



# DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

November 22, 2011

### Coming Events

- Dec 5 Winter Ball
- Dec 8 Winter Band Concert
- Dec 16 Last day of school
- Dec 17- Jan 2 Christmas Break
- Jan 3 School Re-opens
- Jan 20 Term 2 ends for Gr. 10-12
- Jan 23-27 Exams
- Jan 30 Term 3 Begins



**Don't forget the  
Christmas Craft Fair  
November 26th at the  
Community Hall.  
See you there!**

### Contact Information

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[www.sd6.bc.ca/dtss](http://www.sd6.bc.ca/dtss)

Principal  
Darren Danyluk



Vice Principals  
Mark Koebel  
Glen Sage

Attendance  
Secretary  
Ext. 4521

PAC - Every 1st Tuesday of the month.

**The DTSS Bands will be performing their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 8 in the DTSS Gym.**

**Students arrive at 6:15 pm, and the concert runs from 7:00 pm until about 8:40 pm. Band 9, Band 8 (their first performance), and both Senior Groups (Concert and Stage Band) will be playing. Silver Donation at the Door. Thank you.**

**Greg Constable, Director  
David Thompson Secondary School Band  
INVERMERE, BC (250) 342-9213 (4503)**

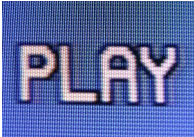




## 2012 STUDENT SAFETY VIDEO CONTEST

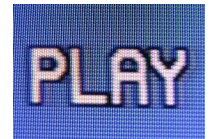
"Home in One Piece"

WorkSafeBC's seventh annual video contest is for aspiring student filmmakers to create a short video based around this year's theme, *Home in one piece: What motivates you, your friends, or your family to come home safely from work?* The contest is open to all students grades 8-12, as long as they have a teacher sponsor to provide supervision and sign off on their entry form. Winning entries will receive cash prizes, and we've added a new people's choice award this year. The deadline is April 13, 2012, but we will be posting contest entries throughout the year, as they are submitted. For more information about contest rules and an entry form, see Student Services.



### Electronic PSI Selections Form

The electronic PSI Selections Form is now available online for students graduating this year. This electronic PSI Selections form should only be submitted by students who expect to graduate this year and are also applying to a PSI. Students can access the online form by logging into the Student Secure Web (SSW), <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>, and click the menu option "Post Secondary Institutions Selections". Students must complete the PSI Selections form by April 29, 2012 to have course interim transcript information forwarded in May 2012 to the BC Electronic PSIs list and to the Ontario Universities Application Centre institutions. Interim transcripts are not sent to any PSI other than the BC and Ontario PSI listings through this process. Ask Mrs. Stevenson in Student Services to send interim transcripts to other PSI's. Students must make their PSI Selections by June 30, 2012 to have the final transcript information sent to PSIs by July 31, 2012.



### Provincial Practice Exams Website,

Students can access a ministry website to prepare for upcoming provincial final exams. Website is: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/search](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/search)

# GRAD MEETING WEDNESDAY 23RD AT 7:30PM DTSS THEATRE

## FOR GRADS AND PARENTS!



# Student Services

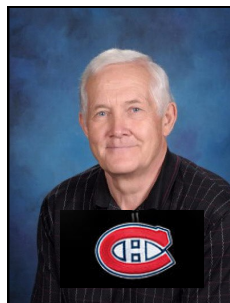
## Grade12 Post Secondary Application and Scholarship Information

Now is the time for Grade 12 students to be applying to post secondary schools of their choice. The early application process provides students the opportunity to receive conditional acceptance in the spring, based on their final marks from semester one and interim marks from semester two. Most schools continue to accept applications following the early deadline date; however, as programs fill, students are placed on a wait list.

Students can request to have their interim transcripts sent to post secondary schools through Mrs. Stevenson in Student Services. Students who are still undecided or looking for alternative schools can check out the following website: [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)



**Mrs. Brown  
Counselor  
Sr. Students**



**Mr. Stade—Counselor Jr. Students**

**Mrs. Stevenson  
Secretary Student  
Services -  
Attendance and  
resident "Mum" to  
all students!**



## Check it Out — New Scholarships

### **Burger King Scholarships**

Application period **Nov. 15 to Jan 10, 2012**  
For eligibility and how to apply go to:

[http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/  
bksp\\_scholarship\\_eligibility.html](http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html)



### **Free Money**

There is free money out there! For information go to  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

