



## NANAIMO DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## February 2019 Newsletter #6

### 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

Hello everyone and welcome to the February newsletter. It's that time of year when we have exited the fray of report cards and entered a new semester with a fresh start. Our hope is that all of our students have had a terrific start to the school year and are maintaining their grades, and also participating in some extracurricular opportunities. NDSS has so many wonderful opportunities for students to explore outside of the classroom.

Our musical theatre students have been working long hours in preparation for their Beauty and the Beast musical performance. This will be the first musical in recent memory that has a live concert band accompanying them. Please support our musical theatre and band students by purchasing a ticket for Beauty and the Beast through the Port Theatre box office <http://www.porttheatre.com/events/feb-2019/ndss-theatre-company-presents-beauty-and-beast/>. The performances will be on Wednesday, and Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. I would like to acknowledge the hours that Mrs. Parker (Musical theatre) and Mr. Becker (Band) put into this along with our large number of dedicated students. The best way to celebrate their hard work is to sell out the Port!

We also have student athletes that are putting their all into their sports of passion every day. Basketball season is well underway and NDSS has a number of teams that have had success this year and are heading into playoffs. Our Senior Boys Basketball team and Junior Boys Basketball teams are heading off to the playoffs. Our Senior Girls team has had a strong season and are heading off to the North Islands. Our Junior Girls team just won the districts and are also heading off to the North Islands. Our grade eight and nine girls and boys basketball teams are off to the districts. Our boys rugby season is getting underway with practice and preparation for the upcoming season. On the lacrosse front we have our junior team heading to Las Vegas for a tournament later this month, and the lacrosse provincials in early March. We also have our cheer team that voraciously practices for their upcoming cheer events.

There are many ways for students to get have a connection with others through various councils and clubs. Our Student council is a large group of over forty students that are involved in all aspects of our school. We have a team of student council members presenting to our NLPS Board of Education on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. At this presentation, they will provide an overview of all of the different aspects of student council and the fundraising etc. that they are involved in. The student council adds positivity to our school every day, and they are greatly appreciated. The Sexuality and Gender Awareness (SAGA) club presented to our teaching staff at the January staff meeting and are currently working with our Social Justice class to secure a rainbow sidewalk in close proximity to NDSS.

It's always nice to see students participating in extracurricular opportunities which helps enrich their school experience. NDSS is a great school and we encourage students to get involved in clubs, teams and other activities.

Have a great semester,

Geoff Steel

Principal, NDSS

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF:

Mr. B. Biro

PE/SS

Ms. K. Hall

Textiles/Careers

Mr. A. Halsall

SS/Biology

Ms. N. Kruse

SS/Careers

Mr. A. Zeeman

Math/Computers

### TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!

Don't miss out on NDSS' Musical Theatre production, **Beauty and the Beast**, with a live concert band, February 20 and 21st.

NDSS Theatre Company  
Presents  
**Beauty and the Beast**  
2 nights only!  
February 20th & 21st, 2019  
At the Port Theatre | 7:00pm  
Tickets \$20  
Music By **Alan Meken** Book By **Linda Woolverton**  
Lyrics By **Howard Ashman & Tim Rice**  
Disney's Beauty and the Beast is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI).  
NDSS bc touring council Island Savings THE PORT THEATRE  
125 Front Street, Nanaimo  
Tickets available through [www.porttheatre.com](http://www.porttheatre.com) or at 250-754-8550

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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.*





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

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

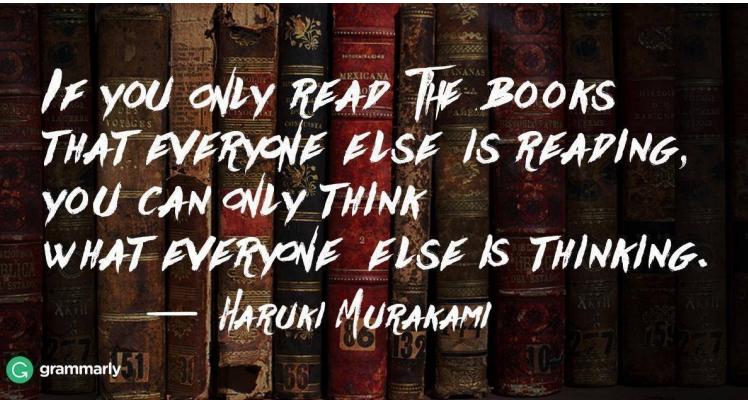
A huge Thank You to Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation for providing food. Also Thank You to teachers and students who volunteer to help keep this program running smoothly every morning. Students are welcome to come and get any of these items to start the day:

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

On Wednesdays, French Toast is available.

