

# **FKSS WEEK AT A GLANCE – November 25-29, 2024**



<b>Mon, Nov 25</b> ABCD Day 1	<b>Tues, Nov 26</b> BADC Day 2	<b>Wed, Nov 27</b> CQDAB Day 1	<b>Thurs, Nov 28</b> DCBA Day 2	<b>Fri, Nov 29</b> AFBCD Day 1
-Sr. Whalers game vs LCS at KP. -Grad dress up week. Movie Monday.	-Grad council at lunch. -Grad Twin Tuesday.	-Public Nurse in. -Robotics club at lunch. - Grad Western Wednesday.	-Grad Throwback Thursday.	- deadline for Grad gear order. -Grad Freaky Friday. -Poetry Cafe in Dome tonight.

## **PARENTS:**

From the Principal:

Learning updates for all students will be printed and handed out to students in advisor on this morning. As well, the parent portal is now open for those who would like to view the Learning Update online. Please see instructions below for accessing the parent portal.

The My Education BC Parent Portal provides parent/guardians online access to student demographic and academic information. Schools and teachers are able to use the portal to communicate in a variety of ways, including distribution of Learning Updates (report cards) and Grad Status Updates for grades 10-12, access to gradebook assignments (please check with individual teachers if gradebook is used for their class), and student information such as attendance and schedule. This information is accessible for the parent/guardian 24/7 without having to contact the school.

To access the Parent Portal: · Go to our school website <https://fkss.sd79.bc.ca/myed-bc-parent-portal>

- You will see the parent portal link, written instructions and an instructional video
- Click on the MyEd Parent Portal Link and enter your username and password.

· The PDF can be found on the right-hand side of the main page under Published Reports, or if you are viewing on a phone in mobile view, it may show under Announcements on the main page. If you are new to the school, follow the directions on the website or contact [fkssparentportal@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:fkssparentportal@sd79.bc.ca) and we can check to ensure that you have an account.

\*Do not create your own account. Parent accounts are created at the District level.

Students have their own portal access, and their username is their student number. If you are still having difficulties, please reach out by responding to [fkssparentportal@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:fkssparentportal@sd79.bc.ca). We want to support all of you as you navigate the Parent Portal. If you have questions regarding academic progress or attendance, please contact your child's teacher or Kevin van der Linden, Colleen Mullin or Penny Butler.

**Looking for a Christmas present for your student?** Kelsey swag makes a great gift! We have hoodies, windbreakers, sweatpants and water bottles available. Pay online on the FKSS website at the SchoolCashOnline.com tab. Bring the receipt to room 229 to pick up or Items can be left in the office for pickup, if you want to keep it a surprise. The Business Education elves in 229 know how to keep a secret!!

## **GRADS:**

**GRAD GEAR 2025 for Grads** Ordering for this year's grad gear has started. Available items include hoodies, crewnecks, zip hoodies and sweatpants. Select your items and pay online on the FKSS website at the Pay Online tab (SchoolCashOnline.com).

The deadline to order is this coming **Friday, November 29th**, with items to arrive in the new year.

On behalf of the **Dry Grad Parent committee**.

**Dry Grad committee is selling Purdy's Chocolates** for their Winter Campaign. Stock up on gifts for the Winter. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1777203-121464> . Campaign closes on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Bottle Drive on November 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Fisher Rd return-it depot from 9:30-1:30pm. Held by the Dry Grad Committee. You may drop empties off and the dry grads team will do the sorting.

You may also drop and sort your empties off at the Fisher Rd location and add your total to the "Frances Kelsey Dry Grad" account. Monthly bottle drives to follow.

