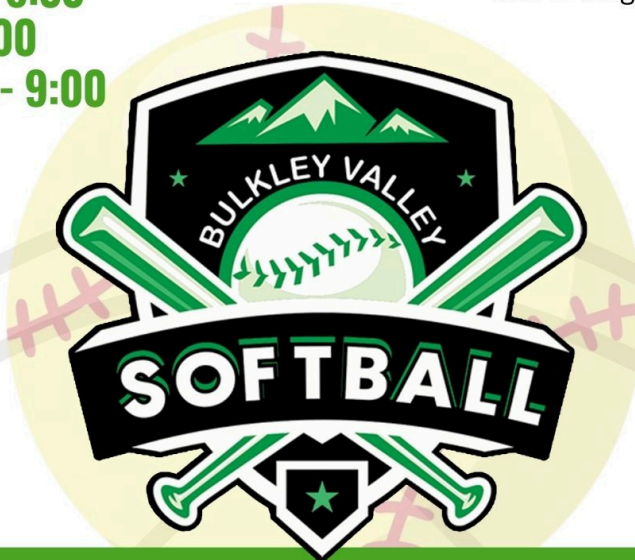
**U17 & U20: 7:30 - 9:00**

## **INDOOR SESSION**

**STARTING IN APRIL**

**FOR U9 & UP**

\*fees in league registration\*



# 2026 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBPAGE

<https://bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca>

REGISTRATION HERE



## **PARENTS!**

Each family is asked to contribute 5 volunteer hours. Sign up at registration!

Registration Inquires:

[registrar@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca](mailto:registrar@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca)

Other Inquires:

[info@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca](mailto:info@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca)

Follow us on Facebook @ BVSmithersSoftball

<https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=fecc8c31c9t>

**Early bird  
pricing!**

# Bulkley Valley Youth Soccer

Registration is now open for Smithers and Telkwa



**HOUSE (recreational) - Feb 1st to March 15th**

**DEVELOPMENT (competitive) - Feb 1st to Feb 28th**

**Register HERE before  
February 15th and SAVE**



**For more information visit [www.bvsoccer.ca](http://www.bvsoccer.ca)**

Spring is just around the corner, and soon soccer players will be  
back on the fields!

Bulkley Valley Youth Soccer registration is open from February 1st  
to March 15th House

Development registration is now closed.

# Youth Outreach Mentorship Program Sign-up



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Faculty of Medicine

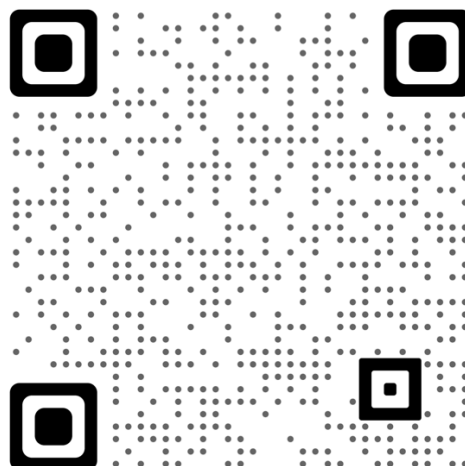
## YOUTH OUTREACH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

MENTEE SIGN UP

[SIGN UP BELOW](#)

This program connects high school students from equity deserving and underrepresented populations and who have an interest in medicine, an opportunity to connect with UBC medical students and learn from their unique on university life, self-care, and the UBC medical school application process. (one-one-one mentorship)

Please visit our program website for more information: Mentorship Program.



