# **SAS Jackson Seminar Days**

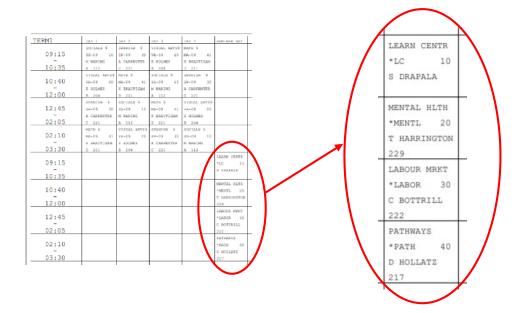


#### What are seminar days?

On 16 Wednesdays this school year, all students will break from their regular classes and attend seminars that will address the career and health education curriculums. Students will also have the choice and flexibility to attend a Learning Centre that best meets their individual needs for their current classes.

SEMINAR DAYS – SEMESTER 1					SEMINAR DAYS – SEMESTER 2				
<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	NOV	DEC	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	MAR	<u>APR</u>	MAY	<u>JUNE</u>
	Wed 10	Wed 14	Wed 12	Wed 9	Wed 6	Wed 6	Wed 10	Wed 8	Wed 5
Wed 26	Wed 24	Wed 28		Wed 23	Wed 20		Wed 24	Wed 22	

Most of these seminars are pre-scheduled and can be seen on student schedules in Student Connect. Learning Centres are scheduled for students but students will register for their preferred Learning Centre using the FLEX feature on student connect (much like final exams this past June).



## Why seminar days?

As a part of BC's new curriculum, there is an increased focus on career education (Career and Life Education replacing Planning 10), health education has been integrated into Physical Education (now called Physical and Health Education), and schools are now required to report on **BOTH** a Fine Arts (FA) **AND** an applied skill (ADST) experience for students in Grade 9.

As a staff, we feel that Seminar Days provide a creative way to address these new requirements while making minimal changes to the structure of our school day and elective classes. They will also provide the opportunity for meaningful experiences for our students that are in line with the philosophy of the new curriculum.



#### What will students learn during seminar days?

Seminar days will provide students with curriculum aligned with Career Education and Physical and Health Education. All students will also receive seminars in Mental Heath Literacy and students in Grade 9 will take a seminar that teaches Learning Strategies for high school. The table below outlines all seminars by grade.

Gra	de 9	Grade 10			
Seminar Name	Content	Seminar Name	Content		
Who Am I	Career Education 9	Lifelong Learning and Balance	Career and Life Education		
Pathways and Transistions	Career Education 9	Career and Life	Career and Life Education		
The Labour Market	Career Education 9	Networks and Relationships	Career and Life Education		
Heath Education	Physical and Health Ed. 9	Health Education	Physical and Health Ed. 10		
Mental Health	Actioning our school	Mental Health	Actioning our school		
Weiltai Healtii	improvement plan		improvement plan		
Learnining Centre	Student choice to support	Learning Centre	Student choice to support		
Learnining Centre	individual learning needs	Learning Centre	individual learning needs		
	Only for students missing				
ADST Open/Fine Arts Open	one of these options in their				
	semestered classes				
Langina Stratagia	Study/learning/organization				
Learning Strategies	skills for high school				

### **Are Seminar Days mandatory?**

**YES!!!** Content covered on seminar days will be reported on, through report cards, as a component of Physical and Health Education and as the Career Education 9 and Career and Life Education Courses. Like any other course at Jackson, students will be required to make up any missed work if they are absent. **Please note that Career and Life Education is a course required for graduation.** 

#### **New Opportunities**

Staff at Jackson are excited for the opportunities that Seminar Days will provide for our students:

- Engaging and meaningful experiences in career education in both Grades 9 and 10.
- Health Education Seminars to preserve physical activity in Physical and Health Education classes.
- Mental Health Literacy for all Students.
- Learning Strategies for Grade 9 students.
- Ensuring all Grade 9 students have an experience in both Applied Skills (ADST) and Fine Arts.
- Choice and Flexibility for students to self-identify individual learning needs through Learning Centres.

As with anything new, we acknowledge that there will be a few bumps along the road as we implement Seminar Days. Many staff members have put in an extraordinary amount of work into the planning of Seminar Days to predict and address challenges. However, we ask for patience and flexibility as we fine-tune this amazing opportunity for our students.