



SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL
BULKLEY VALLEY EDUCATION CONNECTION
BULKLEY VALLEY LEARNING CENTRE

APRIL 2026

**Scholarship &
Bursary
deadlines are
coming quickly.**

Apply ASAP



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



IMPORTANT DATES

April 13-16

Student Learning Surveys (Grades 10, 11, 12)

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)

May 15

Non-Instructional Day (NO school)

May 18

Victoria Day stat (NO school)

GRYPHONS OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2026

Our Gryphons of the Month are selected by our SSS staff.

They are chosen for exemplifying our Gryphon SPIRIT.

Grade 8 - Zoey Waddle is a respectful and motivated student who consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to her learning. She works hard in her academics and often goes above and beyond expectations, approaching tasks with curiosity and an inquisitive mindset. Zoey is always willing to help others, contributing positively to the classroom community with her kindness and support. She is confident in advocating for herself when needed and interacts with others in a thoughtful and respectful manner, making her a valued and dependable member of the school community.

Grade 9 - Addison Leach is a hardworking and committed student who consistently puts in extra effort to achieve her best. She quietly leads by example, demonstrating responsibility, focus, and a strong dedication to her studies. Addison is polite and respectful in all her interactions and is thoughtful and inclusive of others, helping to create a positive and welcoming environment. Her steady commitment, strong work ethic, and considerate nature make her a valued and dependable member of the learning community.

Grade 9 - Ryan Singh - is a dedicated and hardworking individual who consistently gives 100% in everything he does. He demonstrates strong leadership skills by taking initiative, setting a positive example, and supporting those around him. Responsible, polite, and dependable, Ryan approaches his commitments with maturity and care. He conducts himself with integrity in all situations, earning the trust and respect of both peers and adults, and making him a valued presence in the school community.

Grade 10 - Ruby-Mei Meyer - is a polite and hardworking student who approaches her learning with diligence and care. She consistently completes high-quality work and takes pride in the effort she puts into her tasks. Ruby-Mei is helpful to others and contributes positively to the classroom community, demonstrating kindness and consideration in her interactions. She is able to self-advocate when needed and shows resilience by maintaining a positive attitude when facing challenges, using them as opportunities to learn and grow.

Grade 11 - Noah McIsaac is a committed and conscientious student who consistently applies himself to his academic work. He approaches his studies with focus and determination, demonstrating a strong work ethic and a genuine desire to succeed. Noah is also helpful to his peers, readily offering support and contributing positively to the classroom environment. Polite, respectful, and thoughtful in his interactions, he conducts himself with maturity and reliability, making him a valued member of the school community.

Grade 11 - Katelyn Mack - is a dedicated and dependable student who consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and a genuine commitment to her learning. She takes responsibility for her progress, approaches tasks with care and focus, and always strives to do her best. Katelyn is unfailingly respectful, polite, and thoughtful in her interactions, creating a positive and inclusive environment for those around her. She is supportive of others and leads by quiet example, making her a valued and trusted member of the learning community.

Grade 12 - Azaria Wilson - is a resilient and motivated student who has overcome many personal challenges with determination and grace. She works diligently in her studies, consistently putting in extra time and effort to produce thoughtful, high-quality assignments, and accepts feedback with maturity as part of her growth. Beyond the classroom, Azaria goes above and beyond by volunteering for a variety of jobs, demonstrating reliability, initiative, and a strong sense of community. She has taken on several personal projects that reflect her curiosity and drive, while also developing strong self-advocacy skills and actively planning her post-secondary journey. As a passionate, skilled, and humble artist, Azaria brings creativity and care to everything she does, making her a valued and inspiring member of the school community.

GRAD 2026 UPDATES

Grad Ceremony June 18

~Starts at 4:00pm

~Doors open at 3:15pm

- Each family will receive up to 4 ceremony tickets which will be released **after** May 1. Let SSS Office know if you do not require all 4.*
- For extra tickets, please call SSS office to be put on a waiting list.*

***Grad fees due starting May 1 at
SSS Office***

Gown-\$35, Prom-\$40, DAF \$50

***Prom June 20
~6:00pm - 9:00pm
DAF Grad to follow***



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 CODE TO ORDER
EITHER***

Yearbook order EXTENSION

The yearbook order deadline has been
extended to April 24th.