# LEADERSHIP UPDATES



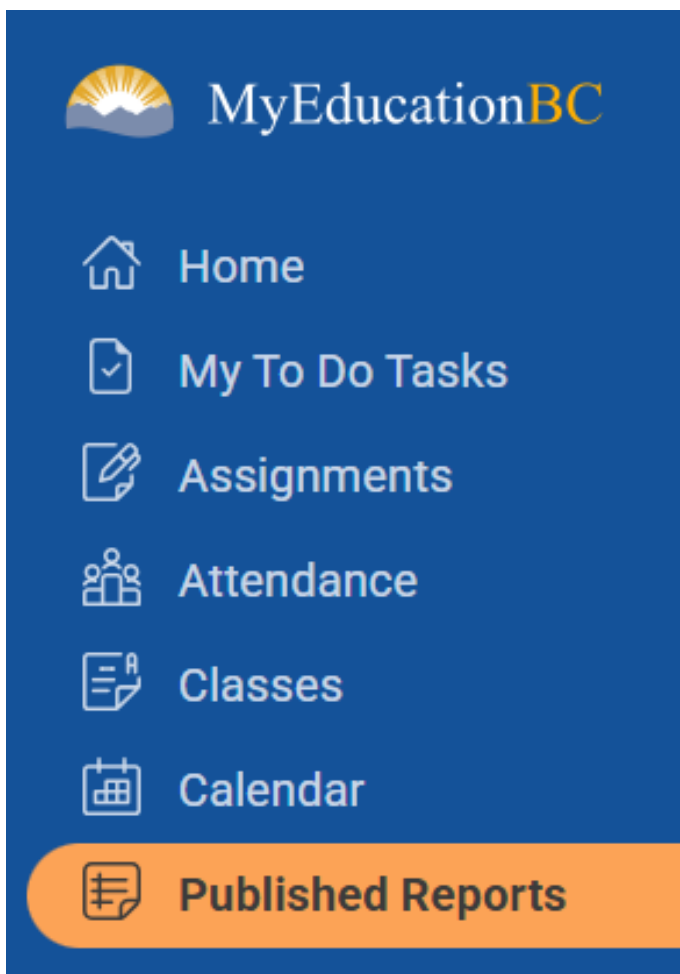
## VALENTINE COOKIE DECORATING



Attention parents/guardians:

Have you checked out the Family Portal lately?

Posted recently are Semester 2 Schedules, Learning Updates, Diploma verifications for Grade 11 & 12's and Student Information Verification Forms.



**Verification forms:**

*This is important information regarding your student.*

*\* Please read over, if any information has changed: print, note updates, sign and return to SSS Office so we can update our files.*

# 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.

[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 and sign up today.

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

# **VOLUNTEER DRIVER INFO.**

Smithers Secondary School

## **VOLUNTEER DRIVING INFO.**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING A VOLUNTEER  
DRIVER FOR SMITHERS  
SECONDARY SCHOOL?**



### **REQUIREMENTS ARE:**

- ~VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE**
- ~COPY OF VEHICLE INSURANCE PAPERS**
- ~DRIVING RECORD CHECK THROUGH ICBC**
- ~CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK**