STUDENT CARDS/PHOTOS

We still have a large number of student photos and proofs, as well and NDSS student cards, unclaimed in the office. If your student has not received these items, please have them come to the office to pick them up!



NDSS REPORT CARDS ARE NOW DISTRIBUTED ONLINE.

Report cards will be published online February 7th. Keep up with your student's grades, attendance and notifications by providing the school with your email address, and through your MyEdBC family portal account.

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](mailto:ND-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca) or contact the office at 250-740-2000.

MY NDSS WEBSITE

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

[myndss.ca](http://myndss.ca)



NDSS CALENDAR FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

2019

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. 20 & 21	Beauty and the Beast, Port Theatre 7:00 pm
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 Grade 12 Evening Awards 6:00 pm Lg. Gym
Jun. 6 (Thu)	Athletics Awards Recognition
Jun. 20 (Thu)	Last Day of Regular Classes for Grades 8-12
Jun. 21 - 27	English Numeracy Assessment
Jun. 24 (Mon)	Evaluation de Numeratie <i>(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 12:00-3:00 pm
Jun. 26 (Wed)	Comm. 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am
Jun. 26 (Wed)	Commencement Rehearsal <i>(Nanaimo Conference Centre) 1:00 pm</i>
Jun. 27 (Thu)	NDSS Commencement <i>(Nanaimo Conference Centre) 2:00 pm</i>
Jun. 28 (Fri)	Year End Administrative Day
Jul. 4 (Thu)	Semester 2 Report Cards Available on MYEDBC <i>Family Portal (Electronic Distribution)</i>

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2019-2020

The deadline for student course selection for the 2019-2020 school year is February 8th. Assistance for current grade 8 & 9 students will be done by class throughout this week. Grades 10 & 11 students should finalize their course selections independently. Documents to provide assistance were emailed home. If there are any questions or concerns, please have your student contact their counsellor, or contact the NDSS main office.

PARKING

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.

NAC PARKING: The Nanaimo Aquatic Center does monitor their parking lot as well. Tickets received while parked at NAC are not the responsibility of NDSS.

**Unauthorized vehicles WILL be ticketed.**



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 March 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](mailto:ndsspacchair@gmail.com)



WELLNESS CENTER—ISLAND HEALTH:

Confidential health services will be available all day each Monday and Thursday in Room 257. Island Health will provide a public health nurse, a family doctor and a counsellor for students that have medical questions/concerns.



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.

STUDENT COUNCIL THEME DAYS

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Decade Day (dress from your favourite decade)

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Pink Shirt Day

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> Pajama Day

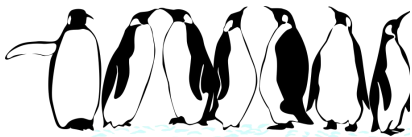
Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> Jersey Day (Humboldt anniversary)

April 23-26 Earth Week

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Denim Day

May 24<sup>th</sup> Socks and Sandals

June 14<sup>th</sup> Rainbow Day



IS SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO SNOW?

Adverse weather, poor driving conditions and power outages are all reasons schools may be closed on short notice.

A heavy snowfall is the most frequent reason for emergency school closure, but individual schools can also be closed because of a power outage or furnace breakdown.

WONDERING IF SCHOOLS ARE OPEN TODAY?

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please tune in to one of the following:

WOLF 106.9 FM

WAVE 102.3 FM

COAST 91.7 FM

Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook and mobile app.

Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.



NDSS BAND FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our own NDSS Concert Band and teacher Rick Becker, who received 'Superior' ratings in all categories at the Comox Valley Band Festival, from both adjudicators, Bob Rebagliati and Gerald King. Well done!

