

PSO NEWSLETTER

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New Phone System

Our office recently received a new phone system. You can now leave messages and they will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member or answered as soon as possible.

PSO is using School Messenger automatic callout module. The program is linked to MyEd BC and sends out emails, phone calls and messages to parents whose children did not go to class for that morning or afternoon (unexcused absence). Parents can respond in kind to the message indicating that the child is away. The system also allows parents to indicate that their child will be away for the day by calling 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, website login or calling the school @ 250-395-2461



Reminder

There are two early dismissal days coming up on April 23rd and 24th. School will end at 2:15pm.

Upcoming Events

- Apr 9 - Spring Dance 5-8 pm
- Apr 10th - Gr. 9 Immunizations
- Apr 11 - Pro-D Day
- Apr 15 - PAC Meeting 5:30
- Apr 18 & 21 - Easter Holiday (no school)
- Apr 23rd & 24th - Early Dismissal @ 2:15pm
- Apr 26th - Grad Bottle Drive (See attached poster)
- May 15th - Scholarship Celebration
- May 15 & 16 - Track & Field Zones

Storefront School

We are thrilled to share some exciting news! The PSO Storefront has a new home! Our Storefront school is now situated at Spring Lake Ranch. This presents an incredible opportunity for our students, as they now have a fantastic location right by the lake, along with access to excellent outdoor learning experiences and a warm environment for their education. A heartfelt thank you to the owners of Spring Lake Ranch for offering us this amazing space.



Careers News

Hats off to our incredible student volunteers for the month of March!

- Amy-Jade Olah, Sarah Bollenstein, Aiden Russell, Kai Patterson, Mikayla Vieira, and Amarea Giroux

We truly appreciate your outstanding efforts!

Capstone Presentations

Capstone projects are now **PAST DUE!** If you have not yet completed your presentation or assignments, please reach out to Mrs. Gardner **immediately**, as your status on the graduation list is in jeopardy! A mandatory meeting for students who have missed this deadline will be held on **Monday, April 14th, during A block**. Attendance is essential, as your spot on the graduation list is at risk. Capstone presentations are scheduled for May 13th in the PSO Gym, with specific times to be announced shortly.

Grad News

The Dry Grad Counsel of 2025 is looking for parents of Grade 11 students that would like to volunteer to support this year's graduating students during the graduation ceremony, prom and dry grad celebrations on June 20th, June 21st and June 22nd.

This is a wonderful way to get some insight and experience in the planning and facilitating of the graduation celebratory events for your upcoming graduating student.

The grad committee is looking for volunteers to help day of Prom (June 21) with:

- Decorating
- security
- Set up at Park
- Take down at park
- Move items from park to school

Duties and sign up times schedules will be made available as soon as possible.

Please email the grad committee if you are interested in helping out at psogradsociety@gmail.com

Online Auction

The PSO Dry Grad is hosting an online auction to raise funds for their Dry Grad Dance. The schedule is as follows:

- First round starts: April 10th to 17th
- Second round starts: April 11th to 18th
- Third round starts: April 12 to 19th.

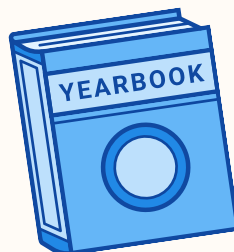
Come check out all the cool items up for auction on Facebook @ 2025 PSO Grad Online Auction.

Additional News

If any student is needing financial assistance for grad, please contact Caitlin Currie @ principal.pso@sd27.bc.ca

PAC Meeting

A PAC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th, at 5:30 PM in the school library. We encourage you to join us and see what it's all about!



Yearbook Ads

If any local businesses are interested in purchasing advertising space in our yearbook, please reach out to Mr. Murray at pso.yearbook@sd27.bc.ca.

Sports News



Our Spring Sports schedule is now live! If you're interested in participating in any of these sports, please reach out to the respective teacher.

