



NANAIMO DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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January 2019 Newsletter #5

Vision Statement:

Our school provides learning opportunities enabling students and staff to achieve personal excellence and pursue their passions in an inclusive, supportive, and respectful environment. We educate students by teaching skills and modeling attitudes needed to become successful lifelong learners and responsible, caring school and global citizens. Our school honours dignity, purpose, and options for all.

Notre école offre des opportunités d'apprentissage permettant aux élèves et aux enseignant(e)s de réaliser leur propre excellence et de poursuivre leurs passions dans un milieu inclusif, positif, et respectueux. On instruit les élèves en enseignant les habilités et en modelant les attitudes nécessaires pour devenir des apprenant(e)s à vie ainsi que des citoyen(ne)s scolaires et globales/aux responsables et bienveillant(e)s. Notre école fait honneur à la dignité, aux buts et aux options pour tous et pour toutes.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to our NDSS School Community,

I hope that all of the NDSS students, families, and staff have had a wonderful holiday break. This was a noteworthy year-end with the windstorm and water advisory, which greatly inconvenienced many of our families well into the holiday break. I hope that we will have a smooth end to the semester and the remainder of our winter will be less dramatic.

As I look back at my December calendar, I am overwhelmed with all of the wonderful events that our staff and students planned. Although there are literally too many to mention, some of the noteworthy events/initiatives that our terrific staff and students spear headed in December alone were: Empty Bowl, door decorating, Everyone Deserves a Smile, Christmas Hampers, Pancake Breakfast, Ab-Ed Turkey dinner, Career Fair, Winter Concert, and a last block holiday assembly. Although all of these events take a lot of preparation and planning, and can frankly be exhausting. It is all for the greater good of our school community and I hope that our students and staff feel appreciated. December was a wonderful month overall!

NDSS and the rest of our school district have entered the electronic era of report cards for communicating student progress. Of course, for this to be effective our school is reliant on students and families to know how to log into the MyEdBC system to see student progress, attendance and report cards. Going electronic is saving NDSS over 2000 pieces of paper every reporting period. Of course, this transition is not without its challenges. To help ensure that all students and parents/guardians know how to log onto the MyEdBC system, our teachers will be bringing our students through computer labs this week (January 8-11) to teach them how to log on. We will also be teaching the students how to teach their parent/guardians how to log on to the system from home. This process will also enable us to prepare our students for our upcoming course selection, which will also be electronic.

The second week of January will see our students receive their semester two timetables. Students selected their courses last year, and we expect few changes for the second semester. The process of student course selection is how we build our timetable and staff our building for the following year. This year our Grade 10-11 students will be selecting their courses for the 2019/2020 school year electronically between January 29-February 8th. All students in these grade levels will be responsible for making their selections directly into the MyEdBC system. This will mostly be done from home, but assistance can be provided at the school if needed. Grade 8 and 9 students will select their courses at school in the library with assistance from NDSS

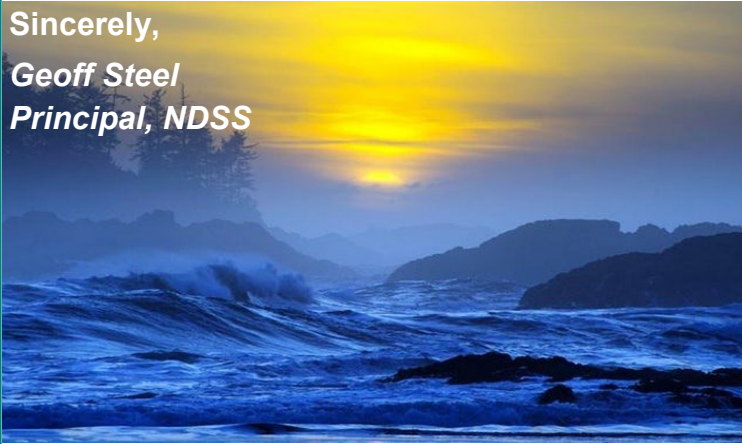
counsellors, teachers and administration. This will occur from February 4-8th.

Our first semester is rapidly ending with regular classes concluding on January 22nd, with Provincial Exams and Numeracy Assessments running from Monday, January 21st to Friday January 25th. Students may be required to attend school on the 23rd to the 25th for course completion or project presentations etc.

Let's all have a strong conclusion to our first semester and good luck to everyone writing provincial assessments. Preparation is the key to success!

Sincerely,

Geoff Steel
Principal, NDSS



STUDENT EMAILS REQUIRED

Students will require an email address to access their MyEdBC accounts for course selection. If your student does not have an email account registered with the office, they will not be able to complete course selections for next year.