Subsequently, the Concert Band received an Official Invitation to Perform at the 47th annual MusicFest Canada in Ottawa this May. Unfortunately, they will not be able to attend, but are appreciative of such an honour!



presented by the Harbour City Jazz Society  
**February 7, 2019 - 7:00 pm**

Chandler Hall at John Barsby Community School

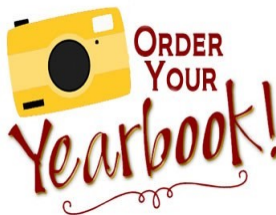
Admission: by donation

featuring the Harbour City Jazz All Stars

also performances by groups from John Barsby, Nanaimo and District, & Wellington Secondary Schools

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! Yearbooks may be pre-purchased at the office for \$55.



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER  
**@NDSSIslanders**  
for timely notifications





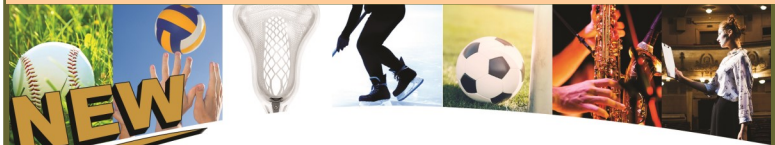
OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY AND GO ABROAD

There is a 'Study and Go Abroad' fair February 28th in Vancouver. This expo offers internships, volunteer programs, work abroad and language travel opportunities.

Get more information in the counselling office or in room 311 if you are interested.



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 Hockey Soccer Beach Volleyball Baseball Try-outs/ Audition Lacrosse Performing Arts Jazz
  - 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



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.

SEMESTER 2

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 217 – Ms. Lemoine Rm 215 – Mr. Begin	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine Rm 223 – Ms. Hannah	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine Rm 215 – Mr. Begin Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas	Rm 225 – Mr. Tang Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine
Lunch	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang	Rm 236 – Ms. Russell Rm 225 – Mr. Tang
After School		Rm 220 – Ms. Funk Rm 223 – Ms. Hannah	Rm 165 – Mr. Perkins	Rm 220 – Ms. Funk	Rm 220 – Ms. Funk Rm 223 – Ms. Hannah

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



# COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORNER



## Emergency First Aid with CPR Level C & AED

This fun and interactive 8 hour course trains people to react and improvise when dealing with time priority, life threatening emergencies.

Training includes initial assessment, secondary survey, airway, and CPR. Recognition and first-aid for shock, diabetes, bleeding, head, spine, allergic reactions, seizures, broken bones.

The course will include an Alert First Aid manual and an Emergency First Aid with CPR Level C certificate, valid for three years.

**Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**8:30 am - 4:30pm**

**NDSS Library**

**Student fee \$80 (Regular fee \$90)**

**Registration Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Register by contacting:

Community School Coordinator, Michelle Swecera

[mswecera@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:mswecera@sd68.bc.ca) /250-740-2033



## Cashier Training

*A wealth of knowledge for those wishing to work in retail, hospitality and tourism.*

This Cashier Training course provides participants with basic training on cash register functions so that they feel comfortable and confident when entering the retail industry. On completion, participants are prepared to enter the work force with the knowledge and skills of what a cashier position entails.

### PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- **REGISTER OPERATIONS** – keying prices; use of codes; managing special functions e.g.; voids, discounts, coupons, tax exemptions, refunds and sale pricing, counterfeit awareness, interpreting and changing register tapes
- **SALES TRANSACTIONS** – collecting cash payments and tendering change; processing credit card and debit payments, receiving coupons and gift certificates, handling returns
- **RECORD-KEEPING** – preparing float records, tallying and reconciling sales for shift reports, filling out deposit forms, completing other work documents for cashier/sales duties
- **SALES/SERVICE INTERACTIONS** – using customer service skills for effective communication: e.g. greeting customers, answering inquiries, offering information, and handling complaints
- **OTHER SKILLS** – enhancing math and language skills to work with currency; estimate and check machine calculations, perform record-keeping, manage communication

This is a 12 hour, 2 day course. Participants will receive a certificate of accomplishment on completion.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! BOOK YOUR SEAT TODAY!**



COST: \$150.00 REG

**STUDENT DISCOUNT  
PRICE \$ 100.00**

**March 18th & 19th  
9:00am – 3:30pm  
NDSS Library**

Contact to register: Michelle Swecera  
[mswecera@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:mswecera@sd68.bc.ca) or 250-740-2033

# Teens Rule the Kitchen

Join us after school to learn how to prepare  
healthy meals and snacks.

