



NEWSLETTER

September 2019

STANLEY  
HUMPHRIES  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL

## Principal's Message

The 2019-2020 School year has started off with great energy! Mr. Terry Jones and I are very excited to watch the next 10 months, with all of their initiatives, novelty and growth, unfold. As we continue to build the SHSS culture of pride, learning and belonging, we will also focus on bringing the renewed curriculum to life. New assessment practices, differentiated instruction and a cross-curricular approach to learning are some of the big ideas that will be at the center of our growth as a school. But at the core of what we do every day is the belief that connection is the key - students connecting to their teachers, families connecting with the school, kids connecting to each other and everyone connecting to the shared experience of learning at SHSS!

We are looking forward to a great year!

*Chantal St-Jacques*

## Dates for your Calendar

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - BC Post-Secondary Institutions exhibit 9:30 to 11:00

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Collaboration Monday

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – PAC meeting @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Photo Retakes

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Spooks on Zukes

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - Provincial ProD Day

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Legend of Sleepy Hollow Performances**

## Drop Off and Pick Up

The front parking lot of the school is very congested with parent vehicles who are dropping off or picking up students. This makes visibility and access to the parking lot challenging and concerns about pedestrian safety have been brought to our attention.

Parents – please drop students off on 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Thank you.

## *New Staff at SHSS*

There are so many changes going on at our school this year but the greatest one is the number of new educators. We have welcomed 10 new teachers and 1 new Inclusion Support Employee. We are excited to add the following educators to our team:

Mr. Julian Dobie and Mr. Reuben Prensky – Student Support Teachers  
Mr. Ian Leitch – Foods and Outdoor Education Teacher  
Ms. Megan Chase – Foods, Leadership and CLE Teacher  
Mme Karin Shaw, Mme Veronica Sutherland, Mr. Graham McHugh – French Immersion Teachers  
Ms. Kate Slasor – Socials Teacher  
Ms. Shelley Painter – Art Teacher  
Ms. Mauriah Reid – Science/Math Teacher  
Ms. Tara Winston – Inclusion Support Employee

We invite you to have a read through our bios to find out more about our SHSS staff:

<https://shsscstlegar.com/staff-bios/>

## *SH Learns: A blog by Mr. Jones*

Over the course of this year, it is my hope to share the learning stories at Stanley Humphries School in a blog called SH Learns. It is my intention for the SH public to see all of the great things that are happening in our school. Learning is really at the heart of this blog, and we are all learning at SH, not just the students. Even the VP is still trying to work to improve his craft!

The current feature that we want you to know about is Mr. Turner's new Co-Design English and Socials class. [Click here](#) to find out more about the SH Co Design Learning Model that we are proud to be developing this year.



## Student Leadership Looks Like This!

Leadership is one of the qualities and skills that we hope to develop in our learners at SHSS. So far, we have seen great examples of student leadership. Simon Larocque and Ali Soukeroff have stepped up to serve as our Student Council President and Vice President. Many students have been coming to Student Council morning meetings and contributing great ideas for events. Grad Council is busy with fundraising and event planning, working under the leadership of co-presidents, Erin Klashinsky and Tia Murdoch.

Our Leadership class did a great job of putting on the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 27th and over \$800 was raised for



cancer research. Student led clubs such as Drama and Dungeons & Dragons are popping up and Grade 12's are doing a great job of connecting with our youngest students.

We are very happy to see students step up and in September is any indication of our students' creativity and commitment, this year will be full of great initiatives!

## Tree Removal



Unfortunately, SH received the sad news that the large trees that grow along 7th Avenue have been deemed unsafe and must be removed. We hope to brainstorm ideas with our students on how to move forward with beautifying this part of our school property, which has always been a great place to gather. I will send along more information once we know when the work is being done.

# *Our Concerns About Vaping*

SHSS has noticed a concerning increase in the number of students vaping. As a school community, we are very concerned about the health risks caused by vape related products. More and more research is surfacing to support the claims that vaping increases the risk of lung disease, nicotine addiction and exposure to harmful chemicals.

While most students are respectful of the rules about not using vapes on school property, many youth are bringing vaping paraphernalia to school to use before or after classes and some students are making poor choices and using vapes in school or on buses, which puts others at risk.

We want to be able to work on this problem as a community so that our kids make educated choices and put their health at the forefront. Please know that helping students to move safely through adolescence is our first priority. We welcome any feedback, questions, or suggestions and we encourage you to have a look at the information linked below.

[CBC Vaping Report](#)

## *SHSS Athletics*

Kathleen Dempster has stepped into the role of Athletic Director for this year and we are looking forward to a good year of competition, skill building and teamwork. Several teams have already started up thanks to the volunteer efforts of community members and staff.

So far we are running:

- Field hockey (with Ms. Dempster)
- Rugby (with Mr. Coombs, Ms. Charlton, Andrew Mochrie, Mr. Dobie and Ms. Dempster)
- Boys Soccer (with Mr. Carlson, Mr. Gerard and Mr. McHugh)
- Grade 8 Girls Volleyball (with Claire Cartwright, Emma Conley and Ms. Brunton)
- Grade 9/10 Girls Volleyball (with Kira Salekin and Ms. Coombs)
- Senior Girls Volley ball (with Taylor Kereiff, Mike Brinovec, Ms. Dutka and Ms. Chase)
- Swimming (with Corbin Anderson and Mme St-Jacques)
- Cross Country Running (with Ms. Reoch)

Please have a look at the link to our website's Athletic Calendar to see our schedule of games and practices.

[Athletic Calendar for SHSS](#)