MYED PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNTS

Report cards are now distributed online. Keep up with your student's grades, attendance and notifications. **NDSS communicates primarily via email. If you know of parents that may not be aware of this, or who are not receiving school emails, please share this newsletter and information with them, to ensure they do not miss important notifications. For assistance, or to have an account created, please email ND-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca or contact the office at 250-740-2000.**



ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Geoff Steel	Principal, Grade 12s
Mr. Stacy Marusic	Vice-Principal, Grades 8-11, A-K
Mr. Stephen Epp	Vice-Principal, Grades 8-11, L-Z

COUNSELLOR STUDENT ALLOCATION

Ms. Al-Hajj:	A- Culic Francophone, Human Services
Mr. Kral:	Cullon—Kashmere & GTS
Ms. Tomiyama:	Kearns—Parker & GTS
Ms. Smith:	Parker—Z & GTS
Ms. Pyne:	International Students Scholarships & GTS

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Ms. Prlic:	A-Gray
Ms. Edgar	Graystone-Munroe
Mr. Jones	Murdoch-Z

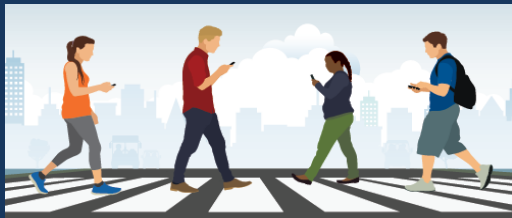
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for timely notifications



PEDESTRIAN DANGER

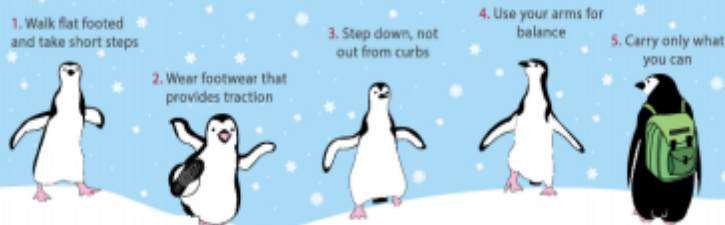
During this dark season, we ask students to please pay extra attention to safety, for yourself and your friends. Please use crosswalks, respect traffic lights, and make certain you are not using a phone or headphones while in traffic areas. Please be safe!



Walk like a penguin to prevent Winter Slips, Trips and Falls

Over half of all reported slips, trips and falls occur during the winter months of November through February. Please take care to tread safely and walk like a penguin to prevent snow and ice-related injuries:

- Keep hands free and out of pockets and use arms for balance.
- Go slow, being in a hurry increases your chances falling.
- Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles; use the vehicle for support.
- Avoid taking shortcuts over snow piles and other frozen areas.
- During bad weather, avoid boots or shoes with smooth soles. Wear footwear that provides traction on snow and ice.
- Point your feet out slightly like a penguin! Spreading your feet out slightly while walking on ice increases your center of gravity.
- Bend slightly and walk flat-footed with your center of gravity directly over the feet as much as possible.
- Remember to use proper body mechanics and ergonomic tools when removing snow.



MY NDSS WBSITE

The NDSS website is now being updated on a regular basis. Please check our website for more current information!

myndss.ca



NDSS CALENDAR FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

2019

Jan. 7 (Mon)	School Re-Opens
Jan. 21 - 25 (M-F)	Graduation Numeracy Assessment
Jan. 22 (Tue)	Last Day of Classes for Grades 8-12
Jan. 24 (Thu)	English 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am
Jan. 25 (Fri)	Comm. 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am
Jan. 25 (Fri)	FRAL 12 & FRALP 12 Prov. Exam 12:00-3:00 pm
Jan. 28 (Mon)	Semester 2 Term 1 First Day
Jan. 30-31 (W-Th)	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 1 (Fri)	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 7 (Thu)	Semester 1 Report Card Available on MYEDBC <i>Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)</i>
Feb. 18 (Mon)	BC Family Day
Feb. 25 (Mon)	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D)
Feb. 26 (Tue)	Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro-D Day)
Mar. 4 - 13	*OCSL (Grade 8-9) / Interim (10-12) Update Week
Mar. 6 (Wed)	Midway Term One
Mar. 13 (Wed)	Parent Teacher Contact: Dismissal 1:46 pm <i>Classroom meetings 3:00-5:00 pm</i>
Mar. 15 (Fri)	Last day of classes before Spring Break
Apr. 1 (Mon)	School re-opens after Spring Break
Apr. 19 (Fri)	Good Friday
Apr. 22 (Mon)	Easter Monday
Apr. 23 (Tue)	Term 2 First Day
May 1 (Wed)	Report Card Available on MYEDBC <i>Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)</i>
May 2 (Thu)	Parent-Teacher Interviews/ Gr. 8/9 SLC's <i>Dismissal 1:46pm 3-6 pm Lg. Gymnasium</i>
May 10 (Fri)	Non-Instructional Day (School Based)
May 20 (Mon)	Victoria Day
May 22 (Wed)	Midway Term Two
May 23 (Thu)	Aboriginal Graduation, John Barsby (tentative)
May 30 (Thu)	Fine Arts Night
Jun. 5 (Wed)	Grade 10-11 Awards Assemblies, in school
Jun. 6 (Thu)	Grade 12 Evening Awards 6:00 pm Lg. Gym
Jun. 20 (Thu)	Athletics Awards Recognition
Jun. 21 - 27	Last Day of Regular Classes for Grades 8-12
Jun. 24 (Mon)	English Numeracy Assessment <i>Evaluation de Numeratie (French Immersion Numeracy Assessment)</i>
Jun. 24 (Mon)	English 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am
Jun. 25 (Tue)	Francais Langue 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am
Jun. 26 (Wed)	Comm. 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am
Jun. 26 (Wed)	Commencement Rehearsal <i>(Nanaimo Conference Centre) - TENTATIVE</i>
Jun. 27 (Thu)	NDSS Commencement <i>(Nanaimo Conference Centre) - TENTATIVE</i>
Jun. 28 (Fri)	Year End Administrative Day
Jul. 4 (Thu)	Semester 1 Report Cards Available on MYEDBC <i>Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)</i>

*OCSL = Ongoing Communication of Student Learning

MYED PARENT PORTAL

Have you got a MyEd Parent Portal Account?