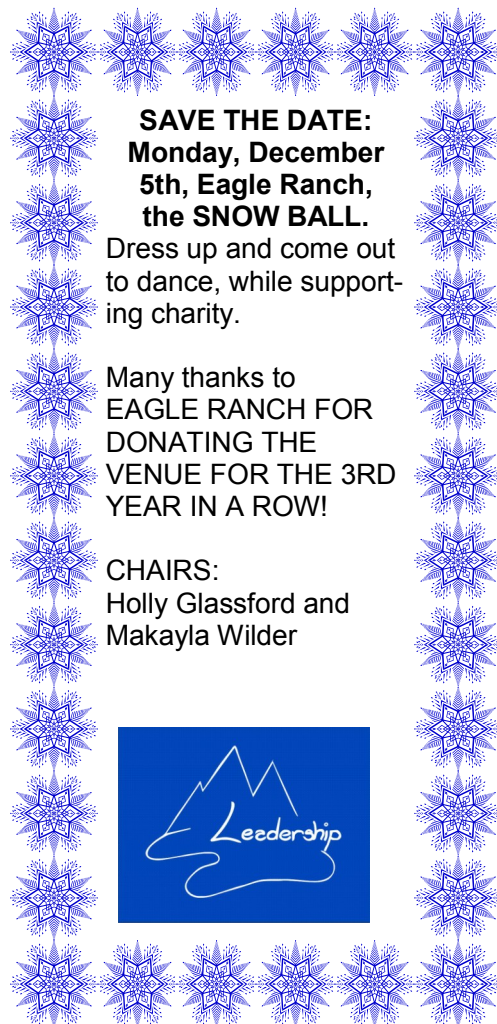
### **Top 20 under 20**

National Youth Awards  
[www.top20under20.ca](http://www.top20under20.ca)  
Check it out.

### **BCGEU Student Scholarship**

Deadline to apply **February 29, 2012**  
For more information [www.bcgau.ca](http://www.bcgau.ca)

**Wednesday, November 16th, Kootenay regional students met in Elkford for STUDENT VOICE, a forum for local student leaders to discuss pertinent issues, meet and exchange activity ideas and to generate networking. With Mr. Sage driving, DTSS students Melissa Kashuba, Ciona Thompson, Holly Glassford and Erin Hilary were able to attend, representing our school. Great work!**



**SAVE THE DATE:  
Monday, December  
5th, Eagle Ranch,  
the SNOW BALL.**

Dress up and come out to dance, while supporting charity.

Many thanks to EAGLE RANCH FOR DONATING THE VENUE FOR THE 3RD YEAR IN A ROW!

CHAIRS:  
Holly Glassford and Makayla Wilder



## Grades 10-12 \$1000 Scholarship

The B.C. Ministry of Education changed the scholarship criteria this year. \$1000 scholarships are no longer based on results in grade 12 alone, rather they are based on student results in the grade 10, 11, and 12 provincial exams. To receive an automatic \$1000 scholarship, students must:

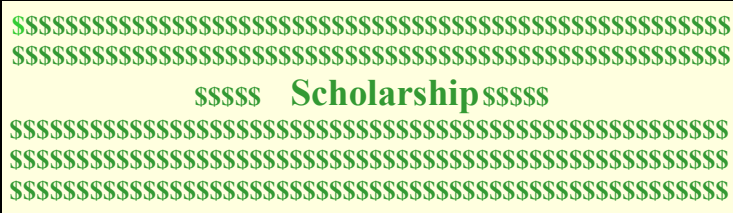
1. **achieve a minimum 73% as a final grade in English 12 or Communications 12** (exam and school mark)
2. **achieve at least one 'A' and three 'B's on the provincial exams** (English 10, Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11, and English 12/Communications 12)

**The ministry has also relaxed the rewrite policy this year by allowing any student to rewrite a provincial exam to improve their score to qualify for a \$1000 scholarship.**

Grade 10s: Be sure to study hard for those exams.

**Grades 11 & 12: Be sure to study hard but also consider rewriting one of the exams if you are close to qualifying for a scholarship.**

Students interested in rewriting provincial exams must see Mrs. Brown in Student Services. Exam sessions are available in January, April, May or June.



### **Christmas Craft Fair!**

**On Saturday, November 26th**, Leadership is sponsoring its second Community Craft Fair at the Invermere Community Hall, 10-3, featuring face-painting, crafts, displays, tons of food, seasonal gifts, and much, much more.

Many thanks to the District of Invermere which waived hall rental, and Fusion Wellness Spa for their \$400+ donation of a gift basket for the raffle!

Ms. Bell is organizing food for the chili stand - a huge hit last year- and there will also be a DTSS display on stage.

All proceeds going to charity!

Chair: Tannis Hemmelgarn

**Way to go Leadership Team!**



November 21-25 is “Adopt a book week” at the library. Old books are looking for a new home and will be sold for a donation to the library.

