

THE WHALE'S TALE



*Frances Kelsey Secondary's
latest breaking news and views*

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The Transition to Term Two Questions and Answers

By Marilyn Sandford, Co-Principal

February 7th marks the mid-point of the school year and the beginning of the second term at FKSS. It is not uncommon for questions or concerns to arise from students and parents about what will happen to a student's timetable while making the transition to second term.

This article is designed to address some of the more frequently asked questions about this transition period. If your particular question or concern is not addressed in the "question and answer" format that follows, you are encouraged to contact your son or daughter's advisor, a counsellor or an administrator by phoning the school at 743-6916 or the counselling department at 743-6980.

Q. My son or daughter has worked hard but has he/she has not finished an academic subject (e.g. Math, English, Socials, Science) that was started in September. What will happen if he/she does not complete this subject by the beginning of the second term (February 7th)?

A. With very few exceptions, the student will simply carry on with the course until it has been successfully completed. In some cases, the student will continue with the same teacher. If there is a change of teacher or classroom after February 7th, the student will be notified.

Q. My son or daughter has not completed an elective subject (e.g. Home Economics, Business Education, Fine Arts, Technical Education, Modern Languages) that was started in September. What will happen?

A. In most elective courses, students who have not completed a course by the end of the term may have to complete it by arranging to meet with their teacher in a flex block time. Students should check with their teacher to determine which flex block time is most suitable. This arrangement will allow the student to receive continuous support while



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. February 7, 2005

Term 2 begins. Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Fri. February 11, 2005

Pro-D Day, no school

Tues. February 15, 2005

7:00 pm Dry Grad Parents meeting in library

Sat. February 19, 2005

"Let's Learn Together" Conference for parents

Wed. February 23, 2005

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

Mon. March 7, 2005

Second formal report card issued with newsletter

Thurs. March 10, 2005

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
1:30-4:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm

Fri. March 11, 2005

Day in lieu, no school

Fri. March 18, 2005

Last day of classes before Spring Break

Wed. March 30, 2005

School reopens

Sat. April 2, 2005

Dry Grad Garage Sale/Silent Auction

Mon. April 4, 2005

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

April 20 & 21, 2005

Provincial exams, grades 10 & 12

Wed. April 27, 2005

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

April 29 & 30, 2005

Kelsey's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Mon. May 2, 2005

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Fri. May 6, 2005

Pro-D Day, no school

Fri. May 20, 2005

1:05 pm District wide early dismissal

Mon. May 23, 2005

Victoria Day, no school

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completing the required course work.

Q. My son/daughter has not completed a course, but is anxious to pick up another course at the beginning of the second term. Is this possible?

Students in grades 9-11 who have not completed an academic subject that was started in September, may not pick up a second term academic subject until the first term subject has been completed. Our experience shows that students who take on additional courses tend to get "bogged down" with this additional work. Personal timetables become too difficult to manage and all course work tends to suffer.

Generally, the same rule applies to elective courses – complete one subject before picking up another elective subject; however, there are some elective courses where group work is important and all students should start together. Advisors have told their advisees which courses these are and students must see a counsellor to ensure they begin these courses at the start of the second term.

Grade 12 students who are scheduled to begin a Ministry examinable course in the second term MUST see their counsellor to ensure that the course is activated (registered with the Ministry to write the exam).

Q. My son or daughter has been recently withdrawn from his/her course. What action is necessary?

A. If students fail to attend classes regularly and/or fail to produce a reasonable amount of work, they may be withdrawn from a course. The "vacancy" created by the withdrawal is usually filled by another student who is ready to start the course.

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Under normal circumstances, the withdrawal of a student is usually preceded by a minimum of two written "Action Alerts" to the advisor over a period of several weeks. A third alert usually results in a withdrawal from the course.

The student who has been withdrawn from a course may only re-enter the course by making an appointment with a counsellor. If space is available in the class, the student may re-enter the course after undertaking a promise to attend regularly and to produce a reasonable amount of work. If the student is unable to re-enter a class immediately because classes are full, the student will be expected to spend the time focusing on the courses that remain active in the timetable.

