

HAZELTON SECONDARY NEWS

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Principal's Message

Here we are, half-way through the school year! There are a lot of important dates coming up. Please refer to the sidebar for those dates and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about this month and the start of semester two. Congratulations to our band students and drama class. They teamed up to create a wonderful evening of music and theatre. The event was well attended. A special thankyou to Ms. Janze and Mr. Wiebe for the time and energy they put into creating this event. Report Cards have been issued. If you have any questions about the report cards please do not hesitate to contact the school. The annual Gitanmaax Career Fair was held on Thursday, February 9. It was a great success. Estimates are that over 1000 people attended and visited the booths. We extend a huge thank you to everyone who met and worked together over the last few months to make this event a success.

As we begin second semester, it is important that students are communicating with their teachers to ensure that they are up to date in their assignments and are meeting the learning outcomes of their courses. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers with any questions they might have about the academic progress of their child.

Hazelton Secondary (HSS) and Northwest Community College continue to work together to create opportunities for our students. The Carpentry Skills program has started. It will run through second semester and has a class consisting of Hazelton Secondary senior students and past graduates. The course runs four days a week and students access Hazelton Secondary's facilities. HSS will continue to work with the College to create opportunities for trades skill development and course credits.

February 16 – PAC meeting at 5:30pm, HSS library

February 22 – School Board Meeting at Hazelton Secondary. 5:00pm

February 18 – Sr. Girls, Jr. Girls, Gr. 8 boys basketball zones

March 1, 2, 6, 7 – Course selections for the 2017-2018 school year!

March 8-9 – Early Dismissal (2:10pm)

March 9, 5-7pm – Parent-Teacher Interviews

March 13-24 – Spring Break!

Mean Behavior and Bullying

When a child is having problems with her or his peers it can be hard to know what is happening. The problems may be categorized as either mean behavior or bullying. Here are some simple features of each.

Mean behavior:

- is not planned and seems to happen spontaneously
- is aimed at any child nearby

Often mean behavior takes the form of name calling, teasing, or taking something without permission.

Bullying

Bullying is much more serious behavior that must have three key features to be considered bullying.

- power imbalance – this may be due to age difference, size, social status, and so on
- intention to harm – the intent is to harm others. It is clearly not accidental behavior
- repeated over time – this behavior continues over time and gets worse with repetition

Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to Julian Stokes! He recently received the prestigious Horatio Alger Award, which recognizes academic achievement and community service. Julian received \$5,000.00 dollars which will go towards his post-secondary education.

The HSS Drama class is preparing a performance that they will present to the community on February 24. Then they will take this performance to the Provincial Drama competition. Break a Leg!

Congratulations to the Grade 8 girls' basketball team for their second place finish in the Zones. Thank you to Ms. Stoney for coaching and for the support of parents and community members who made it all possible!

Parent/Student Reminders

If you are dropping your children off in the morning, please use the student parking lot and do not impede the flow of traffic in the driveway or block busses.

New Ministry of Education guidelines require proof of BC residency in all student files. Please drop by the office to ensure we have this information on file for your child.

The school library has MANY overdue books! Please check your lockers and homes for missing textbooks and novels and return them to the library ASAP!