



## CLARENCE FULTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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### December/January School Newsletter

#### Principal's Month in Review

October and November have been very busy for everyone at Fulton. Our parent night was well attended. Mid-term report cards have been emailed to parents; please continue to follow your Fulton student's learning through parent connect. Our leadership class organized a fun filled evening of dancing for Halloween and the costume participation was amazing.

I would like to thank our PAC for covering the cost of an assembly by Jesse Miller who promotes an active and relevant social media education dialogue with students. Our leadership class also organized a great Remembrance Day assembly to remind us that the peaceful society we enjoy has been created by the efforts and sacrifices of generations of Canadians who have put their lives on the line in the cause of peace and freedom around the world.

As we move into December, please remember that this can be a very difficult time for many of our students and their families. Our counsellor Mr. Mackenzie is available for any student who wishes to speak with him. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our counsellor, Mrs. McGrath and her husband who welcomed a healthy baby boy into their family last week. Starting in January, Mr. Ray Wolsey will be here to replace Mrs. McGrath.

I wish you all a relaxing winter holiday and look forward to what 2019 will bring.

Lynn Seed, Principal

#### Fees

If you haven't done so already, please pay your child's student fees. If you are sending a cheque, please write your child's name and the reason for the payment on the memo line of the cheque. All unpaid fees or lost book fees from previous years are overdue. Please see Ms. Redl in the office if you have any questions about school fees. We take cash or cheque only.

#### Athletics

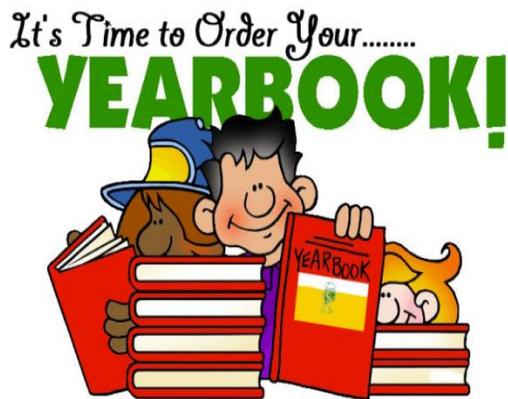


The Fulton Fall Athletic Season is winding up with volleyball season coming to a close and basketball season starting next week. The grade 8 girls team finished 3rd in the South Zone. The Gr. 8 boys volleyball team is heading off to North Zone Play-Offs next week. Congratulations to both teams on a great season and thank you to Fulton Alumni Anita Rea and Keiran Webster for coaching this year! The Jr. girls gold team is currently in 3rd place heading into North Zone play-offs next week. Best of luck to Mrs. Yamagishi and the Team! The Jr. girls' and boys' volleyball teams both finished 5th in the North Zone. Thank you to Fulton teacher Mrs. Hobkirk and Fulton Alumni Stephane Foster and Brett Hansen for coaching the teams this year. The Sr. girls volleyball team finished 2nd in the North Zone championships

and are heading to the Okanagan Valley championships this weekend. Good luck to the team and thanks to Mrs. Shaigec for coaching. Go Maroons!

Fulton had 27 boys between Grades 8-10 participate on the JV football team for 2018. The boys played in an all Okanagan conference that consisted of Vernon, Fulton, Westsyde, South Kam, Rutland and OKM. Despite being very inexperienced, the boys had an excellent season. The team finished the regular season at 5-2 and won the Okanagan AA JV Championship. This was the first JV Championship for Fulton Football. The team had a great attitude and improved throughout the year. The team lost in the quarter final round of the provincial playoffs to Windsor. The team was coached by Mike Scheller, Wayne Neilson, Mike Tkatschow, and Kevin Stecyk.

Fulton had 18 boys between Grade 10-12 participate on the varsity football team for 2018. The boys played in an all Okanagan conference that consisted of Vernon, Fulton, Westsyde, South Kam and Valleyview. The league was very balanced this year and the team finished with a 2-2 league record, 4-5 overall. The team finished second in the league and qualified for the provincial playoffs for the 4th year in a row. The team lost in the first round of the provincial playoffs to Windsor. Despite having small numbers, the team showed a lot of competitiveness and heart during the season. The team was coached by Mike Scheller, Bryan Cragg, Ethan Schulz and James Gardner.



Yearbooks are for sale at the office. If you want a Yearbook **you must pre-order them**. They are \$50 until Christmas break and \$55 starting in January. Don't wait too long or you may miss out on an opportunity to get one. The Yearbook would like to include pictures of students doing things outside of Fulton. If you have any pictures you would like to submit of students participating in activities outside of Fulton please submit them to [clarencfultonschool@gmail.com](mailto:clarencfultonschool@gmail.com)

Some examples would be extra curricular activities like sports, dance, cadets etc. that do not take place at Fulton.