Price is \$65

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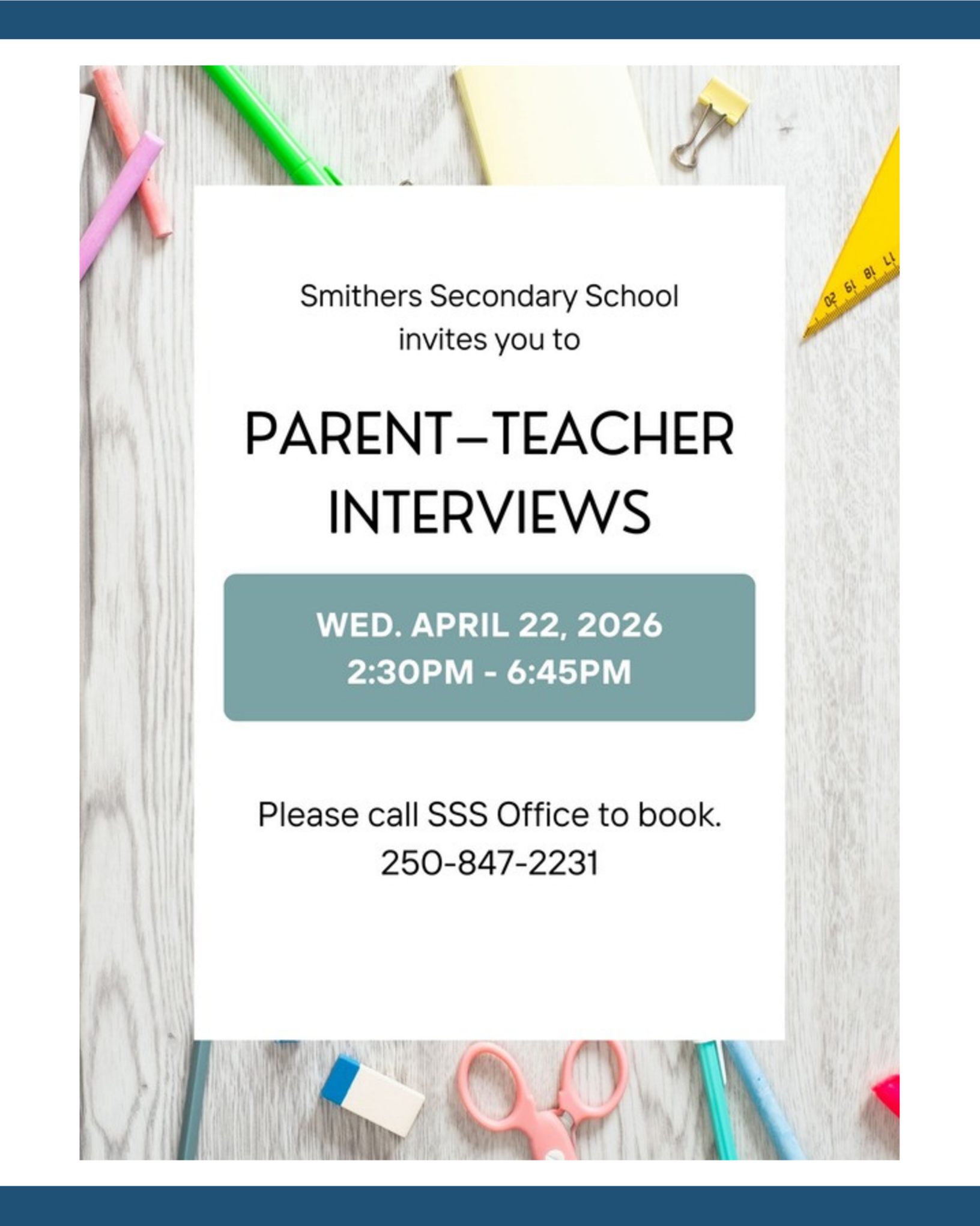


TRADES-DUAL CREDIT

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 1ST.

PLEASE APPLY ASAP

See Mr. Bolton or Mr. Richmond for
information and applications.

