

# Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Secondary

## November 2021

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We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play.

Dear Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Families:

Happy November to our school community at Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road. Hopefully, everyone has been enjoying the fall months and finding the opportunity to enjoy the first few months of the school year. At this time of year, we are reminded how beautiful the fall is in our community, and I hope everyone can find a time to enjoy the outdoors and connect with the land. We have already had some snowfall and as we head into the winter months, and change seasons, we remind everyone to stay safe and to continue to follow our, "Communicable Disease Guidelines K-12" and to do a daily health check with your child before attending daily. The most recent "Daily Health Check" is attached to this newsletter. Our students, staff, and visitors continue wearing masks while inside the school and as everyone becomes more and more used to these requirements, we are having to remind fewer students. Thank to everyone for your support of our health and safety guidelines.

Our first report cards of the school year will be distributed to students on November 23. Please check with your child(ren) for their report card on this date to review their learning progress to date. At the start of November, we had many students writing the provincial graduation assessments in Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, or Literacy 12 and we will also be administering these assessments again in January, April, and June. As it is a graduation requirement, we encourage all grade 11 and 12 students to ensure they have completed the grade 10 assessments and, if not, to confirm with their counsellor they have been registered for a session this year. This year the Literacy 12 assessment is a graduation requirement as well for all grade 12 students. The results of these assessments will be shown on each student's transcript (see the attached "Student Transcript Services"). Information about these assessments can be found on the Ministry website... <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment>

Our School Plan for Student Success is posted on the school website (in the "About Us" section of the site) and we will continue to review and engage with our school community and our Parent Advisory Council. The plan is aligned with our five-year SD57 Strategic Plan. Our next PAC meeting at STKR is on Nov 16 at 7pm in the Learning Commons. Thank you to our parents for your ongoing support of our school community. You continue to find many ways to engage with our school community in PAC meetings, DPAC, Parent-Teacher Nights, Athletics, and more.

Have a great month of November!

Sincerely,  
Your STKR Admin Team

### Jump Start Grant

We are excited to share that Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road was selected by @CTjumpstart to receive a grant from their Sport Relief Fund. The Fund helps organizations like ours to provide access to sport and recreation opportunities for Canadian kids. In February, Canadian Tire Corporation announced an additional \$12 million commitment to Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund to help sport and recreation organizations build back sport and play in Canada. Jumpstart conducted a State of Sport study via Ipsos which revealed the pandemic has not only impacted current access to sport and recreational play but has real long-term effects as well. STKR and the communities it serves have experienced the impact of the pandemic first-hand.

The Jumpstart grant will go a long way towards helping provide equal access for STKR students to participate in adventure-based Outdoor Recreation courses and extra-curricular sports offered at STKR. Funding will be used to subsidize field trip transportation, guest speakers, instructors and to purchase necessary equipment to allow students to safely participate in STKR 's sport and recreation programs.



**Jump Start Grant applied for  
by Mrs. R. Pillipow, Teacher,  
Outdoor Education**

#### Bell Schedule – Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

8:35	Warning Bell
8:40 to 10:01	Period 1
10:06 to 11:26	Period 2
11:26 to 12:11	Lunch
12:06	Warning Bell
12:11 to 1:32	Period 3
1:37 to 2:57	Period 4

#### Bell Schedule – Wednesday

8:35 a.m. –	Warning Bell
8:40 a.m. to 9:46 a.m. –	Period 1
9:51 a.m. to 10:56 a.m. –	Period 2
10:56 – 11:41	Lunch
11:36	Warning Bell
11:41 to 12:47	Period 3
12:52 to 1:57	Period 4
1:57 to 2:57 –	Teacher/Student Learning

#### Medical Alerts and Medication at School

If your child has a medical alert or requires medication, please pick up the required forms from the office. We require new forms at the start of every year or when there is a change in the student's condition.

#### November Dates to Remember

**November 10** – Remembrance Day Ceremonies  
**November 11** – Remembrance Day (No Classes)  
**November 16** – PAC Meeting – 7 p.m.  
**November 23** – Report Cards to Students  
**November 26** – Non-Instructional Day

#### December and January Dates to Remember

**December 17** – Winter Carnival  
**December 20 – 31** – Winter Break  
**January 4** – School Resumes  
**January 18** – PAC Meeting – 7 p.m.  
**January 28** – Last Day of Classes – Semester 1  
**January 31** – Grad Photos

## Learning Commons News

It is so lovely to be using our space in a more “normal” way this year! We might have to mask, but it is nice to be able to have students from various cohorts using this learning space. We are also able to use some of the resources that could not last year. Some recent activities have included playing Settlers of Catan with our Grade 8’s and using Lego for some literacy activities.

### **Accessing resources from home:**

Thank you for keeping your students home when they are sick! If they need to access our digital resources when they are at home, they can access them via the Learning Commons website- just click the orange button (first on the Libguides site, then on the district site). Passwords are attached on another page in a handy bookmark.

