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Dear Parents:

The second term has come to an end and report cards go home on Friday, March 19th. No formal interviews take place at this time, however, if you have any questions or concerns, you are encouraged to contact your child's teacher, counsellor or an administrator.

Course selection forms are due this Friday, March 5th. It is important that students make careful choices in course selection that will lead them toward accomplishing their personal, educational and career goals. Students begin formulating their goals during their Planning 10 class and continue refining them while completing the Grad Transitions requirement.

The opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom are many. Class field trips, job shadows, work placement, student exchanges or international tours serve to enhance the program offerings at Brookwood. Each experience serves a valuable education purpose that cannot be duplicated while sitting in a classroom. Currently, four students from our school are studying for three months in Quebec.

In the weeks to come, students from our school will participate in four international tours: a week long theatrical tour of Los Angeles, a four day Shakespearean experience in Ashland, Oregon, a two week exploration of Egypt and a two week exposure to the culture of Amsterdam, Paris, Florence and Rome.

On pages 5 and 6 in this newsletter there is a copy of the Year End and Provincial Examination schedules. All grade 10 and 11 students must write provincial exams in English 10, Math 10, Science 10 and Social Studies 11 which count for 20 percent of the student's final mark. Final standing in these courses will be available late July. This presents a problem as some students will not be sure if they have passed or failed a course before summer school registration. Teachers will be recommending students for summer school based on their school mark. It is then up to you as parents to decide if your teen should go to summer school or whether you think the unknown exam mark will be sufficient.

Finally, we extend our congratulations to our Grade 8, Junior and Senior Girls' basketball teams who have made it to the Basketball Provincials. A special thanks to our boys' basketball teams and coaches who did well in their playoffs. These are all-important for our students and for Brookwood spirit. To have these teams compete in these tournaments is a tribute to the hard work of the athletes and coaches. Well done!

To everyone, please take time for yourself and your family this spring break.

Sincerely,
Mal Gill
Principal

Dates on the Horizon

FRIDAY, March 5th

This is the last school day before spring vacation.

MONDAY, March 15th

This is the first school day after spring vacation.

WEDNESDAY, March 19th

The second formal report is distributed.

MONDAY, March 29th

Parent Advisory Council meeting, 7 pm. in the library.

FRIDAY, April 2nd

School is closed for Good Friday.

MONDAY, April 5th

School is closed for Easter Monday.

WEDNESDAY, April 14th

Collaborative Meeting from 1:15 to 2:37 p.m.
2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4 classes will be held until 1:15 p.m.
Anti-Bullying - Wear Pink Day

MONDAY, April 26th

Parent Advisory Council meeting,
7:00 p.m. in the library.

FRIDAY, April 30th

Professional Development Day.
School is closed for students.

Monday, May 17th to Friday, 21st

Showcase Week (see page 4)

MONDAY, May 24th

School is closed for Victoria Day.

TUESDAY, May 25th to FRIDAY, May 28th

Final exam, composition component, in
English 8, 9 and 11.

MONDAY, May 31st

Parent Advisory Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the
library.

THURSDAY, June 24th

Final report cards will be distributed.
Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. at the
Langley Events Centre, 7888 200th Street, Langley

FRIDAY, June 25th

-The graduation banquet & dance will be held
at 7:00 p.m., at the Coast Hotel & Convention
Centre, 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation Ceremony invitations for Thursday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Langley Events Centre, will be available at the beginning of June.

Each graduate is entitled to four free Graduation Ceremony tickets. If you require extra tickets, you may purchase more at \$10.00 each. You do not need to purchase a ticket for the graduate. As has been the case in previous years, tickets will be collected at the door.

Graduation Banquet & Dance

Ticket prices for the graduation banquet and dance at the Coast Hotel & Convention Centre on Friday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. will be \$80.00. Tickets may be purchased at the beginning of June. Due to a limited number of seats and a large number of graduates, at this time tickets will only be sold to graduates and their dates. Guest passes are required for all non-Brookwood dates.

Parents are invited for a coffee, tea and dessert buffet at 8:30 p.m. for a cost of \$10.00.

Methods of payment:

- before June 4th - cheque, money order or cash
- after June 4th - money order or cash only

To guarantee an entire table, all ten seats must be bought at the same time.