Develop basic cooking skills while gaining  
nutritional knowledge.

We will make new menu items each week.

### Details:

Wednesday's Feb 13, 20, 27 & Mar 6

3:30pm - 5:30pm

NDSS / Rm. 147

\$20 for all 4 sessions

### To register contact:

Community School Coordinator—Michelle Swecera  
250-740-2033 / [mswecera@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:mswecera@sd68.bc.ca)

\*In Partnership with Nanaimo Foodshare



**Get certified for  
restaurant work!**

Are you hoping to get a job in the food industry?

Do you want **Food Safe** on your Resume?

Increase your employability. Get your Food Safe Certificate now!

**Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**8:30 am -4:00pm**

**NDSS Library**

**Student fee \$45 (Regular fee \$85)**

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Register by contacting:

Community School Coordinator, Michelle Swecera

[mswecera@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:mswecera@sd68.bc.ca) /250-740-2033





NDSS RUGBY TEAM

The NDSS rugby team is leaving on tour! We are going to San Francisco from March 17-24, where we will play against three local high schools and experience the sites of this iconic town. The team would like to thank RLR lawyers and Mazzei electric for their generous support of this event.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

The 2019 RCMP Summer Camp takes place at NDSS July 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Students taking this program will earn 4 credits toward their diploma. This is open to current grade 11 and 12 students. Students will register through in Continuing Education and the CTC.

Go to the counseling office or see Mr. Giske in room 252 for an application package.

# EXPLORE

WITHOUT LIMITS

LIVE THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

FRENCH-LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AGED 16 AND OLDER

Most expenses are covered including tuition fees, meals, accommodations, workshops and mandatory activities!

Explore another region of Canada while learning French. Have an adventure and make new friends this spring or summer!

APPLY TODAY!

www.myexplore.ca • 1-877-866-4242

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Council des Musées d'Éducation Canada / Conseil des musées de l'éducation (Canada)

Canadian Heritage / Patrimoine canadien

OUR BLANKET WEAVING

Our grade 8/9 hul'q'umi'num' class has woven a traditional blanket, as well as sharing all the teachings that go along with this traditional art form. This was our first blanket that we have done, so the teaching is that when you do something for the first time it is to be given away. We are giving it to NDSS. The wool had to be washed several times, carded and spun, before it was ready for weaving. We used sheep wool for our weaving, but there are many other types of wool that Coast Salish People use for their weavings, such as mountain goat wool, and wooly dogs wool. The pattern that our class did is called the "Herring Bone" pattern. Coast Salish people use their weavings as status symbols or currency, and also for practical uses. People used to stand on the roof of the big house and throw the blankets into the community members gathered for potlatches, where the women would catch them and then take the blankets apart and create blankets of their own design. Tradition is very important to this culture, and the skill of weaving as well as the teachings that go along with it, is handed down from generation to generation. Weaving gives the Aboriginal people a sense of identity.



PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

Brechin Elementary hosts Childhood Stress & Anxiety Building Resilience, with Julie-Anne Richards on Thursday, February 21 from 6 to 8 pm.

This free event will showcase empowering strategies and effective supports for adults supporting children experiencing stress and anxiety.

Registration is required.

## CHILDHOOD STRESS & ANXIETY BUILDING RESILIENCE

EMPOWERING STRATEGIES EFFECTIVE SUPPORTS

Presentation and Discussion By:

**Julie-Anne Richards, M.A., R.C.C., C.C.C.**  
Registered Clinical Counselor, Psycho-educational Consultant  
[www.JulieAnneRichards.com](http://www.JulieAnneRichards.com)

6:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, February 21, 2019

**BRECHIN ELEMENTARY**

510 Millstone Ave, Nanaimo

Tailored for Parents, Caregivers and Educators supporting children ages 5 - 13 experiencing stress & anxiety

**PRESENTATION INCLUDING Q & A**

Free Event!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** (Click to Register)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/childhood-anxiety-presentation-tickets-53577683293>

Event Hosted by: Brechin Elementary and inviting All Elementary Schools in the Area – **All Adults Welcome**

Limited Childminding Available by Donation – **Registration Required**

Funded by the Eric Palmer Memorial Foundation [www.ericfoundation.com](http://www.ericfoundation.com)



**GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP CORNER:**

District Awards applications will be accepted until February 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.