Q. My son/daughter has received an "adjusted mark" in a course. What does this mean?

A. Under special circumstances, students who have been enrolled in a course at the grade 9 or 10 level for considerably longer than one term, may be given credit for the course once a minimum of 80% (16 of 20 learning guides) of the course has been completed.

An adjusted mark is usually applied to students who have demonstrated a good effort in the course, and in the opinion of the teacher, have completed the core activities. An adjusted mark usually results in a lower final letter grade in the course but permits the student to move on to the next course. Students who receive an adjusted mark may negotiate with the teacher to raise the mark by completing additional work at a later date.

Adjusted marks are rarely used at the grade 11-12 level. Senior students are encouraged to

complete courses fully so they achieve the highest marks possible. These marks appear on the graduation transcript and are required for entry into most post-secondary institutions. However, in some cases two credits instead of four credits can be negotiated by the student for work completed.

Q. Are some courses scheduled to run for the full year?

A. Yes, some courses started in September are scheduled to run for the full year. For example, PE 9-10, Band, Choir, Journalism 11, Acting 11-12 all run full year and therefore they will continue with the same teacher at the same time until June.

Q. Are there waiting lists for second term courses?

A. Most students will have little difficulty beginning a course they are scheduled to start second term. However, space in some courses may be limited as first term students attempt to complete their coursework while other students who have completed first term courses sign up through their counsellors to start a new second term course.

For students who find themselves on a waiting list, the time is usually short. Students on the waiting list will be notified by their counsellor as soon as the space opens up. In the meantime, the waiting student can focus more time and energy to work ahead on the courses they have underway.

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Scholarships and Bursaries

By Marilyn Sandford, Co-Principal

Are you planning to attend UBC, UVIC, Simon Fraser University, Camosun College or Malaspina University-College next year? We have a great deal of new information for you. Please see your counsellor as soon as possible. Applications are being accepted now. Don't wait!! Scholarships, resume writing and local bursary and scholarship information sessions will be presented to grade 12's during class time in February.

In the meantime if your Grade 12

student needs to attend a scholarship and bursary information meeting before those scheduled for class time, he or she should make immediate arrangements to do so. Meetings are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch in the library with Ms. Sandford and Mrs. Munday who review academic resumes, cover letters and applications for scholarships and bursaries. Students presenting high quality packages are often very successful in acquiring post secondary funding; therefore,

students requiring assistance should meet with Ms. Sandford and Mrs. Munday as soon as possible.

Are you an exceptional science student? If so, see Ms. Sandford or your grade 12 science teacher about a program at the University of Ottawa for next summer.

For more information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Ms. Sandford. All dates should be checked at each source's site.

The following scholarships and bursaries have application deadlines in February, 2005:

- BC Government and Service Employees' Union Scholarships
- Camosun College Bursaries
- Computer Master Institute of Technology Scholarships and Grants
- Credit Union Foundation of BC Education Bursaries
- Simon Fraser University Dean's Scholarships
- Gordon M. Shrum Scholarships and Shad Valley Gordon M. Shrum Scholarship
- Kin Canada Bursaries
- Operation Dialogue - Talk About Canada Scholarship Contest
- Premier's Excellence Awards
- Simon Fraser Alumni Leadership Scholarships
- Simon Fraser Scholarships
- Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program
- Trinity Western University - Dramatic Arts Scholarships
- Trinity Western University - Musical Arts Scholarships
- Trinity Western University - President's Scholarship Awards
- *UBC Entrance Bursaries (students.ubc.ca/finance)
- United World College Scholarships
- *University of British Columbia Major Entrance Scholarships (students.ubc.ca/finance)
- *University of British Columbia Entrance Scholarships - General Scholarships and Renewable Scholarships (students.ubc.ca/finance)
- Alyden Hamber Entrance Scholarship
- Alexander and Mary Mackenzie Entrance Scholarship
- Betty and Gilbert Kennedy Entrance Scholarship in Engineering
- CH Dowling Memorial Award
- Donald and Evelyn Munro Scholarships
- Dr. J. Donald Rowlett Entrance Scholarship
- University of Victoria Faculty of Engineering Dean's Entrance Scholarship
- George W. Nelms Memorial Scholarship
- India Canada Cultural Association of Victoria Scholarship
- Jane-Claire Inkster Memorial Scholarship
- L. and G. Butler Scholarship for the Disabled
- Mr. and Mrs. Torquil H. Burns Scholarship
- Richard C. Bryan Memorial Scholarship
- University Women's Club of Victoria Entrance Scholarship
- XV Commonwealth Games Scholarships
- University of Victoria School of Music Entrance Scholarships



