



SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL
BULKLEY VALLEY EDUCATION CONNECTION
BULKLEY VALLEY LEARNING CENTRE

OCTOBER 2026

**GRYPHON
SPIRIT
DAY
FUN**



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

IMPORTANT DATES

October 12

Thanksgiving Holiday-No School

October 21

Early dismissal 2:00pm

Parent Teacher Interviews

Phone SSS Office (250-847-2231) to book appt.

October 22

Early dismissal 12:00pm

October 23

Non Instructional Day-No school

November 10

Remembrance Day Assembly 10:20am

November 11

Remembrance Day -No School

November 20

Non Instructional Day-No school

November 24

Photo Retake Day

GRYPHONS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 2026

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

Grade 8 - Luka Clarke - is a hardworking, and diligent student who demonstrates a positive attitude toward learning and working with others. He is polite and outgoing and makes meaningful connections with his peers. He contributes positively to the classroom environment. Luka is mature in his approach to school responsibilities and is always willing to share his ideas during discussions and group activities. His thoughtful contributions, strong work ethic, and respectful manner make him a valued member of our school community.

Grade 9 Emma Bissonnette - demonstrates exceptional integrity and always strives to do what is right, even when no one is watching. She is inclusive, caring, and conscientious, and ensures that everyone feels valued and supported. Emma is honest and trustworthy, and she regularly goes above and beyond expectations to help others. Her creative thinking brings fresh ideas and solutions to the classroom, and her willingness to ask for feedback shows a commitment to personal growth. Emma's helpful nature, positive attitude, and strong character make her a wonderful role model within our school community.

Grade 10 - Geneva Ledergerber - demonstrates excellent initiative and is a self-motivated student who approaches every opportunity with determination. She takes responsibility for her learning and is always willing to take on new challenges. Geneva thoughtfully learns from experiences and perseveres through difficulties with a positive attitude. She is supportive, and offers encouragement and assistance to her peers whenever needed. Her confidence and responsibility make her a natural leader and a valued member of our school community.

Grade 11 - Gianna Meier - is a dedicated student who demonstrates consistent effort in all aspects of her learning. She listens attentively during lessons and class discussions, showing respect for others and a genuine desire to learn. Her regular attendance reflects her commitment to her education and contributes to her ongoing success. Gianna embraces new challenges with a positive attitude and is willing to step outside of her comfort zone to grow and develop new skills. Her perseverance, engagement, and enthusiasm make her a valued member of our Leadership group and school community.

Grade 12 - Malia Rowell - is an excellent example to other students through her dedication, hard work, and positive attitude. She demonstrates a strong commitment to her learning and approaches every task with determination and care. Her leadership and integrity are greatly appreciated. Malia's contributions to our school community make her a valued role model and a student who is admired by both staff and classmates.

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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will take place October 21, 2026
in 15 minute time slots between 2:30pm-6:45pm



21
October
2026

**PHONE SSS OFFICE
TO BOOK**

250-847-2231
We will try our best to align
appt. times



**REMINDER THAT EARLY DISMISSAL IS:
OCT 21 @ 2PM, AND OCT 22 AT 12PM**



Important GRAD dates

**Grad Photos
Jan 11-15, 2027**

**Watch future newsletters
for more information.**

GRAD CEREMONY JUNE **24** 2027

NEED TO CONTACT DAF COMMITTEE?

EMAIL: SSSDAFGRAD27@GMAIL.COM



Join the Facebook page
“Parents of SSS Grad 2027!”



STUDENT PATHWAYS SERVICES

Supporting your success at Smithers Secondary School

We're here to help you
succeed in school,
plan for the future
and support your
well-being.



SCHOOL SUCCESS

Academic advising



Planning & organizing your support
network

Strategies for success in school & life

Student schedule adjustments



WELLNESS & SUPPORT

Assistance making & attending appointments

Connections to community counsellors

Mental health literacy

PreVenture program

Public health nurse clinic

Referrals to community
support services

Wellness check-ins



FUTURE PATHWAYS

Career Pathways



Goal setting & future planning

Post secondary pathways

Scholarships & Bursaries



New to our school?