Graduation Requirements

Students intending to participate in the graduation ceremony in the 2009/10 year must fulfill the following requirements:

- must be completing a minimum of 80 credits, as specified by the Ministry of Education, over the grade 10, 11 and 12 years
- must be passing these required courses
- Grade 12 Transition Plan must be completed (see page 3)
- must not have any outstanding fees or textbooks

Grade 12 Transition

No Transition Plan No Graduation

All grade 12 students were supposed to hand in all Transition 12 assignments by January 15th. Students, who have failed to do so, have been taken off of the graduation list. If you do not complete all assignments and the presentation, you will not graduate.

Classes End on Friday

June 18th

This year, regular classes end on Monday, June 14th with in-class examinations held on June 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. Provincial examinations for grade 10, 11 and 12 courses start on Monday, June 21st. Students who are absent for a school exam must provide a medical note.

Anti-Bullying - Wear Pink Day

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 14th for our Third Annual Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to make a statement against bullying and to show their support for this very important cause.

Counselling Department

Course Planning

Course planning for all students has been completed. All students must return their coloured course planning sheet, signed by a parent, by Friday, March 5th.

If parents and students have any questions or concerns about the course selection for next year or their post-secondary options, they should make an appointment to meet with a counsellor. Please contact Mrs. Brayfield, counselling secretary, at 604-530-2141.

Students' Council

Grades 11 and 12 Senior Dance

The dance that you have all been waiting for will take place on Thursday, April 8th. Tickets will be available on April 6th, 7th and 8th at lunch and after school in the Catz Cage for \$10.00. No tickets at the door.

Students should ensure that they are dressed in accordance with school dress code policies. Remember that you must have a go-card and no outstanding fees to attend, and that guests are not permitted.

Music Department

Dates on the Horizon

• Tuesday, March 2nd

District Junior Concert Band Festival at Langley Fundamental Middle School

• Thursday, March 25th

Spring Concert (all ensembles)
7:00 p.m. in the small gymnasium

• Friday, April 23rd

Third Annual Swing Night
hosted by Brookwood Music & Fat City Swing
There will be a silent auction, food and swing dance lessons. Information on tickets to come soon.

• Wednesday, May 19th to Sunday, May 23rd

Fraser Valley International Kiwanis Music Festival (all concert bands and jazz bands)

• Wednesday, May 26th

Year end summer BBQ and concert

• Friday, May 28th

Cultus Lake Waterpark

Grade 9 Immunizations

The second dose for girls HPV vaccine will be on Tuesday, May 11th. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis immunizations will also be offered to all grade 9 students who missed the first immunizations. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis immunization is required every 10 years to ensure immunity. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our public health nurse, Alicia Birch, at 604-539-2900.

To Parent/Guardian of Grade 10 Students

Last school year, all girls in grade 9 were offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. If your daughter did not receive the vaccine last year, she is still eligible to receive it free of charge. If you would like your daughter to receive the HPV vaccine, you will need to contact the Langley Health Unit to arrange an appointment.

If your daughter or son missed their grade 9 vaccine (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis), you can also arrange for your daughter or son to get immunized.

For more information, please contact the Langley Health Unit at 604-539-2900 or visit www.immunizeBC.ca

Peer Mediation

Want to request a peer mediation? Mediators can help you resolve conflicts that bog you down. Drop boxes with request forms are now available in both counselling and the office.

Aboriginal Program

The carving class was present on the Professional Day, February 19th. Each student learned how to make a wood carving knife blade out of a piece of metal and set it in a wooden handle. The students took home their knives when complete to continue their growth in the area of carving. Any grade 10 to 12 student in the Aboriginal Program in the district can apply for this carving course now, for next year.

Dates on the Horizon

- April 20th
Grade 7/8 Transition Conference at Newlands
- May 6th
Aboriginal Achievement Awards
(use to be Sto:lo Awards)
- June 21st
National Aboriginal Day at Aldergrove Lake Park

If your child has any Aboriginal Ancestry and would like to be a part of Brookswood's Aboriginal Program feel free to contact me, Pam Goldsack, at the school or by email, pgoldsack@sd35.bc.ca

Le Concours D'Art Oratoire 2010

What is Le Concours d'Art Oratoire?

It is a French public speaking competition sponsored by the Canadian Parents for French. Students in Elementary & Secondary Immersion, Secondary French as a Second Language and Francophone programs may compete in different categories.

Each year, our district organizes a district level competition and the winners from the various levels of the Langley District competition may proceed on to the BC semi-finals and possibly on to the National Competition, should they win the BC's.