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

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 TRANSITIONS**

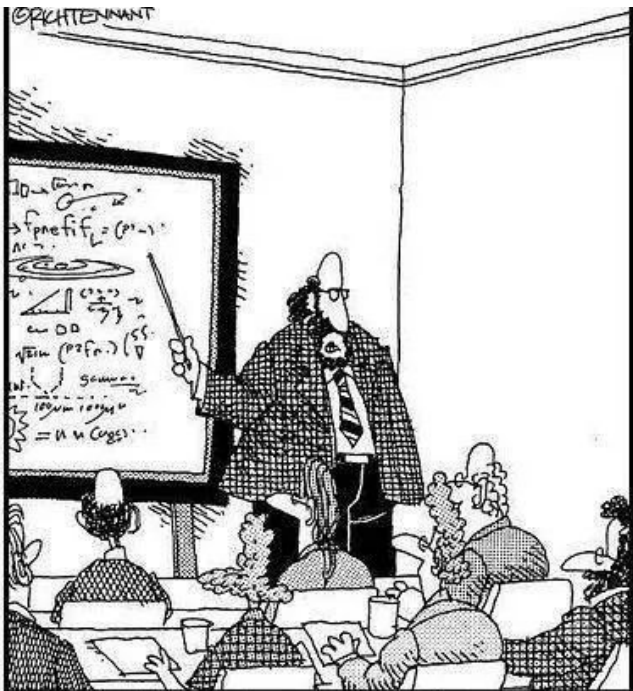
**Final Due Date** *(Submit before this date if possible)*

3<sup>rd</sup> package: March 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

Exit Interview and Questions: March 11 – April 26<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Kemp will be collecting Grad Transitions packages and conducting exit interviews during blocks C & D in Room 140.

Ms. Hall is in for Ms. Carmichael in room 143, and will be conducting exit interviews in that room.



"Along with 'Antimatter,' and 'Dark Matter,' we've recently discovered the existence of 'Doesn't Matter,' which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever."

**GRAD PAGES**



**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/>

**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 email [viuconnect@viu.ca](mailto:viuconnect@viu.ca) .

b. Visit our campus and take a tour to get a current student prospective on why VIU is for you. For registration and options: [viu.ca/visit](http://viu.ca/visit) .

b. Students ready to plan for September 2019: Connect with Advising at 250-740-6410 or [advising@viu.ca](mailto: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](mailto:registration@viu.ca) .

**TRANSCRIPTS: HAVE YOU CREATED YOUR STS ACCOUNT?**

June 2019 will be the first year that the Ministry of Education does not mail graduates an original transcript for their records upon graduation. Instead, they are encouraging students to create an account and access the Student Transcript Service.

Transcripts will be available for students to print or send on the StudentTranscripts Service. Students are encouraged to create an STS account prior to the release of assessment or exam results.

**You can use StudentTranscript Service (STS) to:**

- View or order your secondary school transcript
- Send your secondary school transcripts to post-secondary institutions
- Order your graduation certificate
- View your scholarships
- View your provincial exam or graduation assessment results.

**StudentTranscripts Service:** [Click here for website](#)

**PERSONAL EDUCATION NUMBER (PEN)**

Your PEN number is important! This number is your link to your education records. Make certain this number is recorded somewhere safe, as you will need it to order transcripts from the BC Ministry of Education for years to come, or in order to upgrade your education.

**GRADS—DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS?**

It is important that we have your correct mailing address, as this is where the Ministry of Education will send important correspondence.



VIU APPLICANTS FOR FALL 2019 WORKSHOP

Friday February 15, 2019 at 9:35 am, in Room 304.

Jamie Wood Advisor from VIU will be here to meet with students that have already applied or been conditionally accepted at VIU. He will be doing a session at 9:35 am in Room 304 on Applicant Next Steps. Sign up is in the counselling area as we will excuse you from that class while you are in session with Jamie.

Dry Grad 2019

T-Shirt Logo Contest

Design this year's Dry Grad T-shirt!

Contest is open to all students in Grades 10, 11 & 12!