New student orientations.

We'll help you get connected and feel at home.



NEED A BREAK? A QUIET SPACE TO REFOCUS

Take a break. Regroup.
Get back on track.

YOUR STUDENT PATHWAYS TEAM



MS. WHITE

GRADES 8 - 10



MS. CHOY

GRADES 10 & 11



MS. BOLTON

GRADES 12



**SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME TABLE
FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT!**



CONNECT



GROW



SUCCEED

Every Gryphon, Every Path, Every Future.

Smithers Secondary
School
Student Pathways
Services introduces:

Morgan Monkman

District School Counsellor SD#54



As a school mental health counsellor,
I provide emotional support, short term
counselling, and early intervention to students
navigating personal, social challenges.

Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays
Blocks 1 & 2
8:40am-11:30am

Need to connect with me?

Visit your Student Advisor in the
Student Pathways Services space.

LOOKING FOR FABRIC DONATIONS:

Our ADST class is looking for fabric to use for future projects.

If you have any that you want to donate to SSS, please drop off at the main office.

****Material should be in good condition, usable sized pieces and in clean condition. ****



Learn Wheelchair Basketball

Try something new and learn the basics of Wheelchair basketball. Open to Every'body' Bring the whole family and play together.



OPEN TO EVERY'BODY'
ALL ages, ALL abilities.
Everything provided.
Smiles guaranteed

SMITHERS

FRIDAYS 5pm-7pm.

**Oct 16th, Oct 30th, Nov 6th, Nov 13th,
Nov 20th**

Walnut Park Elementary

**5 session program just \$35
includes a T-shirt.**



Learn how awesome inclusive sports are!

Registration required:



for more info contact programs@northernadaptedsports.ca 250-613-5187

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.

PAC meetings are the last Monday of each month in the

SSS library at 7:00pm

EMAIL: ssspac.sd54@gmail.com

PAC Elections will be taking place at the Oct. 26 meeting.

We are looking for a Secretary to join the executive.

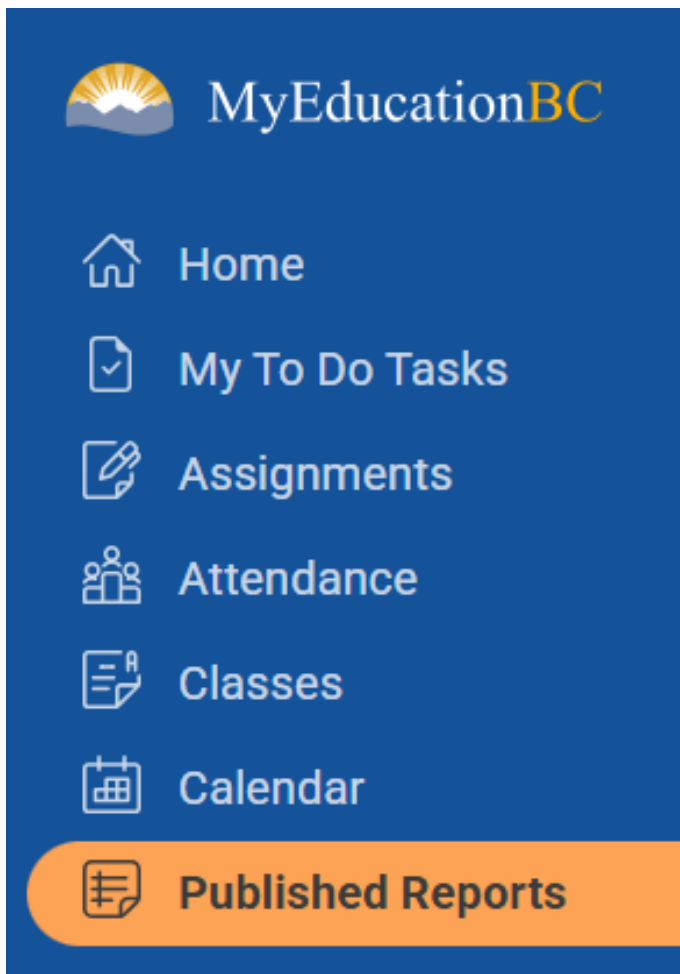


Attention parents/guardians:

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.*

sssoffice@sd54.bc.ca



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/>



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CRAFT FAIR

FRIDAY 6:00-9:00PM
SATURDAY 10:00AM-3:00PM

NOVEMBER
27 & 28

Spots are
filling up fast!
Register soon.

Admission is \$2

Everyone is
welcome!

We have many returning and new
vendors confirmed.

Contact
sssoffice@sd54.bc.ca
to register



THE WHITE HATTER

PARENTING PODCAST



30. Where Are the Parents? The Ongoing Struggle to Fill the Room for Digital Literacy and Internet Safety Presentations

The White Hatter - Parenting In An Online World

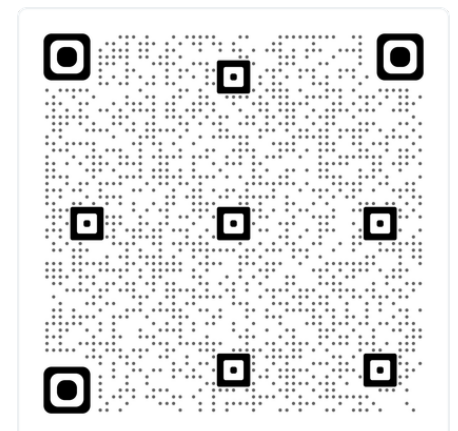
The White Hatter | 7/26/2025

In this episode, Darren takes a candid look at a challenge many schools and presenters face: low parent turnout for digital literacy and internet safety sessions, even when those very sessions are requested by parents and caregivers themselves.

Despite rising concerns around screen time, sextortion, cyberbullying, online predators, and AI generated content, most parent education nights are sparsely attended. So, what's going on?

