



SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL
BULKLEY VALLEY EDUCATION CONNECTION
BULKLEY VALLEY LEARNING CENTRE

SEPTEMBER 2026



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

IMPORTANT DATES

September 17

Grade 8 Crater Lake hike

Meet the teacher evening-SSS Round room 5:30-6:30pm

September 23

Spirit colour day & school-wide Gryphon assembly

September 30

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation-*No school*

October 1

Core Competencies-Student Goal Setting will go home

October 5

Picture Day (Retakes Nov. 24)

October 12

Thanksgiving Holiday-No School

October 21

Early dismissal 2:00pm

October 22

Early dismissal 12:00pm

Parent Teacher Interviews-more information coming soon

October 23

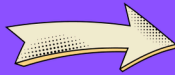
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GRYPHON SPIRIT DAY

ASSEMBLY
SEPT 23rd
BLOCK 2

Wear your grade
colour

GRADE
12



PURPLE

GRADE
11



YELLOW

GRADE
10



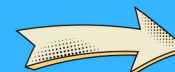
GREEN

GRADE
9



RED

GRADE
8



BLUE



Trustee Candidate Forums – School Board Elections 2026

The 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

In keeping with the practice established during previous Trustee Election cycles, School District #54 (Bulkley Valley) is pleased to invite valued stakeholders in the K–12 education system to attend the upcoming Trustee Candidate Forums. These forums provide an opportunity to meet the candidates seeking election as school trustees and hear their perspectives on educational issues and priorities in the Bulkley Valley.

Electoral Zone 4 – Houston

Monday, October 5, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Houston Secondary School Library

Electoral Zones 1, 2 and 3 – Lake Kathlyn/Evelyn/Witset, Smithers/Glentanna/Driftwood and Telkwa /Quick

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Smithers Secondary School Library

Forum Format:

Moderated by Lauren Smaha-Muir - Secretary Treasurer, trustee candidates will be invited to respond to a series of prepared questions addressing educational topics and issues relevant to the Bulkley Valley. This will be followed by an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions from the floor.

These forums are an important opportunity to engage with trustee candidates, learn about their views and priorities, and participate in the democratic process that helps shape the future of public education in our communities.

We encourage you to attend and look forward to welcoming you to one or both of these important events.

Smithers Secondary School Gryphons

ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Weekly Schedule

TEAM	DAY & TIME	LOCATION
Cross Country	Tue/Thu/Fri @ 3:30-5:00	SSS Track
Boys Soccer	Tue/Thu @ 3:30-5:30	SSS Field
Gr 8 Girls Volleyball	Mon/Wed @ 3:30-5:00	SSS Gym
Gr 8 Boys Volleyball	Tue @ 3:30-5:00 Thu @ 2:30-4:00	SSS Gym
Gr 9 Girls Volleyball	Tue @ 5:00-6:30 Thu @ 4:00-5:30	SSS Gym
Gr 10 Girls Volleyball	Tue @ 6:30-8:00 Thu @ 5:30-7:00	SSS Gym
Jr Boys Volleyball	Mon/Wed @ 5:00-6:30	WPS Gym
Sr Girls Volleyball	Mon/Wed @ 6:30-8:30	SSS Gym
Sr Boys Volleyball	Mon/Wed @ 5:00-7:00	SSS Gym

ALL ARE WELCOME!

See Mrs. Stefanek in the gym if you have any questions.

Interested in coaching?

We need an adult supervisor for the grade 8 boys volleyball team.

Practice is Tuesday 3:30-5:00pm and Thursday 2:30-4:00

We need a teacher sponsor/assistant coach for the junior boy's volleyball team

Practice Monday & Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm



SD54 and SafeArrival – for caregivers to report

STUDENT ABSENCES

With the SafeArrival system, you can report or schedule absences in one of three simple ways:



1-833-829-5808

Call toll-free to report an absence.
(No account required)



www.home.schoolmessenger.ca

Log onto the website where you can set up an account to report and schedule absences.



SM Home App

Using your smart phone or tablet simply download the SM Home – SchoolMessenger App.