If you have not been able to log in, or have not seen your student's report card, please email ND-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca and we will do our best to assist you.

MYED FAMILY PORTAL LINKS

Many parents are now accessing their student's information on the MyEd Family Portal. We recommend completing your security questions the first time you log in, so that you can reset your password if you cannot get in to your account.

You may access the portal at the following URL (website link): <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen>

GETTING STARTED WITH THE FAMILY PORTAL:

Here are links to instructions and video to help you with navigating the Family Portal:

<https://nd.schools.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/myed-bc-family-portal/> .

If you have any difficulties accessing the Family Portal, please email your questions to:

ND-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca

Francoophone students/families may contact:

ecole_ndss@csf.bc.ca

If you have any questions regarding your student's attendance or class assignments, staff emails may be found here: <https://nd.schools.sd68.bc.ca/our-school/staff-directory/>

If you would like to access the portal, but have not had an account created, please contact the office with your email address, so we can have an account created for you. Stay current with your student's schooling!

NDSS JANUARY 2019 Provincial Assessment Schedule

DATE	EXAM	TIME	LOCATION	NOTES
Wednesday-Friday, January 23-25	Graduation Numeracy Assessment	8:30am-11:30am 12:00pm-3:00pm	Room 300 Room 304	Please see the schedule to determine your specific date, time and room number for your assessment.
Thursday, January 24, 2019	English 12	8:30am-11:30am	Large Gym	Meet in large cafeteria
Friday, January 25, 2019	Communications 12	8:30am-11:30am	Small Cafeteria	Meet in small cafeteria
	Français langue seconde immersion 12	12:00pm-3:00pm	Room 304	Meet on 3 rd floor
	Français langue premiere 12	12:00pm-3:00pm	Room 216	Meet on 2 nd floor

BREAKFAST CLUB

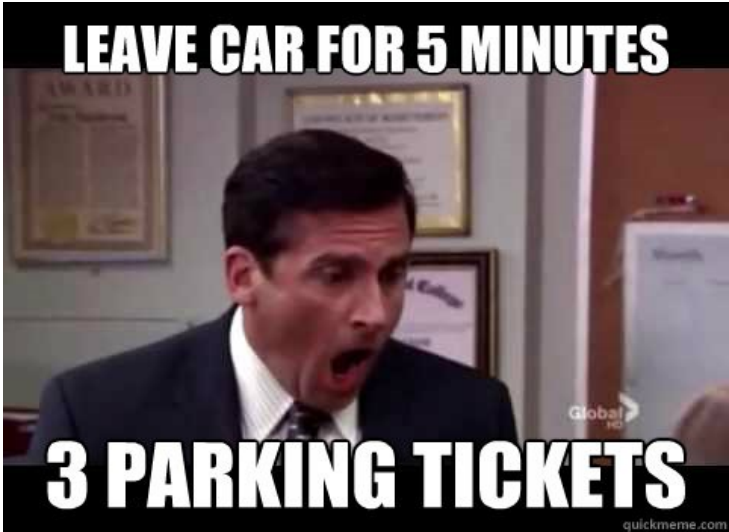


A huge Thank You to Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation for providing food. Also Thank You to teachers and students who volunteer to help keep this program running smoothly every morning. Students are welcome to come and get any of these items to start the day:

- Bagels, English Muffins or Toast
- Fresh Fruit
- Yogurt and Applesauce
- Granola Bars
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Milk or Juice

On Wednesdays, French Toast is available.

PARKING ISSUES



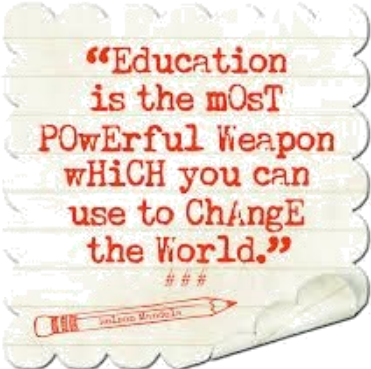
REMINDER: Students MUST have applied for student parking, and only park in the gravel lot by Serauxman stadium. Students without a parking pass, or who park in staff parking, WILL receive a parking ticket.

PARENTS: Staff parking is monitored, so guests should park in one of the four clearly marked spots (we have new signs), in front of the school by the office, to avoid getting a ticket. Should these be occupied, please check in with the office for a temporary parking pass.

PAC CORNER

NDSS PAC meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 Stay involved! The p.m. in the NDSS Library. The next meeting will be February 5th. Parents should park in the rear of the building behind the band shell.

Website: <https://nd.schools.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/pac/>
Email us: ndsspacchair@gmail.com



Important Reminders from the Office...

- We still have a number of unclaimed student ID cards. Please check with the office if you don't yet have yours.
- Reminder to please let the office know if your student is away from school or has to leave early for an appointment.

Thank you!

GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP CORNER:

District Awards applications will be accepted from January 14th to February 15th at noon.

Create an account at: <https://sas.nlsf.ca/App-Login.aspx>

Ms. Pyne will have a brief meeting after school Monday Jan. 14th and at lunch January 16th in room 311 to introduce the application form.

