

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 | | | | |
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| SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE |
| | 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).

| TERM1 | SEP 1 | SEP 2 | SEP 3 | SEP 4 | SEMINAR DAY |
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| 09:15 - 10:35 | SOCIALS 9 SD-09 10 M WARDING N 112 | SPANISH 9 SD-09 10 A CARPENTER C 221 | VISUAL ARTS 9 VB-09 20 E HUGHES N 204 | WEEK 9 VB-09 20 E HUGHES N 204 | |
| 10:40 - 12:00 | VISUAL ARTS 9 VB-09 20 E HUGHES N 204 | WEEK 9 VB-09 42 E HUGHES N 204 | SOCIALS 9 SD-09 10 M WARDING N 112 | SPANISH 9 SD-09 20 A CARPENTER C 221 | |
| 12:45 - 02:05 | SPANISH 9 SP-09 30 A CARPENTER C 221 | SOCIALS 9 SD-09 10 M WARDING N 112 | WEEK 9 VB-09 41 E HUGHES N 204 | VISUAL ARTS 9 VB-09 20 E HUGHES N 204 | |
| 02:10 - 03:30 | WEEK 9 VB-09 41 E HUGHES N 204 | VISUAL ARTS 9 VB-09 30 A CARPENTER C 221 | SPANISH 9 SP-09 30 A CARPENTER C 221 | SOCIALS 9 SD-09 10 M WARDING N 112 | |
| 09:15 - 10:35 | | | | | LEARN CENTR *LC 10 S DRAPALA |
| 10:40 - 12:00 | | | | | MENTAL HLTH *MENTL 20 T HARRINGTON 229 |
| 12:45 - 02:05 | | | | | LABOUR MKT *LABOR 30 C BOTTRILL 222 |
| 02:10 - 03:30 | | | | | PATHWAYS *PATH 40 D HOLLATZ 217 |

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 Health 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.

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