



SUTHERLAND NEWSLETTER

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OCT/NOV 2022 - HIGHLIGHTS AT SUTHERLAND SECONDARY



November 27th, 2023

Hello Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we navigate through November at Sutherland, we want to ensure you are well-informed about the latest developments at our school, where the keywords are not just Passion, Pride, and Place, but also an emphasis on staying connected.

Classes are well underway, and interim report cards are on their way. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress, please feel free to reach out to their teachers. We value open communication and are here to support your child's academic journey, nurturing a sense of Passion and Pride in their educational endeavors and understanding the importance of Place in their learning environment. For students seeking extra assistance, Tutorial Time offers a valuable opportunity to connect with teachers.

As Winter Break approaches, let's take a moment to reflect on some memorable moments from October and early November. Check out the upcoming events section later in the newsletter for a preview of what's in store over the upcoming weeks.

Our fall Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences were a success, with nearly 1,100 meetings held. Thank you for your active participation in your child's education.

In honor of Remembrance Day, we hosted a special ceremony featuring Dr. Ray Wiss, the longest-serving combat doctor in Canadian history. Dr. Wiss shared his experiences in Afghanistan, emphasizing the importance of remembering those who served, highlighting the Passion, Pride, and Place in our collective history.

The Explorers program had exciting adventures, including a fencing session at Dynamo Fencing. Students received instruction from Olympic national team fencers and tried their hand at a new skill. In social studies, City Shapers joined us to discuss civic engagement and affordable housing, leading to a public hearing on a high-rise complex proposal. The week concluded with a recreation of the Paris Peace Conferences, allowing students to negotiate their own Treaty of Versailles.

Our Canadian Universities Event in the Sutherland Gym provided valuable insights for students exploring post-secondary options. Additionally, we successfully conducted the Literacy 10 Assessment as part of our Graduation Assessments.

Our Grade 9s had an enriching experience on Take Our Kids to Work Day, gaining valuable insights into a wide range of career opportunities.

For a visual glimpse into these events, check out the photographs on this page and the last. If you enjoy staying updated with Sutherland's happenings, follow us on Instagram @sss.sabres or on X @SutherlandSec.

Wishing everyone a productive and positive remainder of the semester!

Best,
The Administrative Team

MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



ATHLETICS AT SUTHERLAND

Celebrate the achievements of our talented students!

- Rory clinched an impressive 9th place in the provincial competition, highlighting his dedication and skill.
- Noah secured a commendable 20th place, adding to the pride of our school community.
- The Senior Cross Country team demonstrated exceptional teamwork, securing a noteworthy 5th place overall in the province.
- Cheers to the Junior Girls Field Hockey team for their outstanding performance, claiming the 2nd spot on the North Shore podium.
- Our Senior Girls Field Hockey team showcased their skills, earning a commendable 6th place in the provincials.
- A heartfelt congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer team for their triumphant victory on November 6th when they brought home the banner.

These accomplishments truly showcase the talent, dedication, and teamwork of our students. Let's continue to celebrate their success and commitment to excellence! Go Sabres!



MATH CONTESTS

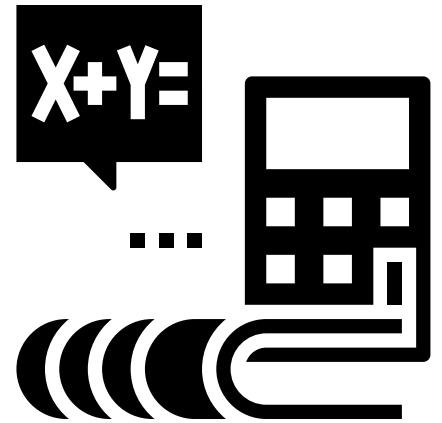
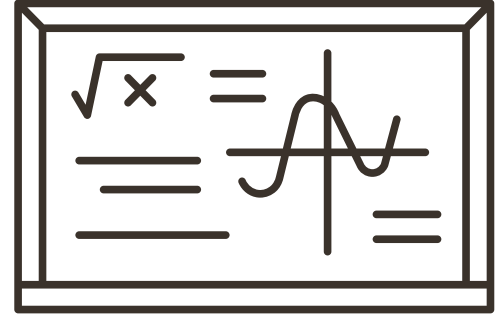
November 15 marked an impressive turnout as 29 students from grades 9 to 11 participated in the Canadian Intermediate and Senior Math Contest – a challenging two-hour competition! Don't miss your chance to engage in these intellectually stimulating competitions!