Schulich Leadership STEM scholarships

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

<http://www.schulichleaders.com/>

If you wish to apply see Ms. Pyne.

You will need to hand in an updated scholarship resume by Monday, January 21st.

Ministry of Education: District/Authority Scholarships

Approximately thirty, yes, 30, will be awarded to students from NDSS of \$1250 each!

If you have strengths in one of the following areas you must apply for this award.

1. Indigenous Languages and Culture
2. Fine Arts
3. Applied Skills
4. Physical Activity

5. International Languages

6. Community Service

7. Technical and Trades Training

Download the Word document in the link below to complete the form as neatly as possible.

<https://sas.nlsf.ca/Dogwoods.aspx>

You will also need to provide: Evidence of your area of strength (a portfolio, essay, presentation, video, etc.)

A minimum of two references and letters describing your area of strength.

This package should be submitted to Ms. Pyne by February 15th 2019



GRAD PHOTO RETAKES

January 30th & 31st, 2019 from 2:00—7:00 pm

February 1st from 2:00—4:40pm

Grads can now sign up for a retake or first time appointment. To sign up here are the instructions:

Go to the website: Lifetouch.ca/Qualicum

- Choose from the pull down menu: Nanaimo District Secondary (not Nanaimo/SD68 retakes)
- Click on "Schedule" in the upper right hand corner
- Follow the instructions to create an appointment

*****If a student/parent needs any help to sign up for a grad photo appointment DO NOT contact the school. Call Lifetouch at 250-738-0983 (then press 2 for the Lifetouch local office).**

If students would like a NO CHARGE retake then bring back the entire set of proofs from the original photos. If you would like a second set of proofs or if it is a first time Grad Portrait session then please bring \$25 at the time of the scheduled appointments.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA OPPORTUNITY

This is an exciting opportunity for Grade 11 students called Boarding UAlberta. This is an exclusive event open to Grade 11 students across Canada. Twenty students will be chosen to visit their campus in Edmonton for the weekend of May 24-26, 2019. If selected, their ticket will include flights, accommodation and a whirlwind weekend of exciting events on and off campus. More information, including a video from previous years is available at uab.ca/boardings.

Applications will be accepted until February 10, 2019.



GRAD PAGE



VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS



Various activities and program information sessions are happening over the next few months. Bookmark the VIU Events page to make sure you don't miss out. <https://www.viu.ca/events/>

Highlights:

Biology Night- Mark your calendar for January 17, 2019 6:00pm Building 355, Room 203 Featuring Biology B.Sc. degree graduates representing diverse careers: Health professionals, environmental professionals, graduate Research, K-12 education

Webinars are led by Recruitment Officers who will be able to answer any questions students have about their transition to VIU. Topics such as navigating the student record, finding helpful resources & student services, getting involved on campus, and residence are covered.

<https://connect.viu.ca/future-students/webinars>

Educational Advisor visits- will be happening regularly. We encourage you to check your counselling area for dates and sign-up sheets so you don't miss out on these opportunities.

Dual Credit Information session:

Monday February 11, 6:30pm at VIU Bldg 356 Room 109

Will you be in grade 12 next year? Do you want to learn more about earning University Credits while still in High School?

This unique program enables university courses to be offered to current secondary students. Students successfully completing course(s) will receive dual credits: elective courses towards their Dogwood Diploma, as well as university credit course(s) with Vancouver Island University.

How to connect with VIU:

a. General inquiries connect with a Recruitment Officer at 250.740-6672 or viuconnect@viu.ca

b. Visit our campus and take a tour to get a current student perspective on why VIU is for you. For registration and options: viu.ca/visit

b. Students ready to plan for September 2019 connect with Advising at 250-740-6410 or advising@viu.ca The Educational Advisor assigned to NDSS is Jamie Wood.

Office hours: Monday 8:30-3:30pm, **Tuesday 8:30-6:00pm**, Wednesday 10:30am-3:30pm, Thursday 8:30-3:30pm, Friday 8:30-3:00pm

c. Application status and documentation questions connect with the Registration Centre at 250-740-6400 or registration@viu.ca

GRAD TRANSITIONS

Final Due Date (Submit before this date if possible)

3rd package: March 7th 2019

Exit Interview and Questions: March 11 – April 26th

Students leaving after semester 1 should have had all packages submitted by January 7th and exit interview completed by January 22nd.

DRY GRAD 2019—June 21, 2019

Dry Grad provides graduating student with the opportunity to celebrate their success at an alcohol and drug-free event. The event is hosted at the Beban Park Complex in Nanaimo. Graduates will be entertained with many fun filled activities.

Events include karaoke, scuba diving, prize give-a-ways and much more will round out the all night affair. The event also includes a colossal amount of food, drink, friends, music - and a lot of fun!

The cost for this fun event is \$60 if payment is made before March 1st, 2019. The cost will increase to \$65 after that time. Volunteers are always in high demand, and often have as much fun as the students! Check it out!

