



## Skeena Middle School

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# This Week at SMS - Nov. 4 to Nov. 8

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> after lunch, we will have our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. All students and staff will participate in this assembly.



## No School – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

There will be **NO** school on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> due to the Remembrance Day holiday.

## Band Fundraiser

Our Band Program is currently doing a Scoops Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. All orders are due back to the school by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> with orders ready for pick-up by Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached order form. Orders may be dropped off in the Band Room.



## Concert – Grade 8 and 9 Classes

Green Thumb Theatre will be presenting "The Shape of a Girl" on November 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:15. Unfortunately, this play is recommended for audiences Grades 8 and Up. Due to this fact, only our Grade 8 and Grade 9 students will attend this performance at the REM Lee.

### "The Shape of a Girl" Synopsis

What does it mean to be part of the in crowd? In an imaginary letter to her absent older brother, Braidie struggles to understand news stories about the torture and murder of a local teenage girl and how the brutality she sees in the headlines is reflected in her own friend group. Revisiting memories, Braidie tracks her own complicity and participation in the bullying of one girl, and considers what it means to go too far. THE SHAPE OF A GIRL challenges audiences to interrogate their capacity to both help and harm others and to be brave when standing up for what is right. As relevant as ever, Green Thumb Theatre premiered THE SHAPE OF A GIRL over 20 years ago, and the piece has since gone on to hundreds of productions worldwide.

## Volleyball

All of our Volleyball teams have had outstanding seasons this year. They have all shown significant improvement, have represented our school well, and have had fun. Our Grade 8 and Grade 9 teams will play in their Zone Championships this coming weekend. Our Grade 7 teams will have their year-end tournament soon. Our Grade 8 and 9 teams have their Zone Championships in the following places:

- Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball host Zones at SMS on Friday and Saturday
- Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Zones in Smithers
- Gr. 9 Boys Volleyball Zones at Centennial Christian
- Gr. 9 Girls Volleyball Zones in Houston

Good Luck to all our teams!

## **FamilySmart**

FamilySmart is a resource for Parents/Caregivers through the Integrated Child and Youth (ICY) team. The ICY Teams are part of a provincial strategy for improved mental health and substance use care in BC. FamilySmart offers support for parents and caregivers of children and youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges. They can help by:

- Providing a safe space to talk, free of judgement and blame
- Listening and helping you find resources and services within the community
- Helping prepare for meetings with people working with your child



Peggy Sowa is our FamilySmart support worker. She can be reached at [peggy.sowa@familysmart.ca](mailto:peggy.sowa@familysmart.ca) or at 250-872-2415.

More information about FamilySmart is available at: [FamilySmart - Together-Centred™ for Child & Youth Mental Health](#)

## **First Trimester Report Cards**

Our First Trimester Report Cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our Parent/Teacher Night will take place on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00.

## **Early Dismissal Days**

On Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will dismiss one hour early, at approximately 2:19. All buses will run one hour earlier than normal at the end of the day.

**Please note that our Parent/Teacher interviews will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00**

## **PAC Meeting**

Our next PAC meeting is on Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 PM in the SMS Library.

All parents and caregivers are welcome.



## **Accidents and Injuries at School**

We have a certified First Aid person on duty here at the school, although we cannot guarantee that this person is available at all times. We also have additional staff with training that can help out on an “as-needed” basis. When accidents occur on school grounds or within the school building that involve injuries, they must be reported to the office as soon as possible so that we can get proper treatment started. After any such incident, an official Incident Report Form is filled out detailing what happened and what was done by our First Aid attendant. Please note that we will call parents/guardians anytime an injury involves the head. If necessary, you will be contacted to pick up your child. If our First Aid person determines that immediate medical attention is required, and if we cannot get in contact with you or your emergency contact, we reserve the right to call an ambulance. We will always err on the side of “better safe than sorry”.

## **Block Rotation - Nov. 4 to Nov. 8**

Mon., Nov. 4 – 1-2-3-4-5

Tues., Nov. 5 – 6-7-8-1-2

Wed., Nov. 6 – 3-4-5-6-7

Thurs., Nov. 7 – 8-1-2-3-4

Fri., Nov. 8 – 5-6-7-8-1

## **Visitors to the School**

All visitors – including parents and caregivers - to Skeena Middle School must report to the office to check in/sign in.

If a visitor is going to a classroom or elsewhere in the school, they will be given a visitor badge to wear during their time at SMS.