Please try to send the original photos as they need to be high quality to include in the Yearbook. Also, please feel free to submit photos of events at Fulton as well if you took a good picture at a sporting or other extra curricular event.

## What's happening in our classrooms?

The Fulton English Department has been working hard to integrate the new BC curriculum into Grade 10 classes. This year, English 10 courses have expanded to include New Media 10, Literary Studies 10, and Creative Writing 10. We've also been given a unique opportunity to be a field-test site for the Ministry of Education's new Literacy Assessment. It gives our Fulton staff a chance to preview this new type of assessment and see how we can better support literacy for our students. Literacy and writing skills continue to be foundational for students as they move into the workplace, and we strive to have students leave Fulton feeling confident in their communication skills.

In Biology 12 they celebrated digestion Tuesday. They looked at the full digestive system of a deer, thanks to local Hunter and fellow teacher Greg Elis! They also talked about Okanagan first nation hunting protocol as per the stories presented by Okanagan Elders in "The Story of Our Ways". Mr. Ellis elaborated on protocol and talked about how animals are thanked, respected and how whole animals are used. It was a great hands on learning experience, and cultural experience for our young Biologists.

The math team is up and running. They meet every Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:15 and it is for any keen math student. It is designed to be a fun, problem solving environment with an emphasis on math. Our first competition is on Wed. November 21 with many more to come in the winter.



The vocation students have been doing a measurement unit. They practiced measuring liquids on Halloween and made 'Witch's Brew'.

## What's happening in VCS



Bowen O'Brien, a 15-year-old filmmaker and Vernon Community School student, went up to bat at Kelowna's HorrorFest 10 — a celebration of Okanagan indie horror flicks brought to The Habitat Oct. 26 by the Okanagan Society of Independent Filmmaking — with his five-minute short Adulthood and took home Best Picture and Best Story awards. Congratulations!

This fall has been bustling at Vernon Community School (VCS). Students have been interacting with local experts about content, relating ideas to previous knowledge and experience, carefully examining issues, and engaging in the risky process of "taking things up."

Along with continuing to work on content courses, 'In Situ' round #2 has begun for the next 8 weeks. We have on offer: Math intensive, Art, Aquarium, Blacksmithing, and Swimming, 2nd Languages, Tech, Micro Bio, Rock Climbing, Essay writing/ Creative Writing/ Podcasting/ Hip Hop Poetry, Yoga/Pilates, Web Page Development, Wood Carving, Law/Debate, Music/Rock Band, Sewing, Tech 2 and Thursday all day Winter Sports at Silver Star.

VCS has had many administrators and teachers from School District #23 visit in small groups to observe and discuss our practises and philosophy. Three Teacher-Candidates (student teachers) have been visiting our community and we are excited that they will be joining us for two weeks before Christmas break. Our school wide provocation 'The Future of Wildfires' has wrapped up with much learning about how groups function, the nature of reliable research, and the challenge of going deeper into a topic. We were thrilled to partner Tolko Industries and have the opportunity to learn about forest fires on sight from Forest Engineers. The next School Provocation has started and is about 'Air Pollution' local and global challenges.

## **Fulton Fundraiser**

Fulton Secondary is thrilled to be working with Cobs bread! Simply mention that you are connected to Fulton school during your transaction at Cobs bakery when you make any purchase. They are donating 5% of every purchase connected to Fulton to our school.

The transactions will be electronically recorded and at the conclusion of the promotion they will know exactly the amount to be donated back to our school.

## **Youth and Drugs Upcoming Presentation at VSS**

What Helps, What Hurts

Wed, November 28th @7pm at VSS Theatre

This is a free presentation; no registration required and all are welcome to attend.

Dr. David Smith and Doug Rogers will discuss teens and the impact of substance abuse.

This PowerPoint presentation will include a candid discussion of the risks of substance abuse and offer some advice on how to keep your kids safe and drug free.

## **Food For Thought**

This program is organized and sponsored by the Okanagan Learning Foundation. The focus of the Food for Thought program is supporting teens who need more food at home on the weekends. Each student receives a bag for the weekend with 10 food items of their choice as well as some toiletries to bring home and share with his/her family. If you feel your family can use this extra support, please contact Mrs. Seed at 250-545-1348. All names are confidential.

## **Upcoming Events**

**November 29**

**November 30**

**December 5**

**December 12**

**December 21**

**January 7**

**January 24**

**January 25**

**January 28**

**MADD Canada grade 10 – 12 assembly**

**Last day D2 Grade 8 Rotation**

**Fill the Bus!**

**At Risk reports emailed home**

**Last day before winter break**

**School re-opens**

**En 12 and EFP provincial exams**

**Com 12 and FRAL 12 provincial exams**

**Semester 2 begins**