

South Peace News

October Update



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Well, it's been another exciting start up and we're well into our first semester for 2009 – 2010. Please stop in for a chat if you have any questions, concerns or great ideas. Our doors are open and SPSS is a friendly place.

Set us up as your default web page!

<http://spss.sd59.bc.ca/>

Please read and fill out the attached information verification sheet. This will help us have the best contact information. If you provide us with your email, we will send updates directly to you.

Students returning completed forms will have their name put in a draw for an i-Pod

Academic Dual Credit:

Our dual credit – trades programs have been a popular option for SPSS students now for over 10 years. In fact, the dual credit model used here has been picked up in other areas of the province.

New to the list of Dual Credit offerings is Academic Dual Credit. These will be first year, university level courses that a student may take in their grade 12 year. In most cases these will take place outside the regular timetable as an extra course. But, remember, there are 5 “spare” blocks between grade 10 and 12. Students working hard and doing well may end up with space in their timetable in grade 12 to provide the opportunity for such an extra course without too much academic overload.

Presently we are looking at two courses to start. First year English and First year Calculus. The Calculus course will be taught by Mr. Thornton. The college has reviewed this course and will provide a dual credit certification. The English will likely be an evening course taught at the college in second semester. Students will need to have successfully completed English 12.

In future, we hope to offer certificate packages aimed at getting students fast tracked into the university field of their choice. These will look like a set of three courses. For instance: Academic English / Sociology 101 / Math 101.

Upcoming Dates:

October 26 – 27	Non Instructional Days. Staff will be engaged in professional development activities. School is not in session for students.
October 30	School Photo Retakes Pep Rally in afternoon Sr Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournament kicks off here at SPSS in the afternoon.
November 2	PAC Meeting at 7:00pm in North Court
November 10	Remembrance Assembly. This will take place in Unchagah Hall. Students will be called down about 10:40. Mr. Moeller's Social Studies and Mrs. Bondaroff's Dance classes will be putting the assembly on
November 11	Remembrance Day. School closed
November 19	Mid Term Reports mailed home
November 26	Parent Teacher Interviews in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30
December 3 – 9	Grad Photos <i>Cap and Gown is supplied</i>
December 19 – January 3	Christmas Break
January 25 – 29	Exam Tutorial Week. <i>See the exam schedule at:</i> http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/0910_schedule.pdf

Me To We

14 students from SPSS went along with students from Central Middle School, Chetwynd Secondary and Parkland Elementary to the Me To We conference in Vancouver. This was a tremendous event prompting students to think beyond themselves to what they can do to improve the lives of others. Featured were special guest speakers, The Dalai Lama, Jane Goodall, Mia Farrow, Michel Chilkane (former child soldier), and Kraig and Mark Kielburger (founders of the Me to We Charity movement). Our students are now busy planning Me To We events for our school and the community. There is a very good chance that SPSS students will be raising funds for and then traveling to Ecuador to build a school! We will keep you posted as events begin to unfold.

Thank you to Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Mathias and Mrs. L'Heureux for spearheading this initiative for our students.

Google "We Day" and you will find many sites about this movement.