## **Grad Photography Dates: December 9<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The sessions will be 20 minutes, and lifetouch will take formal cap/gown photos as well as casual photos. (ex. Jeans/Tshirt, Sports uniform, etc)

Grads should bring a dress shirt and tie for formal photos or wear v-neck or scoop neck top for formal photos. Unfortunately, they will not have shirts and ties for graduates to use. The use of props provided by Lifetouch (roses, diploma scroll) is voluntary, we have implemented safety protocols for sanitizing props or will provide one time use props for each sitting. Graduates may also bring appropriate props to be included in their sitting. (ex. football, musical instrument, etc)

The website will be officially open to book on **November 20<sup>th</sup>** 2024. The booking link is <https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

## **STUDENTS:**

**Attention students who are interested in Marine Biology!** We have organized an opportunity to visit Bamfield Marine Science Centre **March 4-6**, with a goal to learn more about marine ecosystems and the species that live there. Bamfield Marine Science Centre offers programs that include hands on experience and an introduction to the marine sciences, with activities on the water, in labs, and on the beautiful beaches and coastline which surround Bamfield.

If you are interested in joining, please register your interest with Ms. Janes **in room 220**. We will meet next week with solidified details. Priority will be given to senior science students.

**The Writers' Guild will be holding their first Poetry Café and Arts Fair of the year this Friday (November 29th) from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.** Tickets are **\$2** and will be on sale in the Dome throughout the week at lunch. Come and enjoy an evening of poetry, songs, and performances from Frances Kelsey students, enjoy tasty concession snacks and hot drinks, and check out and purchase amazing works of art and crafts. It is going to be a fantastic evening!

**Yearbooks-** Our Early Bird Yearbook pricing has sadly ended. If you have *not* already purchased a yearbook the cost is now \$60 until the end of semester 1.

Thereafter the cost will be \$75 through spring break, March 15.

Our books arrive the last week of school in June. We have sold out in the last 2 years.

Please don't wait until the last minute and be disappointed. Please visit

schoolcashionline.com to purchase online. <https://sd79.schoolcashionline.com/>

Our Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships and National Entrepreneurial Scholarships for the **Class of 2026 will open December 1, 2024 - March 1, 2025**. Any additional information will be shared on our [Scholarship](#) page.

<https://horatioalger.org/scholarships/> The [Horatio Alger Association of Canada](#) is significantly increasing funding for its undergraduate scholarship programs.

### **Beginning in fall 2026:**

- Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships and Horatio Alger Québec Scholarships (170 scholarships awarded per year) will double to \$10,000 per student, up from \$5,000.
- National Entrepreneurial Scholarships (10 scholarships awarded per year) will increase to \$25,000 per student, up from \$10,000.

Our **Dance Club** is in need of more members! If you are interested in dance club, come and join us on Tuesdays at lunchtime in the dance studio (Room 145). Our student leader is Sadie MacDonald. See you there.

## **SPORTS:**

**Sr. Whalers** have a game on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> vs LCS at Kerry Park. 1pm start time.

## **CAREERS:**

**The Government of British Columbia has proclaimed November 25 to 29, 2024 as Careers Week!** Now is a good time to connect with the Career Centre and explore all the opportunities available to you!

**Resume help & Job Board** – Want to apply for a job but don't have a resume? Come to the Career Centre for assistance. Also, check out the job board for the latest postings!

**Grade 10 and 11 students** – If you are interested in doing TASK or a dual credit trade or academic course next year, come by the Career Centre for more information and to pick up an application. Many Trade options are available to choose from including Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Hairdressing, Horticulture, HVAC, Plumbing, Welding and much more!

**WEX students** – Have you completed your 90 hours? If so, please come to the Career Centre to pick up the remaining 2 forms that need to be completed. There is a prize for completion AND BONUS SWAG prizes!!

**Grade 12's - POST-SECONDARY APPLICATIONS** – if you want help with applying to any post-secondary schools, see Mrs. Brinkman in the Career Centre.

### **Explore UVic:**

Saturday, November 30, 2024, UVic is holding an on-campus open house on November 30 for prospective high school students and applicants. See what the UVic experience is like through lectures, student panels, tours, information fairs and more.

Register for Explore UVic at [uvic.ca/explore](http://uvic.ca/explore) | 250-721-8949 | or scan the QR Code (poster located outside of Career Centre)

*Don't forget to stay connected by using MS Teams. Come to the Career Office to book an appointment or get assistance on any of these items.*