**Please report all absences prior to 9:20AM*

For more information, check out this link

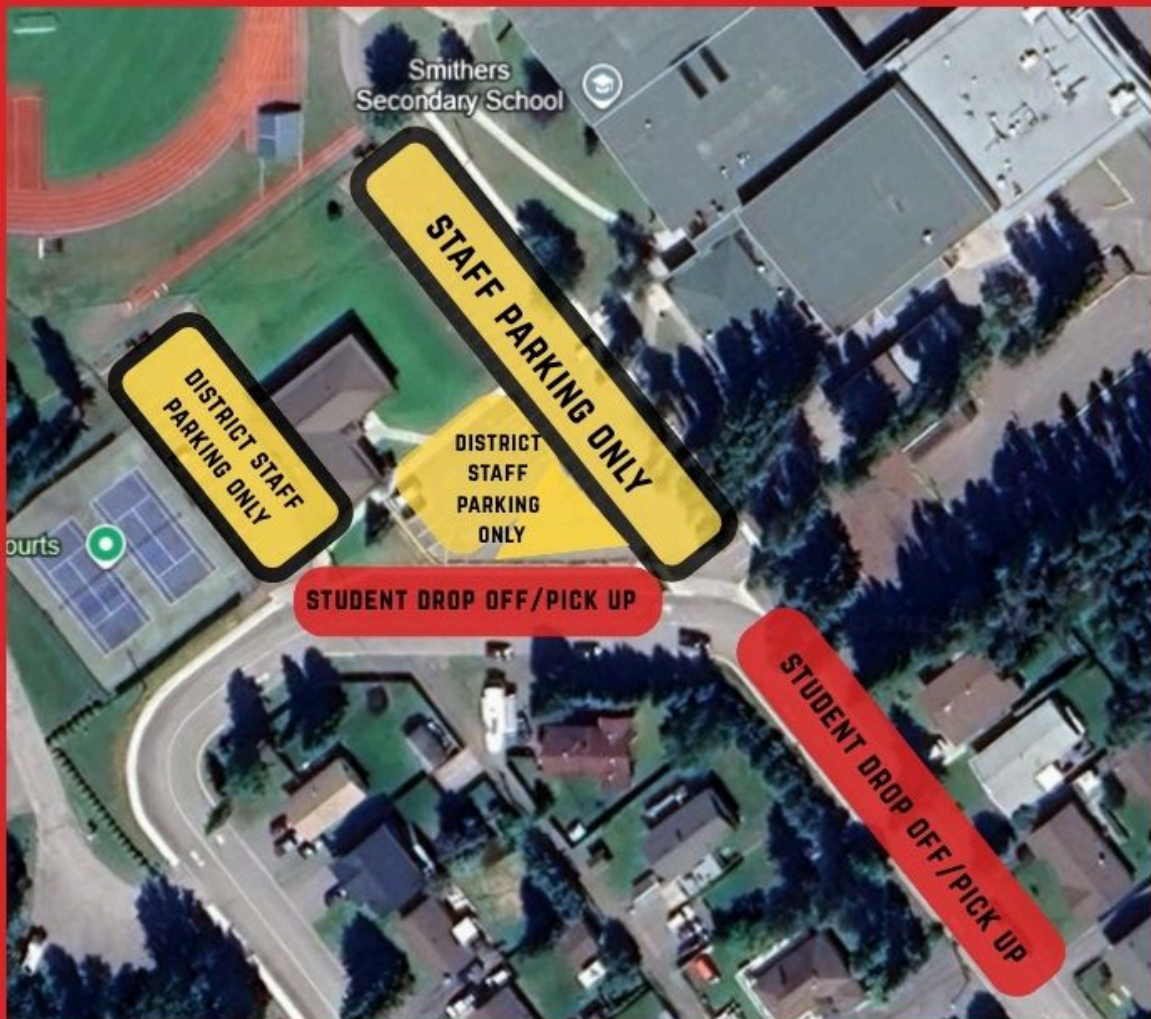
<https://www.sd54.bc.ca/safearrival/>

For safety reasons, please don't park in staff parking lots.