Looking ahead, the upcoming contests include Pascal for grade 9, Cayley for grade 10, and Fermat for grade 11. These contests are set for February 28 at 8:05 am in room B202. They're one-hour long, multiple-choice, calculator-friendly challenges, providing an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their math prowess.

To enhance preparation, students can practice with past contests and their solutions, accessible at

https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html

Wondering why participating in these contests matters? Find out more at <https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/why-contests-matter.html>



TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Greetings, Pride Club Community!



We hope this message finds you well and thriving. 🌈🌟 As we commemorate Transgender Day of Remembrance, we want to share a heartfelt snapshot from our recent Pride Club event dedicated to honoring and remembering the lives of transgender individuals.

In the spirit of support and awareness, below are some valuable resources for you and your loved ones.

North Shore Family Services (<https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/>) stands ready to provide assistance and guidance to families in need.

GLAAD (<https://glaad.org/tdor/>) offers a wealth of information and resources dedicated to Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Let's continue to stand united, uplift one another, and advocate for a world where everyone can live authentically and without fear. Remember, you are not alone – our Pride Club community is here for you.

SUTHERLAND THEATRE: ALMOST, MAINE



The Sutherland Theatre Company presents *Almost, Maine* this month. A story about a place that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. It's almost in Canada. And it's not quite a town, because its residents never got around to getting organized. So, it almost doesn't exist. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of *Almost, Maine*, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream.



Performances take place on Wednesday Nov. 29th, Thursday Nov. 30th, and Friday Dec. 1st in the Sutherland Theatre. Doors are at 6:45pm and the show starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are on sale at lunch in front of the theatre and at the box office on the nights of the show. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for adults. Payments may be made via Cash, Card or Cheque. We hope to see you there!



LITERACY WEEK

In 2019, the Sutherland English Department invited three local post-secondary English instructors to a meeting with a large group of North Vancouver Language and Literature teachers. We wanted to know what more we could do to prepare students for their post-secondary lives. What we learned surprised us. The professors said that despite having good writing and reading comprehension skills, what student did not have was reading stamina. Post-secondary reading is dense, they said, and the students can understand it; but they give up after three pages because they lack the ability to sit and concentrate for an extended period.

Of course, reading stamina and the ability to comprehend difficult text is important for everyone in the adult world regardless of whether they attend post-secondary institutions or not. To that end, Sutherland's Library Learning Commons strives to promote reading within the Sutherland Community through various efforts, including Literacy Weeks. Four times a year, the library encourages everyone to read for pleasure through these special weeks. Each of these weeks allow us to promote books on various themes, such as Canadian mystery novels, Indigenous literature, or stories of resilience. We also encourage teachers to incorporate reading strategies into their instruction because all teacher are teachers of reading.

Our next Literacy Week runs from November 27th to December 1st. Please encourage your student to come by the library to find some reading material—we have more than 9,000 books from which to choose. Furthermore, when you are discussing the benefits of reading with your student, please remind them that daily reading is a wonderful way to increase stamina in a natural and pleasurable way.



SANTA'S BREAKFAST

We look forward to continuing the tradition of our Santa's Breakfast this year! Sutherland staff and students will gather together in the multipurpose space from 7:30-9:15am on December 22nd for pancakes and to share good cheer. The Art Department is hard at work on a new festive backdrop and the music program has been practicing pieces and performances to share.