University of Victoria Special Early Admission with Scholarship
 University of Victoria - 25th Olympiad Scholarship
 World Endurance Sport Triathlon Scholarship Program
 Zonta International Foundation Young Women in Public Affairs Awards
 *Waterloo Faculty of Mathematics National Scholarships (www.math.uwaterloo.ca/scholarships)
 *York University Scholarships/Awards (www.yorku.ca)
 *Geoff Inverarity Creative Script Award (www.giftsfilms.com)
 *Donna Usher Cinematography Award (www.giftsfilms.com)
 *Suez Holland Animation Award (www.giftsfilms.com)
 *Marcus Youssef Democracy Award (www.giftsfilms.com)
 *University of Victoria Entrance Award (uvic.ca/safa)

The following scholarships and bursaries have application deadlines in March, 2005:

BC Association of Health-Care Auxiliaries Scholarship/Bursary
 BC Excluded Employees' Association Scholarship and Bursary
 BC Hydro Power Pioneers - Beginning a Lifetime of Community Service Award
 BC School Superintendents Association Grade 12 Essay Scholarship Program
 BC School Superintendents Association Technology Scholarship Program
 BC Soccer Association Scholarships
 BCCPAC Educational Award
 BC Health Care Scholarship Fund
 Canadian Association of Principals Student Leadership Awards
 Canadian Hospitality Foundation - Hospitality and Hotel University Entrance Scholarships
 Canadian War Museum History Award
 Carol Anne Letheren Leadership and Sport Scholarship
 Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design Entrance Scholarships
 Flowers Canada - Pat Humphreys Scholarship
 Girl Guides of Canada - BC Council Awards
 Jack Farley Youth Sports Achievement Awards
 Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program
 *Malaspina University-College Entrance Awards (www.mala.bc.ca)
 *Miller Thomson Foundation National Scholarship Program (www.millerthomson.com)
 National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Fine Arts Awards Program
 Nurses Education Bursary Program
 Okanagan University College Entrance Awards
 Padgett Business Services Scholarship Program
 *Re/Max "Quest for Excellence" Bursary Awards (www.remax.ca)
 Retail BC Scholarship Program
 Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition
 St. John Ambulance Bursary Award Program - Nursing Bursaries
 St. John Ambulance Bursary Award Program - Youth Bursary
 Teamsters Union - James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund
 University College of the Fraser Valley Bursaries
 *University of Alberta Scholastic Distinction Scholarship (www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards)
 *University of Alberta Leadership Scholarship (www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards)
 * DeVry Institute of Technology Presidential Scholarship (www.devry.ca)
 *Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (www.goabc.org)
 *University of Guelph President's Scholarships (www.uoguelph.ca)
 *Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarship (www.uoguelph.ca)
 *BC Amateur Hockey Association (www.bcaha.org)

*Application available in school

Web Sites:

Canadian Universities and Colleges: www.schoolfinder.com

Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca

BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: www.scholarshipscanada.com, www.studentawards.com,
www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca

Further web sites can be found
 through the Library Homepage

Our New Staff

Mrs. Margaret Carmichael

Margaret, Margaret, burning bright
At Cow High students delight
What immortal hand or eye
Could not be tearful at goodbye

In what hidden heart implores
To come to the self paced goal of yours
On what wings dare you fly
From Sooke, MacNeill, New West passed by

With your experience and your passion
To Kelsey come on contract rationed
We welcome your humour and your dedication
Our new humanities allocation.

Welcome to Kelsey, Mrs. Carmichael !

Mr. Terry Abbott

Lastly, we welcome the return of Mr. Terry Abbott who was away at Guildford Grammar School in Perth, Western Australia on a one year teaching exchange with Mr. Ian Frame.