SPECIFICATIONS:

- 2 color logo to be on white t-shirt
- 2019 color theme is Bright Yellow &/or Turquoise. Black used for outlining/details is considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> color if used in the artwork.
- Hand drawings only, no photographs in the artwork
- Artwork design should relate to a "Beach Theme"
- Artwork must be able to be digitized for screen printing
- Artwork must include wording:

Dry Grad 2019

And/or

A Night to Remember 2019

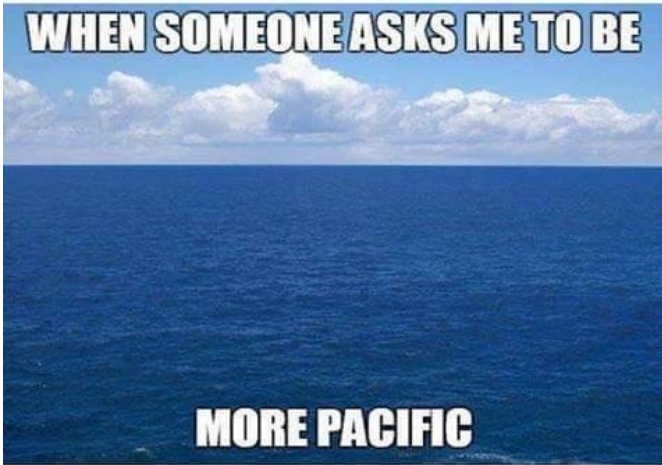
Winner to receive a

\$100 Woodgrove Gift Card!

The chosen layout will be used on the front of the t-shirt and possibly in promotion.

Deadline: March 5, 2019

Please submit artwork to your school office clearly marked "Dry Grad 2019" by deadline. Ensure your Name and Grade is written on the back of entry.



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](mailto:Info@nanaimodrygrad.com)



Fundamentals of Engineering Certificate Program

Information Session



13-Feb, 2019

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Rm 203 / Bldg 200  
Vancouver Island University  
Nanaimo Campus



Come out and learn more about:

- Why choose VIU?
- Transfer pathways into 2<sup>nd</sup> year engineering at UBC, UVic, SFU, UNBC, TRU, and UofA
- Community Partnerships
- Student Activities

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[www.viu.ca/engineering](http://www.viu.ca/engineering)



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/boarding](http://uab.ca/boarding).

Applications will be accepted until February 10, 2019.





# WORKPLACE JOB SKILLS WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH



**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.

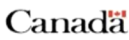
**Balancing Work and Home** – Participants will receive information on self-care and tips on how to ensure that they are maintaining their own personal self-care. As well, information will be provided on the importance of learning to balance one's work life with their home life and will learn strategies 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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## February 2019

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Nailing the Interview 1:00-4:00pm
4 Creating Your Cover Letter 1:00-4:00pm	5 Creating your LinkedIn In Online Profile 1:00-4:00pm	6 Balancing Home and Work 1:00-4:00pm	7 Job Club Goal Setting 1:00-4:00pm	8 How to Connect with Employers 1:00-4:00pm
11 Dressed for Success 1:00-4:00pm	12 Crafting Your Resume 1:00-4:00pm	13 Workplace Skills 1:00-4:00pm	14 Job Club Communication & Assertiveness Techniques 1:00-4:00pm	15 Nailing the Interview 1:00-4:00pm
18 CLOSED FAMILY DAY	19 Creating your LinkedIn In Online Profile 1:00-4:00pm	20 Balancing Home and Work 1:00-4:00pm	21 Job Club Stress & Anger Management 1:00-4:00pm	22 How to Connect with Employers 1:00-4:00pm
25 Creating Your Cover letter 1:00-4:00pm	26 Crafting Your Resume 1:00-4:00pm	27 Workplace Skills 1:00-4:00pm	28 Job Club Finding the Job & LMI 1:00-4:00pm	

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MAYBE THE SCHOOL BUSES ALL FROZE UP! MAYBE THE PRINCIPAL CAN'T GET OUT OF HIS DRIVEWAY!



GET DRESSED, CALVIN. IT ONLY SNOWED AN INCH.

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MATTHEW



At the Think About Math workshop, young women are exposed to all sorts of possibilities available to them in the field of mathematics.

Female UWaterloo math graduates, who range from personal entertainment system designers to investment bankers and money laundering investigators, meet with participants and answer questions about their education, careers and experiences in math. Faculty members run sessions and activities that explore a variety of applications of mathematics.