### **Winter Break is coming!**

Are you looking for a book as a gift for your student? Consider one of the following hot reads:

1. “Dune” by Frank Herbert- the movie has been a big hit and our students seem to love this older Sci-Fi book.
2. “Concrete Rose” by Angie Thomas- this prequel to The Hate You Give gives backstory to the events of THUG.
3. “The Guilded Ones” by Namina Forna- #1 in the Deathless Series- students enjoy this young author’s epic take on a fantasy world.
4. “If” (Questions for the Game of Life) by Evelyn McFarlane and James Saywell- filled with fun and deep questions, this book can turn dinnertime into a great opportunity for family discussions!
5. “Things No One Else Can Teach Us” by Humble the Poet- this book is chock full of great tips for adulting. The author focuses on how a change in your mindset can radically change your outlook.
6. “You Are NOT Special and Other Encouragements” by David McCullough, Jr. This book encourages readers to stop trying to be perfect and to take chances- even at the risk of failing!

### **Microsoft Accounts:**

Mrs. Lundy has been working with our grade 8’s and 9’s to get them set up with Office 365 accounts. Mr. Murguly will be working with our grade 10’s to set up their accounts in their Career Life Education class. If your student in grade 11 or 12 wants to set up their Office 365 account, please have them contact Mrs. Lundy (Tuesday mornings or all day Thursday in the Library Learning Commons).

### **Some things we need:**

Our guitar club during Diversified Learning Time has been REALLY popular! So popular that we have to turn students away due to a lack of guitars. If you have an acoustic guitar gathering dust in your basement, consider donating it to our club. It will be used and appreciated!

Do you have a green thumb? Or do you have some plants hanging around in your home needing some attention? We have a group of students who are working to green the Library Learning Commons space with plants and even small trees. If you have some plants that you are unable to care for, we have a team of students who would be happy to care for them for you.

### Student Parking

Students may use the student parking lot, located near the tennis courts. Students may use the staff and visitor parking lot after 4 p.m. on school days, holidays, and weekends. The staff and visitor parking lot is reserved for staff and guests from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. when school is in session or on non-instructional days.

### Bus Lane

The bus lane is for our student school buses and need to be kept clear of parked vehicles. The buses need to have clear access to park and maneuver through the lane. Please do not use this area as a student pick up or drop off.

### Volunteers

At the start of every school year, anyone who is volunteering and driving students must fill out the volunteer forms that are available at the school office. The office requires all of the following to be completed before any event:

- Police Information Check (good for 3 years)
- Volunteer Application Form
- Volunteer Driver Application

We also require copies of:

- Vehicle Insurance
- Driver's License
- Driver's Abstract

### Student Attendance

Regular attendance is a critical component of student success. Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure their children attend school except in the case of unavoidable absences such as sickness and family emergency. Students who miss a class should always get the notes and complete any assignments missed even if they won't be collected for marks. Although this is good practice, it will not make up for considerable learning lost by not being present for the lesson. **The automated call out system** runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. A phone call will be made from an **outgoing only number** when a student has been absent without excuse for one or more blocks during the day. The message will state "A student in grade.... has been absent for one or more classes." Please contact the school at 250-962-9271 if you would like more information.

### Reduced Courtesy Riders on Diversified School Buses

Courtesy riders are accommodated in accordance with Policy 5341 Student Transportation, Home and School. Diversified Transportation has advised that the following runs are unable to accommodate courtesy riders at this time due to the high number of registered riders. Route 2 (am and pm); Route 3 (am); Route 5 (am); Route 6 (am); Route 8 (am and pm); Route 59 (pm); and Route 66 (am and pm).

### Grad News

We will inform our grade 12 families of the venue and the date once we get closer to that time and we receive guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer. You can expect a mailout in the coming weeks which will include information regarding the grade 12 year. We will begin collecting student heights so that grad gown can be ordered. Please fill in the "Intent to Participate" form when you receive it and return it to the Counselling Centre as soon as you can. Grad fees of \$100 are payable to the office until April 8.

Our first scholarship and bursary meeting for students took place in October. Student who could not attend the meeting can go to the Counselling Center for information and to sign up on our email list to stay connected with continuing opportunities. Updates will also be uploaded to our website. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Please be sure to check out our bulletin board in the Counselling Center for updates and new information on post-secondary events or browse through a viewbook.

### Athletics

It was great to see so many student athletes back on the court and fields this fall. We had 140 students playing volleyball, football, and running cross country this season, almost one in five of those attending STKR! We hope to have as many students out to play our winter sports – junior and senior basketball (grade 8 in the spring), wrestling, and gymnastics. Please contact Mr. Kuc in the office with any questions about the upcoming season.

As we approach the end of our fall sports season we would like to thank our coaches for donating their time and effort.

Senior Girls Volleyball - Jason Olexyn, Ben Receveur, and Doug Parker

Junior Girls Volleyball – Craig Sommerville and Michelle Werbecky

Junior B Girls Volleyball – Calvin Todd and Alicia Sommerville

Junior Boys Volleyball – Mark Gurney and Dave Gurney

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball – Todd Kuc with student coaches Elijah Lawrence and Riley O'Donnell

Grade 8 Girls – Dave Murguly with student coach Stephanie Horning

Junior and Senior Football – Ryan Belamy, Stephen Porter, Brennan Adrian, Ken Newell, Scott Wagner, Matt Kelly, Daryl Carter, Dexter Tabora

Good luck to all the teams heading into playoffs!

WANTED: Shas Ti Kelly Road is still looking for coaches for the sports listed below for the upcoming Winter Sports Season. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good addition to our coaching staff, please have them contact Todd Kuc at the office.

Junior A Girls Basketball Coach

Junior B Girls Basketball Coach

Junior B Boys Basketball Coach