

*We wish to acknowledge as a school community that we continue to work, learn and play together on the homelands of the Ktunaxa People.*



**Principal's Message**

Hello FSS Families,

I would like to thank the students and staff of FSS for their hard work and dedication throughout Semester 1. With the semester now complete, report cards are available on the Parent Portal through MyEd. I encourage you to review your child's report card to celebrate their accomplishments and to identify areas where additional support may be helpful as we move into Semester 2.

We have two important informational evenings coming up:

Tuesday, February 17 – Grade 6 to 7 French Immersion Information Night in the Library @ 6:30 pm

- Families will learn about the French Immersion pathway at Fernie Secondary School.
- SD5's French Curriculum Support teacher, Marzia Bottoni, will present alongside Mme. Gibson.
- Ms. Romero and I will also be available to answer any questions.

Thursday, February 19 – Course Selection Information Night in the Library @ 7:00 pm

- This evening is primarily intended for families of students moving from Grade 9 to Grade 10, as course selection becomes increasingly important in shaping graduation and post-secondary pathways.
- While especially relevant for current Grade 9 families, all members of our school community are welcome to attend.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions about your child's learning or about our school's programs and opportunities.

Regards,

Jason Sommerfeld  
Principal  
Fernie Secondary School

I am grateful to learn, work, and play on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

## Upcoming Dates to Note:

- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Family Day
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Grade 9 Immunizations
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Day 1 Schedule
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Senior Girls Basketball Provincials
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – PRO D Day
- Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Missy D (French Presentation)
- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Course Selection
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - Senior Boys Basketball Provincials
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> – Informal Reports Deadline
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday Day 1 Schedule
- Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 Ski Day
- Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – SPRING BREAK
- Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
- Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday
- Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Day 1 Schedule



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## FSS PAC NEWS

### **A message from your FSS PAC**

Our Parent Advisory Committee meetings have never been more lively, and we'd love to see you there! Join us every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the high school library.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Can't make it in person? We're bringing back online access. Join us virtually on **February 18 at 7:00 pm** — [HERE](#).

New this year, we've asked school clubs and groups that receive PAC funding to share a short update on how their project or event impacted students. This helps us better understand the value of PAC-supported initiatives and celebrate student experiences. This request is now included in our updated **PAC Funding Request Form**, which can be downloaded [HERE](#).

We were especially touched by a recent update from the Outdoor Club, who shared how much fun students are having with their new Nordic & Snowshoe equipment!



If your student has a special interest or their club is in need of funding, please reach out to us at [fsspac7@gmail.com](mailto:fsspac7@gmail.com).

### **PAC Executive positions are open!**

We are currently seeking volunteers for:

- DPAC Representative
- PAC Chair

Please consider joining us — your voice matters, and your involvement makes a difference.

Tanya, Mark, Nat & Leah

The Fernie Secondary Outdoor Education 8/9 class spent an immersive day in the Silver Springs area during a winter survival field trip. Students learned various Ktunaxa language and the ecology of the region while developing practical winter survival skills. They demonstrated strong physical effort and perseverance by hiking through winter conditions while carrying their gear, building and starting fires using materials from their surroundings, and preparing food over an open fire. This hands-on experience was highly engaging and provided students with a memorable opportunity to challenge themselves while connecting learning to the land.



For International Women’s Day, FSS is running a clothing drive, and we are looking for clothing donations from the community, you can drop off any donations of lightly used clothing at the FSS office. On March 9th, we will be hosting a pop-up thrift shop to raise money through the sale of the clothes we have collected. The money will be donated to the Fernie Women’s resource centre, and anyone is welcome to come. You can find posters containing more information at the community posting spots and, on the Fernie Secondary School Instagram. All items will be available to purchase by donation!

# Clothing Swap

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:15-5:00pm

Fernie Secondary School  
Traynor Hall

Requesting donations from the community! The event is also open to the Fernie community.

So come support the Women’s Resource Center, clear out your closet, and discover some new cheap and sustainable thrift finds!



No tickets, only \$2 per item! All proceeds go directly to the Women’s Resource Center.

Please drop off lightly used clothing donations at the Fernie Secondary School office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ghost Hockey News  
by Liam Warr

My job is to fill water bottles for the Ghost Rider Hockey team. After I ask the hockey players questions.

This time I interviewed #19 Owen Bon- Bernard, #10 Owen MacLeod and #4 Ty Davis.

1. What position do you play?

Bon-Bernard - forward

MacLeod -forward

Davis -defense

2. What is your favorite pre-game meal?

Bon-Bernard - pasta

MacLeod - PBJ sandwiches

Davis - pasta

3. What music gets you pumped up?

Bon-Bernard - Rap

MacLeod - Rap

Davis - Country

4. Who is your funniest teammate?

Bon-Bernard - Ty Davis

MacLeod - Alex Halat

Davis - Alex Halat