• This one day workshop is for young women in Grade 9 or 10 interested in learning about opportunities in mathematics.

• The dates for the 2019 workshops are:

- Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Toronto Prep School
- Friday, April 12, 2019 at the University of Waterloo
- Saturday, May 11, 2019 at York House School in Vancouver

• The cost is a \$25 registration fee to be paid after invited applicants have received their confirmation package.

• Meals are provided and all other expenses are covered by the CEMC at no cost to the participants.

### APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted online from January 15, 2019 at 9 a.m. EST to February 15, 2019 at 4 p.m. EST.

Successful candidates will be notified by March 1, 2019.



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More information can be found at our website

[cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/19m.html](https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/19m.html)

The CENTRE for EDUCATION in MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING



## BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Create your own path with a career in Software Engineering

Do you want a career that allows you to make an impact with one of the fastest growing and in-demand professions in Canada? How about contributing to the growing need for software-based solutions across a variety of industries and professions?

Prepare for a dynamic career with Thompson Rivers University's Bachelor of Software Engineering program

With a focus on skill-based learning and a commitment to small class sizes, the Software Engineering program at TRU provides you with hands-on experience led by industry professionals. By blending engineering, business, computing science, project management and quality assurance, you will receive a well-rounded and multifaceted education that equips you with skills needed for the workplace.

### Experience hands-on learning

The program's focus on experiential learning includes two mandatory co-op work terms in the fourth year of the program. This puts you as a student in the position to be a paid employee before graduation and have opportunities to test drive the wide variety of career options available in software engineering.

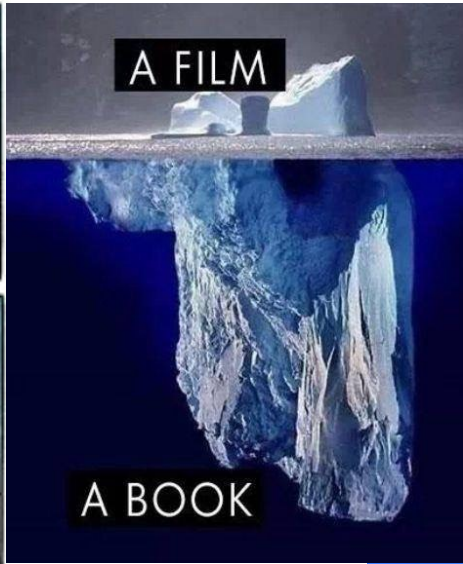
### Career paths in Software Engineering

- Manufacturing
- Medicine
- Banking
- Entertainment
- Research
- Technology companies such as Google, Amazon and Facebook

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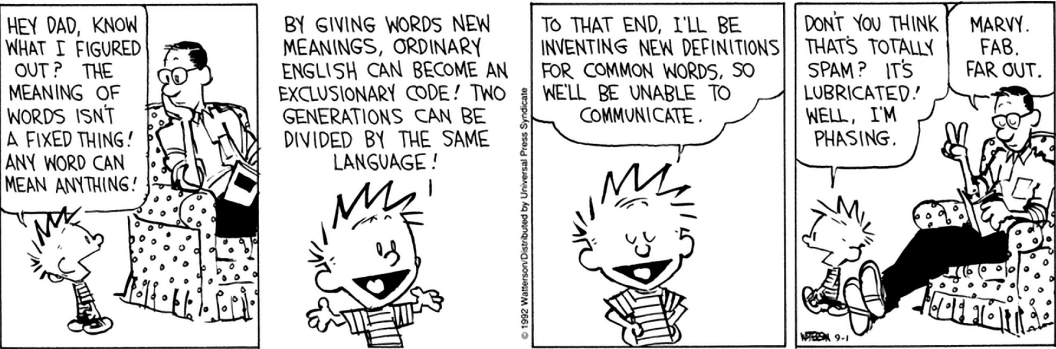


What if the person who named walkie-talkies named everything:

- ° Forks would be stabby-grabbies.
- ° Wigs would be hairy-wearies.
- ° Socks would be feetie-heaties.
- ° Defibrillators would be hearty-starties.

More??

i before e



Except when your feisty foreign neighbor Keith leisurely receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from caffeinated atheist weightlifters.

Weird.

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