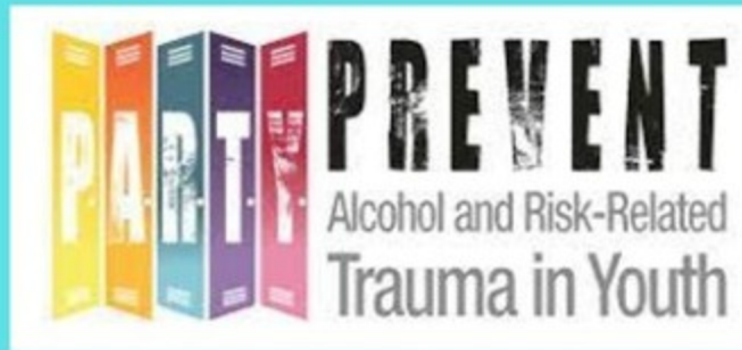


Smithers Secondary School
invites you to

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**WED. APRIL 22, 2026
2:30PM - 6:45PM**

Please call SSS Office to book.
250-847-2231



Grade 10 students will be attending the P.A.R.T.Y program on **May 6th, 2026** in Della Herman Theater at the Smithers Secondary School.

The P.A.R.T.Y program is an injury prevention program aimed at teens. It helps in informing them of the consequences of poor decision-making in relation to risk-taking behaviors, such as drinking and driving or a lack of seat belt use.

P.A.R.T.Y. is based on the understanding that 90% of all injuries are both predicable and preventable. The focus of the program is prevention.

Smithers Secondary School works with other organizations including the police detachment, EMS services, ICBC through their financial grant and non-profit organizations to run the P.A.R.T.Y program. Students who participate in the Program leave knowing that they have the power to make the right choices. The goal of this program is to teach students to make informed decisions.

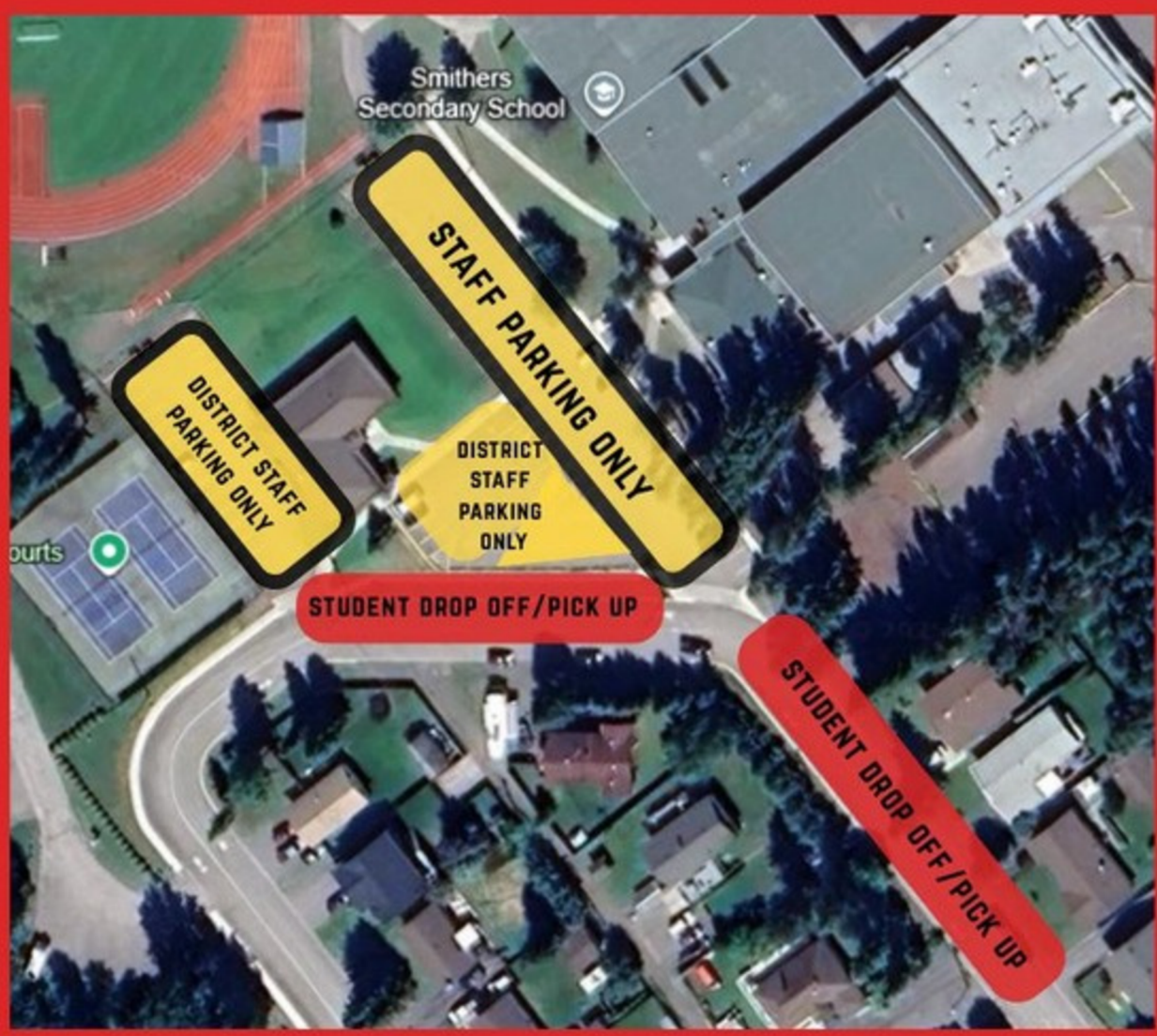
If you need any further information, please contact:

Inderjit Grewal
Prevention Counselling Program
Smithers Secondary School
Inderjit.grewal@sd54.bc.ca
Phone: (250)-847-2231

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**



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS

Starting April 27, students in Grades 10-12 will have access to Microsoft Copilot through their school accounts as part of the district's existing Microsoft 365 licenses.

Rather than introducing something entirely new, this change formalizes and supervises tools that many students already encounter outside of school. Our goal is to ensure students learn how to use AI thoughtfully, ethically, and appropriately within an educational setting.

Copilot is designed to support learning tasks such as brainstorming ideas, organizing thinking, and revising work. Students will be taught to use AI as a support for learning—not a replacement for their own thinking. Expectations around academic integrity, originality, and appropriate use continue to apply.

Students are expected to be transparent about when AI tools are used and should never enter personal or sensitive information. Teachers will provide guidance about when and how AI use is appropriate for specific assignments.

AI literacy is becoming an important part of preparing students for post-secondary education and the workplace. Our focus is on helping students understand how these tools work, their limitations, and how to use them responsibly. For more information on AI in our schools, please visit our district page: <https://www.sd54.bc.ca/ai-in-schools/>

**Families interested in learning more about AI literacy and responsible use may also find the following resources helpful:
MediaSmarts (Canada): <https://mediasmarts.ca>
TeachAI: <https://www.teachai.org>**

SMITHERS, BC

CANADIAN SPORT SCHOOL



APPLY NOW

For more information check out www.engagesportnorth.com or www.csipacific.com

Start Here. Go Anywhere!

Are you curious how university transfer credit works? Join us for an information session all about transfer credit. This session is for anyone who is interested in learning more about beginning study at Coast Mountain College and continuing to a degree program at a BC university. Registration is not required and everyone is welcome including guidance counsellors, teachers, parents, and students.



 **Tuesday, April 14**

 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

 **Virtual Info Session**





VIM & VIGOUR

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

SPRING 2026 - SMITHERS

IMPROVE ATHLETIC
STRENGTH SPEED
AGILITY & POWER

April - June 2026

NEW

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS
3:30-5pm	VIM & VIGOUR Smithers Secondary School	VIM & VIGOUR Smithers Secondary School	VIM & VIGOUR Smithers Secondary School	VIM & VIGOUR Smithers Secondary School

REGISTER HERE:



NEW PROGRAM!
REGISTER MONTHLY AND
CUSTOMIZE YOUR SCHEDULE

VIM Age 10-13

The Vim Athlete Development Program is designed for athletes and para-athletes to build the necessary skills and techniques for a safe progression into more regimented and demanding training programs, such as Vigour and CSS.