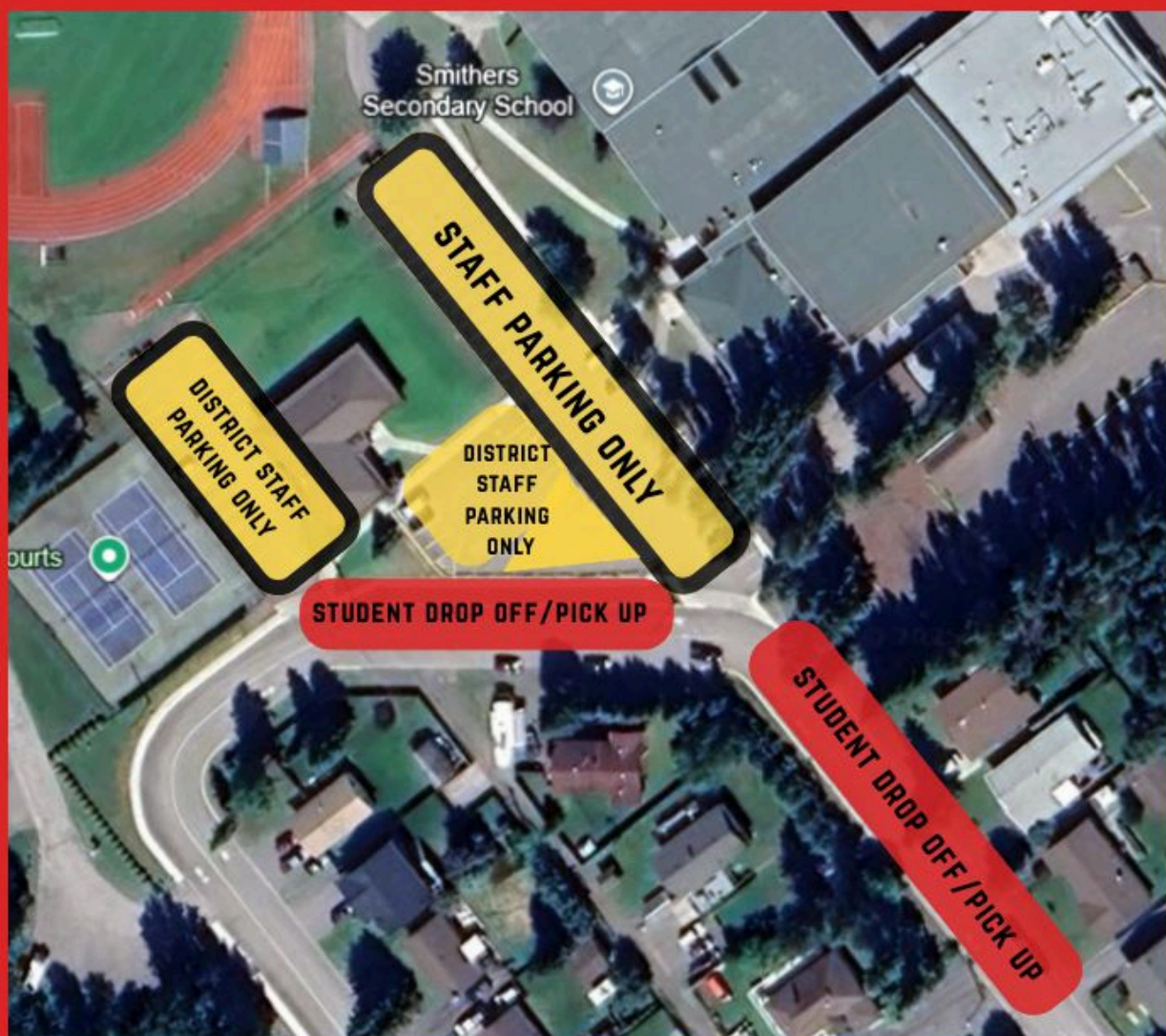
The Volunteer Driving Packages can be  
emailed ([sssoffice@sd54.bc.ca](mailto:sssoffice@sd54.bc.ca)) or  
picked up at the SSS office.

**\*\*PLEASE UPDATE YOUR VEHICLE INSURANCE PAPERS AND PERSONAL  
DRIVING RECORD EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**

# STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP IS ON THIRD AVE. ONLY

SEE RED ZONES ON MAP

**ABSOLUTELY, NO PARKING OR  
ENTERING ANY STAFF PARKING  
LOTS SCHOOL DAYS 8:00AM-4:00PM**



## PAC INFO



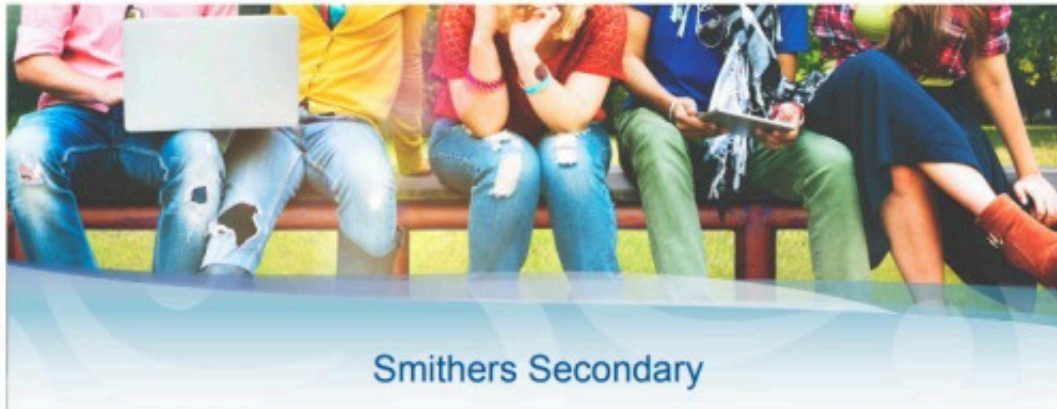
PAC has an account at the bottle depot.

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:  
PAC meetings are the last Monday  
of each month in the  
SSS library at 7:00pm  
EMAIL: [ssspac.sd54@gmail.com](mailto:ssspac.sd54@gmail.com)





## Smithers Secondary **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.

**OPTIONS** FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

  
**northern health**  
the northern way of caring

22-405-6143 (IND 07/19)