Website: <http://www.nanaimodrygrad.com/>

Email us: Info@nanaimodrygrad.com

COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORNER

Self-Defense for Teen Boys

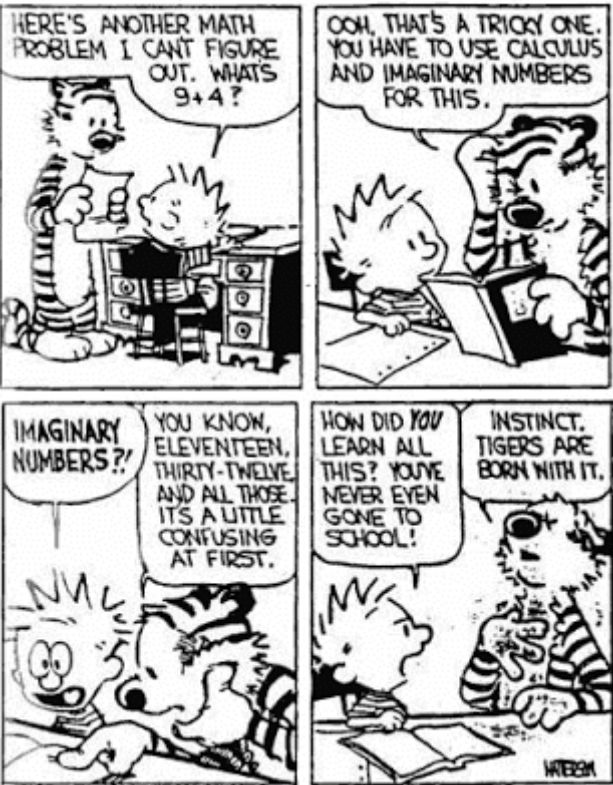
13 to 19 Years. Increase your confidence and self-respect while improving your physical conditioning. Safely learn a variety of escapes, blocks and evasions that will help you navigate your life with more physical safety. Please wear strong, loose clothing. Program presented in partnership with NDSS Community School. Thursdays January 24th to March 14th 2019 from 330pm-430pm. Instructor: Ryan Coffey

Registration is by phone or online 250-756-5200 or www.ireg.nanaimo.ca

Jumpstart is funding provided by Canadian Tire for children across Canada to participate in physical activities from homes that could use financial support. January 15th 2019 is the start date for new applications. Please check the Jumpstart website or contact our Community School Coordinator Michelle Swecera for more info.

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/content/microsites/jumpstart/en/apply.html>

Michelle Swecera, Community School Coordinator
mswecera@sd68.bc.ca



YOU WANT TO STUDY **GRAPHIC DESIGN**, **INTERIOR DESIGN** OR **VISUAL ART** BUT YOU'RE **FREAKED OUT ABOUT YOUR PORTFOLIO?**

WE GOT YOUR BACK.   

PORTFOLIO NIGHT @VIU

MONDAY, JAN 28, 2019
6:00-8:00pm

VIU Building 325 Room 207

Bring whatever you've made yourself and we'll help you decide what to put in your portfolio to best show off you and your work.

WHAT CAN GO IN A PORTFOLIO?

- ▶ Drawings and paintings
- ▶ Photographs and jewelry
- ▶ Websites, video or audio
- ▶ Short stories and poems
- ▶ The craft art sculpture your aunt thinks is weird
- ▶ **ANYTHING** you've made counts


TELL US YOU'RE COMING! PLEASE RSVP TO GRAPHICDESIGN@VIU.CA 



YOU COULD BE MAKING WORK LIKE THIS



DESIGN YOUR CAREER PATH WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT VIU. 
LEARN MORE AT WWW.VIU.CA/GRAPHICDESIGN

CONNECT WITH US  

BC-QUEBEC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This program is open to students who will be in Grade 11 **next year**. It is a **FREE** exchange program during which BC students are paired with students from Quebec. The student from Quebec will stay in BC for 3 months during the fall, and the BC student will stay with the Quebec family for 3 months during the winter. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Ms. Cunnian at: lisa.cunnian@sd68.bc.ca.

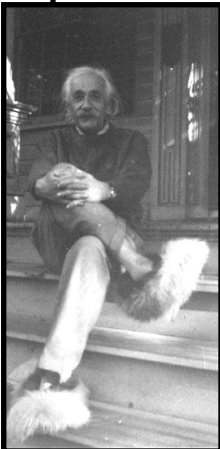
HOMEWORK CLUB

Mon—Thurs, after school Rooms 165 & 166

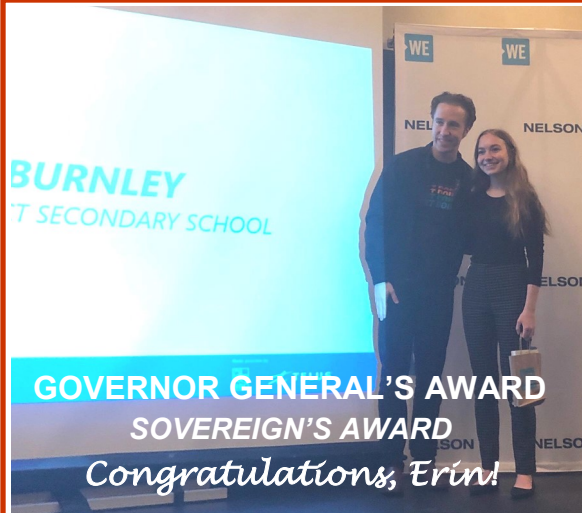
Homework Club runs Monday-Thursday for an hour after school, in rooms 165 & 166. On Mondays, help happens from 1:45 - 2:15. Students are welcome to stay in the room and work after 2:15, however, they will not receive any help during that time.