This program is designed to improve:

- Stability • Flexibility
- Strength • Coordination
- Power • Speed

Team Training Age 10-18

Team training is available for local sport organizations who would like to book a 1 hour team session for sport specific strength and conditioning. Contact highperformancesmithers@engagesportnorth.com to book Team Training

North Fit Nation 18+

Boost your performance with customized training plans tailored to your sport, goals, and schedule. Athletes 18+ gain access to ongoing coaching support, sport-specific strength and conditioning, and advanced performance testing through the Northern BC Testing Lab—including VO2 Max, sprint speed, and strength evaluations. Train smarter, perform better, and get results backed by data and expert guidance.

VIGOUR Age 14-18

The Vigour Athlete Development Program is an intensive strength and conditioning program that involves the use of strength, olympic weightlifting, plyometrics and gymnastic like movements.

This program is designed to improve:

- Power • Vertical jump
- Speed • Core strength
- Strength • Injury risk reduction

All Nations Age 10-13 (Vim) 14-18 (Vigour)

Engage Sport North has partnered with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (ISPARC) to provide a FREE strength & conditioning program for indigenous athletes. Space is limited.

A Night of Recognition and Celebration

Northwest Sport Heroes Celebration

Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 6:00 – 8:00PM
Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge & Conference Centre, Smithers

Nominations

The **Sport BC Community Sport Hero Awards** recognize individuals who have dedicated themselves to amateur sport at the community level. This event brings together local sport leaders to celebrate the people who make sport happen in our communities.

Local sport organizations are encouraged to **attend and nominate outstanding coaches, officials, mentors, and sport leaders** from their community.

Submit a nomination



Scan the QR code or visit this [link](#)

Nominations are open until April 8.

Join **Engage Sport North and Sport BC** for an evening celebrating sport in **Smithers and the surrounding region.**



Connect with members of the local sport community and help recognize the coaches, officials, mentors, and volunteers who make sport possible across **BC's Northwest.**

The evening will include a **reception with appetizers**, recognition of **Northwest Sport Heroes**, and time to connect with members of the regional sport community.

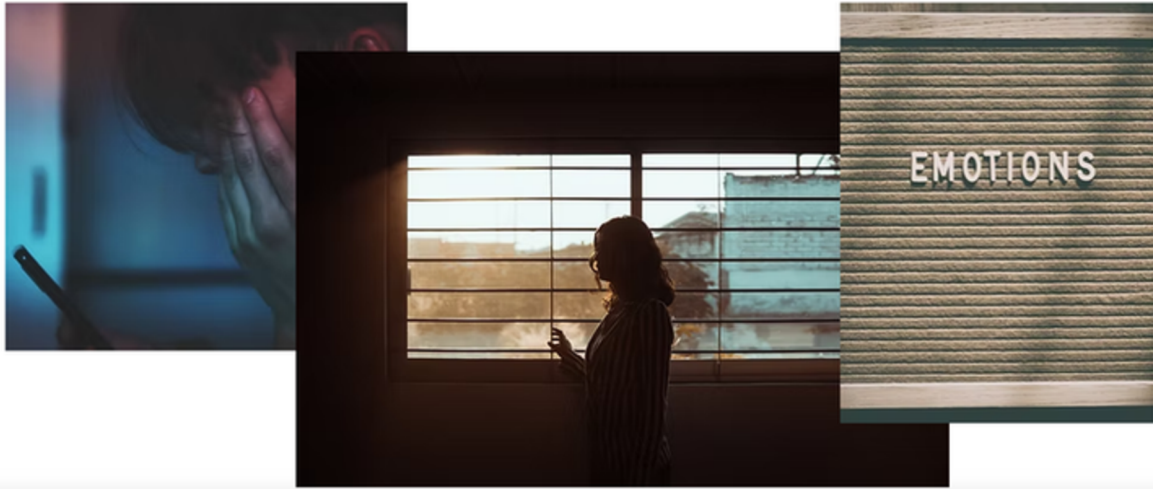
► **Tickets: Free!**
Scan the QR code or visit this [link](#)



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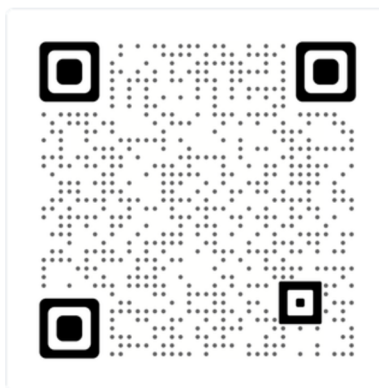
THE WHITE HATTER



Relationship abuse refers to a pattern of controlling, threatening, or harmful behavior within a romantic, dating, or intimate relationship. It can occur in teen relationships, adult partnerships, and increasingly in digital spaces as well.