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

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

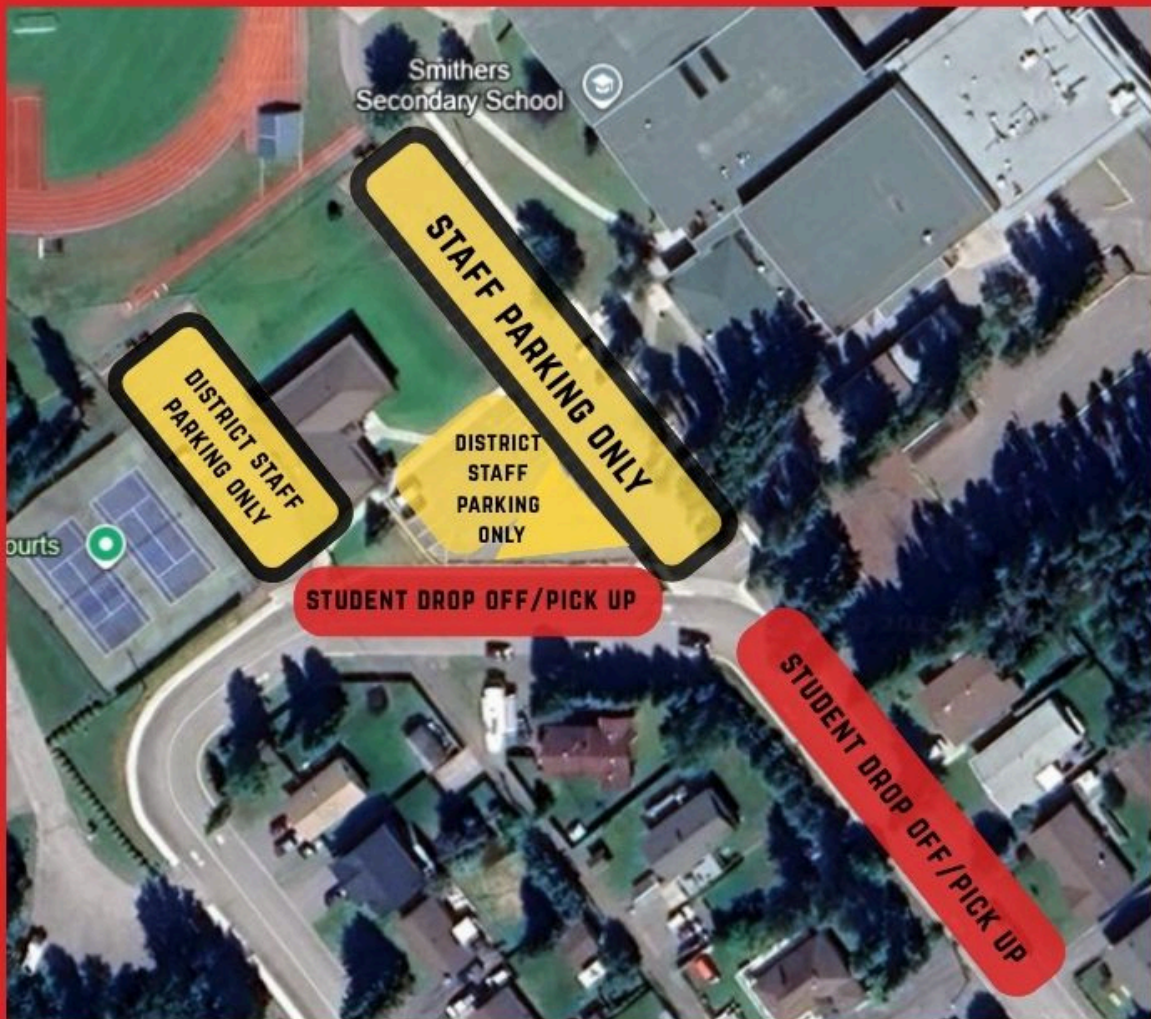


For safety reasons, please don't park in staff parking lots during school hours.

**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**



VOLUNTEER DRIVER INFO.

Smithers Secondary School

VOLUNTEER DRIVING INFO.

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

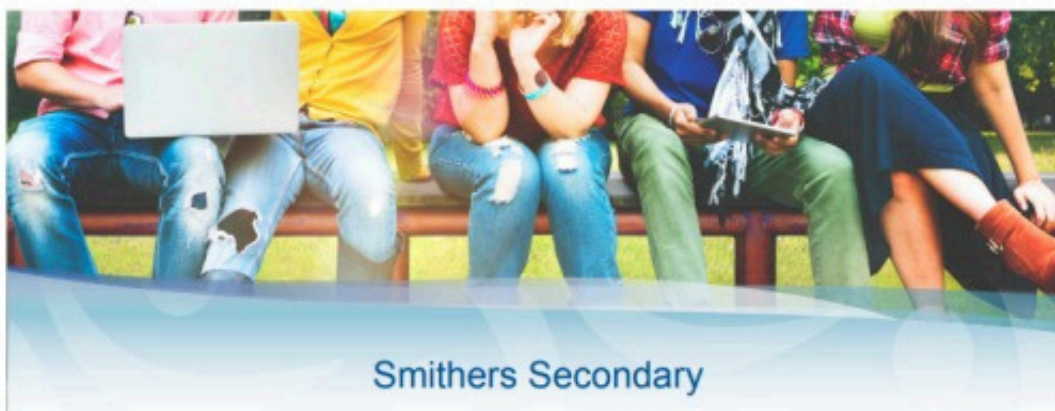


REQUIREMENTS ARE:

- ~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.**



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)