**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**

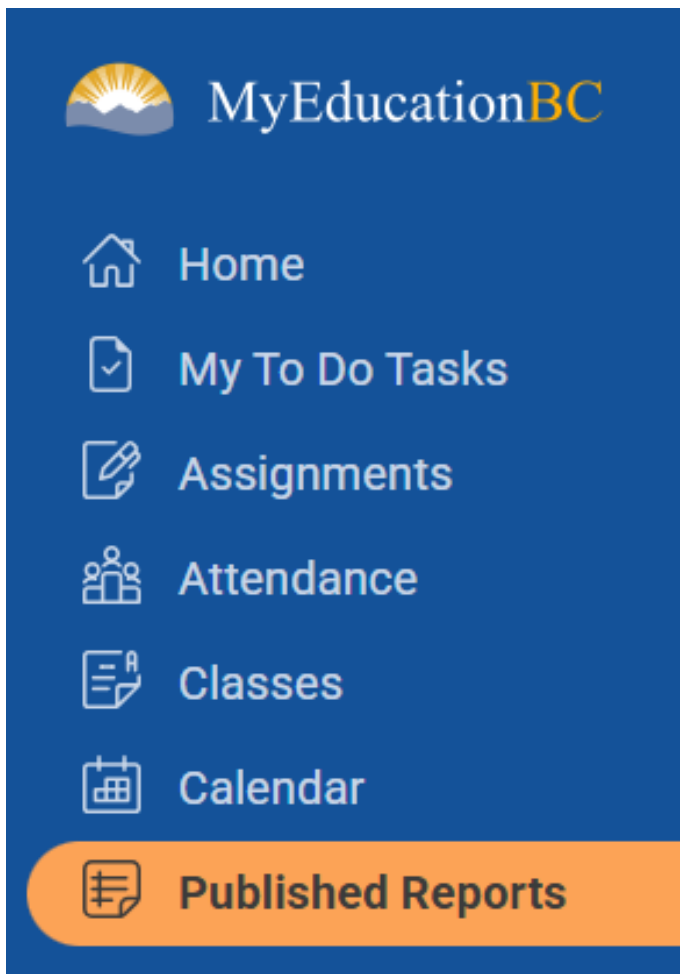


Attention parents/guardians:

Have you checked out the Family Portal lately?

If you need assistance accessing, please email
myed54@sd54.bc.ca

If we publish anything there to the Portal, we will always
send an email first to notify you.



Verification forms:

*Important information we
currently have on file
related to 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.*

*** Watch for these in the
upcoming months.*

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



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.**

THE WHITE HATTER

PARENTING PODCAST



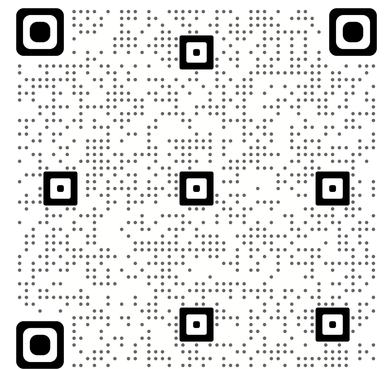
In this episode of *The White Hatter: Parenting in an Online World*, Darren explores one of the most common dilemmas modern parents face: why some well-meaning caregivers choose to allow their children access to technology or social media platforms before they're age-appropriate—and what that choice might mean in the long run.

From feeling pressure to be the "cool" parent, to being worn down by daily arguments, to believing "my kid is different," Darren walks listeners through the most common justifications he's heard from families across North America—and gently challenges each one with insight, research, and real-world examples.

This episode isn't about judgment. It's about equipping parents and caregivers with the critical thinking tools needed to make informed decisions in a digital world where child development and online design don't always align.

**VISIT THIS SITE FOR THE WHITE
HATTER WEBSITE FOR INFORMATIVE
PARENTING PODCASTS**

[HTTPS://WWW.THEWHITEHATTER.CA](https://www.thewhitehatter.ca)





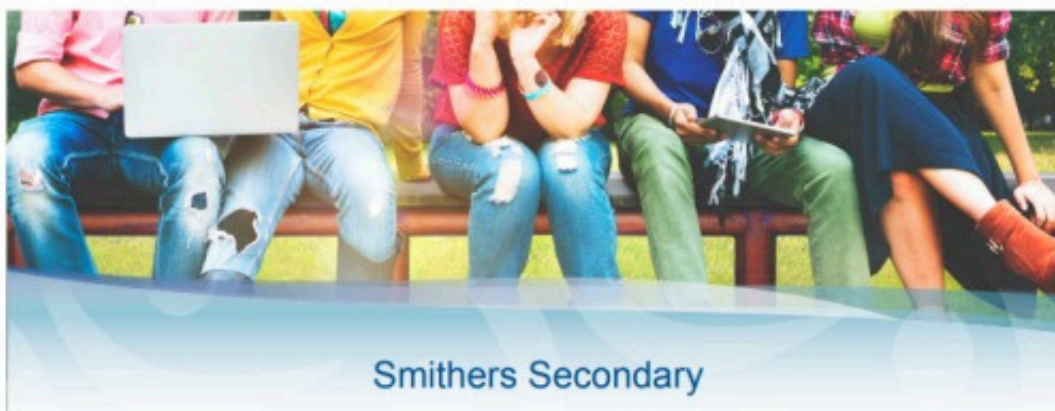
Important GRAD dates

June 2027

GRAD CEREMONY JUNE **24** 2027

PROM & DAF JUNE **26** 2027

Save the date



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


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the northern way of caring
22-405-6143 (IND 07/19)