Once classes start, some student leaders will be helping Sutherland host all the Family of Schools Kindergarten classes between 9:15 and 12.

A \$2 donation is suggested from each attendee with all proceeds going to the Harvest Project. Stay tuned for more information about how to RSVP.

ADJUSTED SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22th

7:30 – 9:15am	Pancake Breakfast
9:15 – 10:05am	Period 2
10:10 – 11:00am	Period 3
11:05 – 11:55am	Period 1
11:55 – 12:10pm	BREAK
12:10 – 1:00pm	Period 4
1:00 pm	Dismissal



GRAD MERCH

GRADS! ORDER YOUR MERCH BY DEC. 3RD!

Grads can now order your grad hoodie through the website below. Please make sure you look at the sizing chart before you place your order to confirm you're ordering the right size. As the hoodies are custom made, they can't be returned or exchanged.



CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

The orders have to be placed by December 3 at <https://sutherland-grad.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS

Artona is booking 2024 Grad Photos now! They will take place December 2-4. Each appointment takes about 30 minutes and is held at 353 W. 7th Avenue in Vancouver. A \$60 deposit is required at the time of your photo shoot and can be applied to any images you choose to purchase. If you choose not to purchase photos, this will be refunded.



[CLICK HERE](#) to book!

PERSONAL INFORMATION CONSENT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS

Please be advised that if photo permissions are not granted, students will not be included in the yearbook. Additionally, graduates will not be included in the graduation composite. Please ensure that you have set your permissions in [SchoolCash Online](#).



REMINDER: SCHOOL START-UP FORMS

The yellow Student Release forms, and the white Student Verification forms must be returned to the office. These forms are an integral part of our Student Safety and Emergency Response plans and therefore must be completed yearly.

Please also ensure that you have completed the 3 school start-up forms on [SchoolCash Online](#).

There is no charge associated with completing these forms.

1. Walking Field Trip Parent Consent
2. Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement
3. Personal Information Consent for School District Publications

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

You are invited! Compete in the 2024 North Vancouver School District Chess Championship. For NVSD students in Grades K-12, all skill levels and experience are welcome. Compete in one of three divisions (Primary, Intermediate and Secondary) for individual and school prizes.

Date: Friday, February 16th, 2024 Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in begin at 8:15am)

Place: Educational Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave)

Free to enter For more details visit sd44.ca or email: chess@sd44.ca

Registration is now open. Here is the link: [Home - North Vancouver School District Chess Championship \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca/home-north-vancouver-school-district-chess-championship)

SCAN FOR MORE
DETAILS:



CAREER UPDATES

Trades fair at Handsworth Dec 1st 9:20-12:45

GAIN insight & advice from professionals who work in various career fields.

DISCOVER post-secondary pathway options.

FIND possible paid job opportunities and apprenticeships.

Contact Ms. Nieken-Spence (C103/Teams) if you would like to attend.

LOST AND FOUND

Missing anything? Please ensure that your student has checked the lost and found. There are many coats and sweaters missing their owners.

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, Nov. 27th - Dec. 1st Literacy Week

Wednesday, Nov. 29th Mustache and Plaid Day

Friday, Dec. 1st End of Grade 8 Rotation 2

Saturday, Dec. 2nd - Dec. 4th Grad Photos at Artona

Monday, Dec. 4th Curriculum Implementation Day - Classes not in session

Tuesday, Dec. 5th Start of Gr 8 Rotation 3

Thursday, Dec. 7th Winter Music Concert

Wed. Nov. 30 - Fri. Dec. 2 Almost, Maine

Friday, Dec. 22nd Last Day Before Winter Break

Tuesday, Jan. 8th School Reopens

Monday, Jan 15th PAC Meeting

Wednesday Jan. 17th - 19th Provincial Assessments

Friday, Jan. 26th Final Day of Semester 1

Monday Jan 29th - 30th Review and Completion

Wednesday Jan. 31st Semester Turnaround - Classes not in session

Thursday, Feb. 1st First Day of Semester 2