"The Prom Project" also known as "The Cinderella Project"

by Linda O'Neil, Parent

Every year at various schools there are young adults graduating who do not attend their banquet because of lack of financial means. Our school would like to try to identify these families in need of assistance to help their children enjoy this wonderful and deserving night. Any parent, student, teacher, or friend may call myself, or Counsellor Janice Rose anonymously if they know of a student in need of our support.

I will be calling on professional and personal donations for gowns, tuxedo rentals, hair, makeup, shoes, and accessories.

This year there might be a terrific opportunity for any young woman wanting to rent her dress from the "Prom Project" for a nominal fee.

Any business or organization willing to help with this worthwhile endeavor, please contact me at 743-7866 for this unique opportunity to assist our young people who have worked so hard for this important moment. We want to make sure every child has the opportunity to attend these festivities with pride and the wonderful sense of accomplishment that they deserve.

Thank you,
Linda O'Neil 743 - 7866

Ms. Sharron Sweeney

The Applied Skills Department welcomes Ms. Sharron Sweeney. She is currently a Teacher on Call in this district and is working in the Home Economics area on Fridays.

Ms. Sweeney grew up in the Cowichan Valley, graduated from Cowichan High School and completed her teaching degree at UBC. After raising a family, she held positions at the secondary, adult and college level in the Okanagan and Yukon. In her spare time she serves as President of the Westholme School Society which is restoring a heritage one-room schoolhouse.

Library Resource Centre Update New Database

The database **Culturegrams** is now available at home and at school. This is a valuable research tool.

Encourage your sons and daughters to start their research using the Library home page, especially if they are at a loss where to start their searching. This page has been developed with the students' needs in mind.

Bookmark the Library home page. It has a large number of links with curricular connections. It can be accessed from the school homepage: fkss.ca

All the encyclopedias we subscribe to have home access. Students can pick up the passwords at the library circulation desk.



Dry Grad

Our scheduled Dry Grad meeting on January 11th was postponed on very short notice due to the snowfall. We hope it didn't inconvenience anyone.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00 pm in the Kelsey library. Committees have been set up and are now actively planning and organizing the Dry Grad Party (eg decorations, games, entertainment, food, prizes). We would love to have more parents come to our next meeting and become involved in planning, fundraising or supervising on the big night.

<p>DRY GRAD MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday, February 15 7:00 pm in the Kelsey Library</p> <p>Everyone Welcome</p>
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Fundraising

Our next big fundraiser, the Kelsey Garage Sale and Silent Auction, is set for Saturday, April 2nd at the school. We are now collecting items for our Garage Sale (see attached information). Please postpone your spring cleaning and hold onto your good quality items for the garage sale. If you are willing to donate merchandise or a gift certificate, or if you know of a business or organization interested in pledging money or services, please call Linda at 743-7866. Please call if you have a large storage space close to the school to store items for the sale. The Grad students will also be running a car wash and concession stand to raise funds. Ongoing fundraising includes selling Country Grocer certificates, available at the school or by calling Linda at 743-7866. These certificates can be purchased at their face value in \$10 or \$20 denominations then applied towards purchases at Valleyview and Duncan locations. Country Grocer then contributes 10% to Dry Grad.

We also accept Canadian Tire dollars. Donation box is in the school office.

2005 Dry Grad Garage Sale and Silent Auction Saturday, April 2nd 9 am - 3 pm

Items wanted

Silent auction items, new or as new, services or gift certificates.

Garage sale items including furniture and small appliances in good condition, books, games, toys, videos, CD's, camping gear, sports equipment, household, tools, hardware, electrical, garden items

For more information or to pledge a donation call Linda 743-7866

Looking for Excitement?

By Cody Bellizz, Student

Nights Alive is a program run in the Shawnigan Lake Community Center for teenagers that don't have much to do on Tuesday and Thursday nights. It runs from 7:30 to 10:00 with things to do like skateboard and play sports in the gym or play air hockey and

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foosball. Take part in other fun activities like charades and madgab or chill and talk while drinking coffee or hot chocolate. Get interactive by making dinner or join the south end youth crew and their meetings to put in your thoughts and ideas about

fundraisers for cool trips. In the past there have been snowboarding, kayaking and river rafting trips. If you need volunteer hours for school, then this is a good, fun way to go about doing it.