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

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



A recruitment poster for a Track & Field team. The background features a stylized landscape with a green pine tree on the left, a red running track with white lane markings in the foreground, and a light yellow sky with white clouds. The text is presented in bold, dark green letters within yellow rounded rectangular callouts.

TRACK & FIELD

**JOIN OUR
TEAM**

**STARTS
APRIL 7TH**

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

**QUESTIONS:
ASK MR. BOLTON**

SSS FEMALE RUGBY LOOKING FOR COACHES



SSS would like to run a short program for the month of May learning basic skills and safe play techniques.

At this time, we are looking for coaches or folks with rugby experience to come out and help the girls.

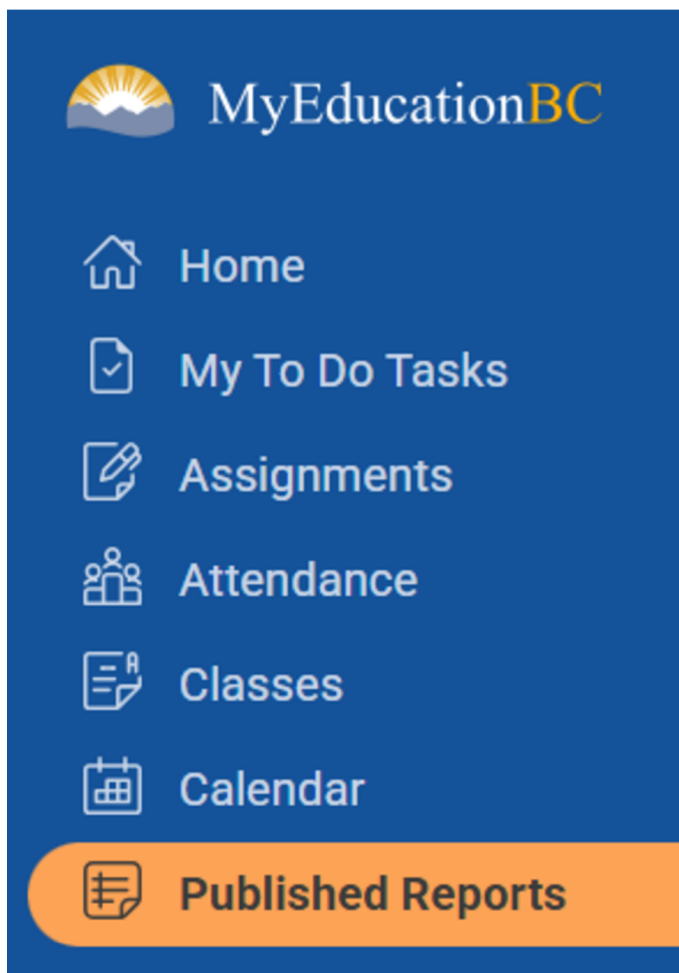
If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jon Goalder

**Jon Goalder
250-877-1079
jgoalder@sd54.bc.ca**

Attention parents/guardians:

Have you checked out the Family Portal lately?

You can find things like 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 has been 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) or
picked up at the SSS office.

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

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



Smithers Secondary Youth Health Clinic



All students welcome!

Drop-in Monday from 12 pm to 2 pm.

Located in the counselling office.

Offering free and confidential health services

- General Health Education and Information
- Sexual Health Services
 - Free Emergency Contraception
 - Pregnancy Testing
 - STI Testing / Treatment
 - Low Cost Birth Control
- Referrals to other service providers

Services also available at Smithers Options Clinic

Located at 3793 Alfred Avenue
(2nd floor courthouse building)

Drop-in on Tuesdays and Thursdays from
1 pm to 4 pm.

Call **250.847.6400** for more information.

OPTIONS FOR SEXUAL HEALTH


northern health
the northern way of caring

22-405-6143 (7710700-IND-Rev.-03/20)