Math Help

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine Rm 215 – Mr. Begin	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine Rm 215 – Mr. Begin Rm 207 – Ms. Cunnian (junior math)	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine Rm 207 – Ms. Cunnian (junior math)
Lunch	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 207 – Ms. Cunnian (junior math)	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 207 – Ms. Cunnian (junior math)	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 207 – Ms. Cunnian (junior math)
After School		Rm 220 – Ms. Funk	Rm 165 – Mr. Perkins	Rm 220 – Ms. Funk	Rm 220 – Ms. Funk



Remember you don't have to see your own math teacher for help ☺ Drop into any classroom above when it is open for help!



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD Grade 12 student Erin Burnley was the recipient of the Governor General's Sovereign's Award for Volunteers in November. This medal recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields and pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of volunteers. Throughout Erin's five years at NDSS, she has consistently contributed to her school community in a variety of volunteer roles. She has taken on increasingly larger leadership roles, which have culminated in her being elected as Student Council President. She has helped organize and volunteered on projects to help the most vulnerable in our local community, such as Everyone Deserves a Smile, where she assembled and delivered care packages for the homeless and Empty Bowl, a fundraiser for the local food bank. Erin has also volunteered with the school's Reconciliation Leadership Committee. Erin also volunteers within the wider community. She was a volunteer coach for youth basketball, volunteers with the Streamkeeper's Association, serves as a member of the

City of Nanaimo's Youth Advisory Council and is a Volunteer Advisor for the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital Step Up Youth Program. Recently, Erin won a Rotary Youth Leadership Award for her volunteering and leadership endeavours within the community. Although most of her volunteer work is locally focused, she also tries to make a difference for those around the world. Through the Me to We Foundation and Hope for Youth Uganda, Erin has volunteered at fundraisers to help those in developing countries since she was in elementary school. Congratulations, Erin! What a well-deserved award!

EMPTY BOWL



**STUDENT COUNCIL
RAISED \$2900 FOR
LOAVES AND FISHES!**



Student Council Vice-President Katrin Hannesson, and President Erin Burnley



Student council with Peter Sinclair from Loaves and Fishes—presentation of \$2900 raised!



THÉÂTRE LA SEIZIÈME

An actor from Théâtre la seizième attended our school in November to do improvisation workshops with some of our French Immersion and Core French students. A big thank you to the CPF for helping to sponsor this event!



CPF Canadian Parents for French
British Columbia & Yukon | Colombie-Britannique et Yukon

DECEMBER DRAMA & DESSERT NIGHT

We kicked off a delicious holiday season in December with our second annual Drama and Dessert Night on December 11th. Proceeds go to the drama club and musical theatre. The evening opened with a song from a well-known alumni member, Raymond Salgado. The cast and ensemble from Ms. Parker's Beauty and The Beast Musical Theatre class performed the opening scene to give the audience a taste of this year's Disney musical. See performance details above. The evening closed with a hilarious comedy as Ms. Parker's senior Acting class performed their one act play, "Bad Auditions for Bad Actors." An enjoyable evening was had by all!



DRAMA DEPARTMENT (MS. PARKER)

Please save the date for this year's NDSS Musical Theatre Production:

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Performance Dates: February 20th and 21st

Venue: Port Theatre, Nanaimo

Tickets can be purchased in advance at:

<http://www.porttheatre.com/theatre-info/ticket-info>

This is a timeless tale of love and redemption that your whole family will enjoy.

Beauty and the Beast is a Disney French fairy tale about a beautiful and gentle young woman who sacrifices her freedom for her father's. A beast, who was once a young handsome prince, has imprisoned Belle in his lifeless castle, and doesn't understand that his overpowering demands won't win her affections in the end. Nevertheless, Belle is kind to the well-mannered Beast, even though the beast keeps her imprisoned in his castle. Only when the Beast sets Belle free does he discover that love is not something that he can have at will, but rather, it is something that he must feel in his heart and give freely.

NORTH ISLAND DRAMA FESTIVAL

November was a busy month for NDSS's 'The Company' drama group, who entered an adjudicated festival one-act play, "The Bridge" at The North Island Regional Drama Festival at VIU in November. The following cast: Sam Caron, Karlaya Dickinson, Connor James MacIsaac, Elise Montgomery, Kalia Rickerby, and Jordan Wells won the following artistic awards: *Ensemble Excellence in Voice and Ensemble Excellence in Classical Performance*.

Technical awards went to our costume, hair and makeup designers, Gracie Laboucan, Zoe Wood, and Tristan Poelzer, who received awards for *Outstanding Costume and Prosthetic Work*. Freyja Wang also received an award for *Outstanding Lighting Design*. **We would like to thank the NDSS PAC for generously supporting our participation in this event once again this year.**

The musical theatre and drama department is always looking for volunteers. If you can assist with the production, Ms. Parker would be most appreciative and find a position that would suit your skills and comfort level. If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact Ms. Parker at: mparker@sds68.bc.ca



We Day

WE DAY

In November, members of the NDSS Student Council attended WE Day in Vancouver. Students earned their tickets to WE Day through their volunteer activities in the past school year, and being involved in groups such as our Global and Environment Committees. WE Day brought world-renowned speakers and A-list performers together with tens of thousands of young people to celebrate their contributions and kick-start another year of inspiration. **A big thank you goes out to our PAC for helping to fund this trip!**