"Let's Learn Together" Conference

February 19, 2005 - Frances Kelsey Secondary School

This conference - sponsored by DPAC and the school district - is for all parents. It will be held at Frances Kelsey Secondary School this year. Lunch and childcare are included. Come out and participate in workshops, presentations (Veronica Cooper from CH TV will be the keynote speaker), performances, discussions and look what schools in the district have to offer.

You can register for the following workshops:

MORNING WORKSHOPS:

1. Fun ways to help your child read
2. Simple woodwork projects with your child
3. Financial planning for your students' careers (including scholarships)
4. Sidestepping the power struggle with your child

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

1. Finding your way around the Internet safely
2. Media awareness
3. Communicating/setting boundaries with your child
4. Helping your child be successful in school
5. Drug abuse and prevention

The registration is \$10 for the whole day, including lunch. Frances Kelsey PAC will pay the registration for 20 parents. You might get all this for FREE.

If you or your son or daughter wants to upgrade skills you might consider one of the following workshops offered the same day:

CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS: A full-day certification workshop for adults and teenagers will be offered, given sufficient enrolment:

- Food Safe certificate (\$50)
- Boat Pro certificate (\$50)
- First Aid (\$90)

You can register at the school or online at: www.sd79.bc.ca/letslearn/ Come out and join us!

We also need parents to help with setup, registrations, etc. on the day of the event. Contact Björn Ratjen directly at 743-7575.

HeartWave

a benefit concert and Valentine from the Cowichan Valley for victims of the recent tsunami in south east Asia on February 14 at 7:30 pm at the Cowichan Theatre

The facilities and the services of organizers, producers and performers are all donated, allowing 100% of the concert's proceeds to be committed to the Red Cross

Ticket prices: (minimum donation) Adults - \$15.00
Senior and Youth (12 - 15) - \$10.00
Children under 12 - \$5.00

The Red Cross will describe their relief efforts during the intermission

FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on:
Wednesday
February 23 at 7:00 pm
in the school library

Senior Boys' Rugby 2005

By Wayne Loutet, Teacher

Coaches: Mr. Wayne Loutet, Mr. John James
Season: February: Tryouts and Pre-season practices
March, April, May: Games and BC Championships



This year we have 33 students who have indicated that they would like to play (only 2 in grade 12), 9 girls who would like to be managers and statisticians and 1 person who would like to video as many games as possible.

In the mix we have Kyle Leclerc who was named to the Canadian Under XVII team last November and toured England with them, and Jordy Roy and Dan James who along with Kyle have been invited to try out for this year's Under XVII Canadian team. However, this is not the only talent, as we go very deep in talent with many of the boys

playing for the Cowichan Rugby Club. Some of these boys will be touring in Great Britain over the Spring Break with the Rugby Club.

This year we move up to the AAA North Island League which includes 3 "Super-league" teams (Shawnigan Lake (2nd), Port Alberni (16th) and George Vanier (14th)), as well as 11th ranked Cowichan Secondary, Dover Bay (21st), and Timberline (24th). The bracketed numbers are Provincial pre-season rankings. Frances Kelsey is ranked 17th to begin the season. Only 5 "AAA" teams make it off the island, so

Kelsey, with its young, but talented, team has a shot, but it will only come with hard work.

Our team has 9 grade 9's, 11 grade 10's, 11 grade 11's and 2 grade 12's. The teams we will be playing this year will be older; however, we have boys who are used to playing against older teams. They definitely have the size and experience to overcome the age difference.

Full season schedules will be available in Mid-February, and future Whale's Tales will give those dates to you.

Governor General's Award

Out of a number of absolutely outstanding students, the recipient of last year's Governor General's Academic Medal is Shaun Baird who is presently attending the University of Victoria. Congratulations, Shaun!

**Frances Kelsey invites Grads, Parents,
Students, Staff and Community
Members to the:**

Tenth Anniversary Celebration

**April 29 & 30, 2005
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