Spring Sports Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:45-12:25 Climbing Club – Mr. Mackenzie (Weight Room)		11:45 - 12:25 Rugby Conditioning (Weight Room)	11:45-12:25 Climbing Club – Mr. Mackenzie (Weight Room)	
3:30 – 4:30 Badminton – Mr. Pichette (Gym)	3:30 – 5:00 Rugby – Mr. Taylor (Lower Field)	3:30 – 4:30 Badminton – Mr. Pichette (Gym)	3:30 – 5:00 Rugby – Mr. Taylor (Lower Field)	
3:30 to 5:30 Drop-in Soccer – Mr. Keller (Lower Field)	3:30 – 5:30 Climbing Club – Mr. Mackenzie (Weight Room)	3:30 to 5:30 Drop-in Soccer – Mr. Keller (Lower Field)	3:30 – 5:00 Track and Field – Mrs. Meville (Lower Field)	
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ERASE – Reporting Tool

ERASE = Expect Respect & A Safe Education: Students can report a problem or find help; parents can explore resources and access training, and school staff can find resources for their classrooms and the school. ERASE posters are in classrooms and posted around the school.

Bus Registration for the Fall

Registration for the school bus for September 2025 is now open. Parents must register students every year. Please go to our School District 27 website for more information.

<https://www.sd27.bc.ca/page/487/bus-registration>



Agriculture Update

Our green-thumbed Agriculture crew is knee-deep in dirt, prepping plants for our annual PSO Plant Sale! The students are working like busy bees.



Possible Drama Production

Attention, future stars of the stage! If you've got the acting bug and want to shine in the upcoming Drama show, saunter over to Mr. Aasile's room this Tuesday, April 15th, during lunch. We're on the hunt for performers of all ages, and remember, you don't need to be a spotlight-seeker; we're also scouting for the backstage wizards! If enough of you join the fun, we're aiming to put on a performance before the school year wraps up.



Contact Info

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Email: PSOinfo@sd27.bc.ca

Principal's Email: psoprincipal@sd27.bc.ca

Administration Team

Caitlin Currie, Principal

Shawn Meville, Vice Principal

Robert MacDonald, Vice Principal

Counselling

Ilse Hill, Counsellor

Heather Wood - Career Counsellor

Nicki Hansen - Youth Engagement Worker

Clerical Team

Shantell Silvey, Accounting

Sylvia Zailo, Records

Nicki Jackson, Office Front Desk

PSO Indigenous Support Workers

Angel Smith

Sharmaine Grimes

BOTTLE DRIVE

2025 PSO Grads

Drop-Off Sat April 26th 10:00 - 2:00
Lone Butte Fire Hall + Front of PSO



text 250-318-8486 for pick up

Study Tips for Learners: Finishing Strong This Spring

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, it's a great time for learners to reflect on their habits and make sure they're set up for success. Whether your learner is thriving or finding it tough to stay motivated, here are some tried-and-true tips to help them stay on track and finish strong.

1. Set a Weekly Schedule—and Stick to It

Encourage your learner to create a weekly plan that includes:

- Dedicated study blocks
- Time for breaks and meals
- Goals for each subject or course
- Having a visual calendar or checklist helps learners stay focused and feel accomplished as they check off tasks.

2. Create a Dedicated Study Space

Try to set up a quiet, comfortable, and distraction-free workspace. It doesn't need to be fancy—just a consistent spot where schoolwork happens. A clear desk, good lighting, and access to supplies (not to mention a strong internet connection!) can make a big difference.

3. Use Timers and Breaks

The "Pomodoro Technique" is a great way to stay productive: study for 25 minutes, then take a 5-minute break. After four rounds, take a longer 15–30 minute break. This keeps the brain fresh and helps learners avoid burnout.

4. Stay Connected

Reach out to teachers, academic advisors, or other students when questions arise. Encourage your learner to stay connected. Remember—staying connected builds confidence and motivation.

5. Track Progress and Celebrate Wins

Use a progress tracker or checklist to monitor how far your learner has come. Celebrate big milestones (like finishing a course or completing a tough unit) and acknowledge smaller wins along the way. A little encouragement goes a long way.

6. Ask for Help When You Need It

Remind your learner that it's okay not to understand something right away. Our team is here to help! Reaching out to teachers shows initiative and supports long-term success. With a few small changes to daily habits and routines, learners can feel more confident, organized, and in control of their learning journey. Let's make the most of this final term!