DANCE

NOSS'S PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS:

2019 DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

Thursday, January 17th
7pm – 9pm

VIU's Malaspina Theatre
900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo

Featuring
the award winning
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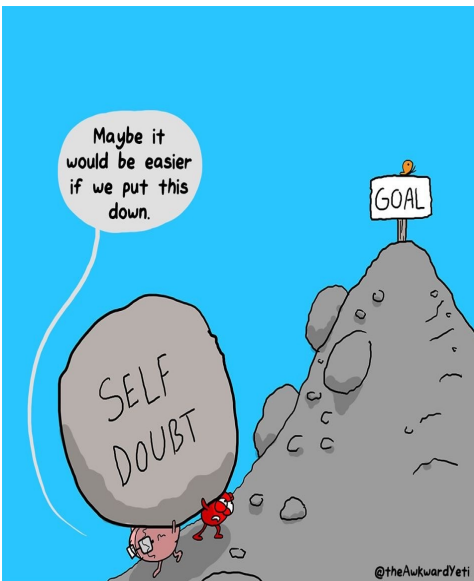
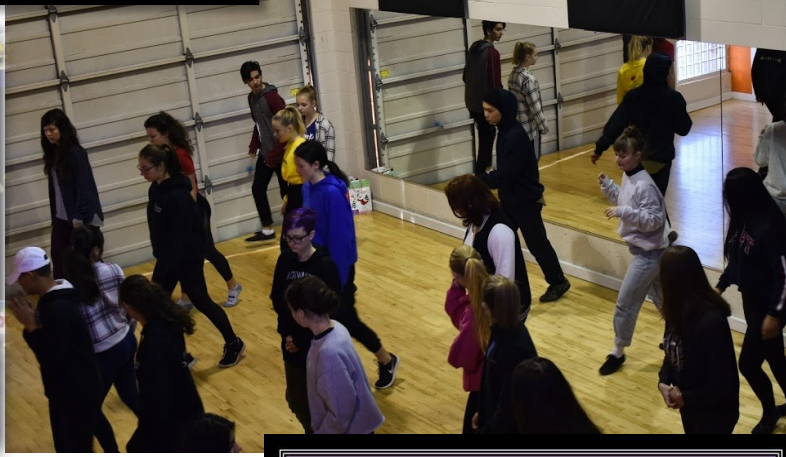
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SAVE THE DATE! DANCE SHOWCASE JAN 17 at VIU

On December 5th, students from the two Dance classes travelled to VIBE Dance Studio and joined peers from Ladysmith Secondary and Dover Bay Secondary to participate in a full day of workshops. Students learned four different styles including The Hustle, Locking, Grooving, and a style of hip hop unique to one of the studio's teachers. They worked hard and were exhausted by the end of the day.

Please join on us on Thursday, January 17th at VIU for our semester end showcase where students from these two classes, as well as the Dance Company, will share the work they have been doing this year.



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YOU ARE.
IT BELONGS TO YOU.
THEY ARE.
IT BELONGS TO THEM.
A PLACE.
WE ARE.
PAST TENSE OF "ARE."
A PLACE.
A POINT IN TIME.
A METHOD OF COMPARISON.
THE NUMBER 2.
INDICATES MOTION.
ALSO OR EXCESSIVELY.

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An incorrect use of words - particularly replacing one word with another word that sounds similar but has a diffident meaning - possibly fuelled by a deep-seeded desire to sound more educated, witch results in an attempt to pawn off an incorrect word in place of a correct one. In academia, such flaunting of common social morays is seen as almost sorted and might result in the offender becoming a piranha, in the Monday world, after all is set and done, such a miner era will often leave normal people unphased. This is just as well sense people of that elk are unlikely to tow the line irregardless of any attempt to better educate them. A small percentage, however, suffer from severe acyrologiaphobia, and it is their upmost desire to see English used properly. Exposure may cause them symptoms that may resemble post-dramatic stress disorder and, eventually, descend into whole-scale outrage as they go star-craving mad. Eventually, they will succumb to the stings and arrows of such a barrage, and suffer a complete metal breakdown, leaving them curled up in the feeble position.

STUDENT FEES

It is not too late to take care of your school fees. Student activity fees are essential for all students to pay, as the funds are used to support a variety of school-based events. Please pay fees as soon as possible if you have not already done so!

\$15.00 Student activity fee

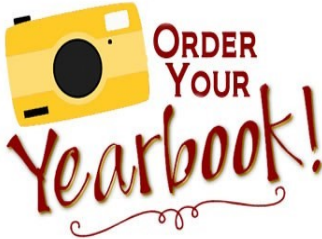
\$80.00 Grad

\$55.00 Yearbook

Dry Grad fee is \$60 if purchased by Feb. 28;
\$65.00 as of March 1.

DON'T MISS OUT ON A YEARBOOK!

Yearbooks sold out last year before everyone could get one. Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your yearbook, they must be ordered early so we can anticipate demand!



Workplace Skills Workshops – stages of employment will be explored with focus on starting a new job, job maintenance and handling difficult situations involving co-workers and employers. Learning to shine as a new employee, surviving office politics and meeting employer expectations will be covered within this workshop.

How to Connect with Employers – To provide youth clients with information regarding approaching employers who have not advertised job vacancies, find employment leads and expand job seeking networks.