Schedule for District Concours 2010:

- The District Level Secondary Core French and French Immersion Concours will be held on Tuesday, March 30th, beginning at 3:30 pm at the Aldergrove Community Secondary School.
- The District Level Elementary French Immersion Concours will be held on Tuesday, March 30th in the morning, at 10:00 am at Belmont Elementary.

Brookswood students of all levels will be participating again this year, so come on out and support them on March 30th. Bonne chance!

Kids Online

A comprehensive look at what goes on when students are using the internet. Get information, real life tools and current knowledge on Facebook, Messenger, Twitter, YouTube and downloading. Learn about how to create boundaries, protect privacy and discuss important issues with preteens and teens. Workshops are scheduled to run on Tuesday, April 6th and on

Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Brookswood Secondary in Room 234. Register by email: mransom@sd35.bc.ca. Workshop fees are \$10.00 per person; with all proceeds and further donations going directly to Brookswood Secondary Computer Science.

Brookswood Friday Night Hoops for Boys

Friday Night Hoops is a league that introduces a progression of basketball skills to Grade 4, 5, 6 and 7 boys. Sessions are designed to produce an environment that has kids learn skills, have fun and be in competitive situation. The league will last five weeks from March 19th to April 23rd and will be held at Brookswood Secondary School from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (There will be no Friday Night Hoops on Easter weekend). The cost is \$60.00 which includes a t-shirt. For more information, please contact Kelsey Stewart at 604-530-2141 or email kstewart@sd35.bc.ca.

Structures and Processes Must Change to Deal with Deficits

In an article posted on Langley School District's web site, Superintendent of Schools, Cheryle Beaumont, outlines the need to change structures and processes so that the district can continue to deliver high quality programs and services to students. "I hope, once we have got through this difficult phase we will be able to see it as a process of renewal, not just a reaction to the hard financial and operational realities we face," Ms. Beaumont states.

Her remarks are in response to a projected \$5.3 million deficit in the 2009-2010 operating budget. Combined with an \$8.2 million deficit in 2008-2009 that will leave the district with a \$13.5 million in debt to be paid down on terms that will have to be negotiated with the Ministry of Education. "Clearly we cannot continue to do things as we have in the past," Ms. Beaumont said. "We must get new structures and processes into place quickly."

Changes are being considered to the Decentralized Decision Making model, which has long been the philosophical basis for allocating resources to Langley schools, and to the financial management processes used by the district. Ms. Beaumont notes that the core values of the district will remain in place as change is implemented. The district will maintain its focus on students, value employees and involve parents.

For a complete text of Ms. Beaumont's remarks go to www.sd35.bc.ca/district/superintendent.

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FINAL IN-CLASS EXAMINATIONS

June 15th to June 18th

- All classes will run until June 18th, although the timetable will be altered to accommodate core subject exams.
- All students are to write final exams and must be in attendance for both exam subjects and non-examinable subjects.
- Students must be in attendance for all classes, even if an exam is not scheduled in the time below.

Tuesday, June 15th

Tutorial Time & Textbook Return	8:30	-	9:00
Block 1-1	9:00	-	11:00
Block 1-2	12:00	-	2:00

Wednesday, June 16th

Tutorial Time & Textbook Return	8:30	-	9:00
Block 1-3	9:00	-	11:00
Block 1-4	12:00	-	2:00

Thursday, June 17th

Tutorial Time & Textbook Return	8:30	-	9:00
Block 2-1	9:00	-	11:00
Block 2-2	12:00	-	2:00

Friday, June 18th

Tutorial Time & Textbook Return	8:30	-	9:00
Block 2-3	9:00	-	11:00
Block 2-4	12:00	-	2:00

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PROVINCIAL EXAM TIMETABLE

In all government exams, students are permitted 3 hours to complete the exams.

Date	Subject	Time	Room
10/06/21 Monday	Physics 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Geology 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Math 12	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	gymnasium
10/06/22 Tuesday	English 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Social Studies 11	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	gymnasium
10/06/23 Wednesday	Communications 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Chemistry 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	English Literature 12 (e-only)	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	234
	English 10	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	gymnasium
	History 12 (e-only)	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	234
10/06/24 Thursday	French 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Biology 12 (e-only)	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	library
	BC First Nations Studies 12 (e-only)	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	234
10/06/25 Friday	Science 10	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Français Langue 12	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	gymnasium
10/06/28 Monday	Principles of Math 10	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Essentials of Math 10	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	gymnasium
	Geography 12	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	gymnasium
10/06/29 Tuesday	Spanish 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	library
	Japanese 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	library
	German 12	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	library