Crafting Your Resume - Draw attention to your skills and accomplishments by highlighting and emphasizing your strengths, abilities, and qualifications utilizing action words to create a most impactful resume that gets that all important interview.

Creating Your Cover Letter - Learn how to create that important first impression of you and your skills and grabbing the employer's attention by customizing your cover letter to each targeted employment opportunity.

Dressed for Success - You will learn how to stand out from the crowd and increase your confidence by knowing how to dress in order to make the all important 'first impression' positive.

Nailing the Interview - Know how to be effective answering job interview questions, by increasing your confidence and learning interview techniques in a supportive and friendly environment.

Balancing Work and Home – Participants will receive information on self-care and tips on how to ensure that they are maintaining their own personal self-care. As well, information will be provided on the importance of learning to balance one's work life with their home life and will learn strategies for how to effectively do so.

Creating your LinkedIn Online Profile – participants will learn and understand the importance of utilizing online job search engines such as LinkedIn. The focus of the workshop will be to learn, understand and develop a LinkedIn profile that will provide new opportunities to individuals in finding a career and in connecting with prospective employers

Weekly Job-Club Support Group – incorporates sharing of labour market information, exploring employment related trends and how they fit local opportunities, application forms, dressing for job search. Networking, organizing your job search, etc.

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NLPS ACADEMY REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Secondary District Academy Registrations - A New Process

Secondary specialized academies provide students with an opportunity to pursue their areas of interest while completing their academic studies.

Lottery	Hockey Canada Skills Academy	NLPS Soccer Academy	Vancouver Island Beach Volleyball	Baseball Academy
Try-outs/Audition	Lacrosse Academy	Performing Arts	Jazz Academy	

All students are welcome to apply. Acceptance into an Academy will be determined either by Lottery or Try-out/Audition. For more information, please attend the Secondary District Academy information night on Thursday January 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm Board Room, District Administration Center, 395 Wakesiah Ave.



School Registration 2019-2020

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on January 9, 2019 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my child new to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools?
 - Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2019 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2019 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
 - Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
 - Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2019. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
 - Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Try-outs/ Audition
Hockey	Lacrosse
Soccer	Performing Arts
Beach Volleyball	Jazz
Baseball	
- Applications will be received until March 1, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2019.**
- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2019.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR BY EMAILING EREG@SD68.BC.CA



Career Planning and Job Search Workshops for Youth



January 2019

Monthly schedule of Career Planning and Job Search workshops for unemployed youth

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
	CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	Workplace Skills 1:00-4:00pm	Job Club Finding the Job & LMI 1:00-4:00pm	Nailing the Interview 1:00-4:00pm
7	8	9	10	11
Creating Your Cover Letter 1:00-4:00pm	Creating your Linked In Online Profile 1:00-4:00pm	Balancing Home and Work 1:00-4:00pm	Job Club Time Management & Organizational Skills 1:00-4:00pm	How to Connect with Employers 1:00-4:00pm
14	15	16	17	18
Dressed for Success 1:00-4:00pm	Crafting Your Resume 1:00-4:00pm	Workplace Skills 1:00-4:00pm	Job Club Team Building Techniques 1:00-4:00pm	Nailing the Interview 1:00-4:00pm
21	22	23	24	25
Creating Your Cover Letter 1:00-4:00pm	Creating your Linked In Online Profile 1:00-4:00pm	Balancing Home and Work 1:00-4:00pm	Job Club Values and Career Choices 1:00-4:00pm	How to Connect with Employers 1:00-4:00pm
28	29	30	31	
Dressed for Success 1:00-4:00pm	Crafting Your Resume 1:00-4:00pm	Workplace Skills 1:00-4:00pm	Job Club Identifying Skills – What You have to Offer 1:00-4:00pm	

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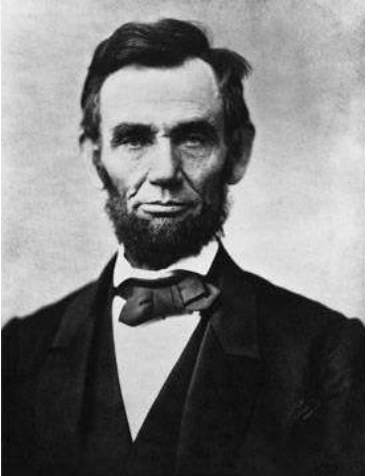
THANK YOU FROM GLOBAL COMMITTEE!

Thanks to our wonderful NDSS community, Student Council Global Committee met their goal of filling 100 care packages with socks, toques, gloves, scarves, toothbrushes and toothpaste. On December 14, some NDSS students helped pack the bags for delivery. On December 15, they helped deliver the bags to various shelters around Nanaimo. It was a rewarding experience to participate in Everyone Deserves A Smile (EDAS) again this year!



STUDENT COUNCIL THEME DAYS

- Jan. 18th Meme Day (dress as your favourite meme)
- Feb. 15th Decade Day (dress from your favourite decade)
- Feb. 27th Pink Shirt Day
- Mar. 15th Pajama Day
- Apr. 5th Jersey Day (Humboldt anniversary)
- April 23-26 Earth Week
- May 3rd Denim Day
- May 24th Socks and Sandals
- June 14th Rainbow Day



“Don’t believe everything you read on the Internet just because there’s a picture with a quote next to it.”

—Abraham Lincoln

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