

## VISION

**Learning with Purpose  
Striving for Excellence  
Growing through Community**

*At NDSS, our mission is to inspire all to be curious, have confidence, use imagination, and persevere in their learning journey.*



**November 2019**



**Newsletter #3**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear NDSS Community,

As many of you may have heard, my tenure as NDSS Principal is sadly ending at the end of this semester. This is my eighth year as an administrator at NDSS and it has been my pleasure to serve this terrific community. Prior to NDSS I had a terrific journey as a teacher in a few districts, but most notably in Nanaimo at Woodlands, McGirr, Wellington, Gabriola, and Barsby. I consider myself tremendously lucky to have moved into administration at NDSS, a school I had spent relatively little time in since my days as a student. My initial impression of the school was positive and it has remained that way throughout my time here. Our school has a tremendous staff and student body. Our parent community and PAC have been a pleasure to work with. If I had to choose a single word to describe my experience at NDSS it would be change.

When I first arrived NDSS was a school of 1000 students and today we have 1450. We went through an amalgamation with District Learning Alternatives that brought a large number of new staff, students and renovations to the site. We then said goodbye to Learning Alternatives and said hello to the many students and staff that came here from Woodlands Secondary. The culture of NDSS was positively impacted by the inclusion of the Woodlands culture and we did our best to make everyone feel welcome, although it was clear that many of the Woodlands community were grieving the loss of their school.

Other changes involved the agreement with the City of Nanaimo that brought us a glorious sports field that we are so proud of, and the addition of the Harewood Gym as a first rate fitness studio. I will always be an advocate for this school, and hope one day soon to see the current building get replaced with a modern structure built for the needs of our era.

After the Woodlands amalgamation, we were able to update our School Vision and Mission, which I am tremendously proud of: learning with purpose, striving for excellence and growing through community. If we all lived these every day, I think we would be alright. This school is an incredible incubator for administrators and I have had the benefit of mentoring, learning and working with incredible administrators, teachers and support staff.

Education is truly a collaborative effort and we all positively influence each other every day. Of course the students are the reason all of us do the things that we do. Our prime purpose is to educate students and get them to the point where they can walk the stage with dignity, purpose and options. I have been lucky to have been a part of seven grad classes crossing the stage at NDSS and now I look forward to my new adventure at Dover Bay Secondary.

*Thank you, merci, hay ch 'qa*

*Geoff Steel  
NDSS Principal, and lifelong Islander*



*Welcome to our environmentally  
friendly, paperless newsletter*

## ADMINISTRATION

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr. Geoff Steel    | Principal, Grade 12s             |
| Mr. Shawn Shahi    | Vice-Principal, Grades 8-11, A-K |
| Ms. Ricki Bartlett | Vice-Principal, Grades 8-11, L-Z |

## COUNSELLOR STUDENT ALLOCATION

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Ms. Al-Hajj/Mr. Giske: | A- Cristobal<br>Francophone, Human Services |
| Mr. Kral:              | Crocker—Krepps                              |
| Ms. Tomiyama:          | Krickan—Pike                                |
| Ms. Smith:             | Piket—Z                                     |
| Ms. Pyne:              | International Students                      |

## ENSURE CONTACT INFORMATION IS CURRENT

At the beginning of September, students were sent home with information verification forms. A number were returned unsigned, or not turned in. Please check your MyEd family portal account to see if your information is current, and notify us with any necessary changes: [info.ND@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.ND@sd68.bc.ca)

***NDSS communicates primarily via email. Make certain the office has your current email address.***

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES

**Friday, November 8th**

Block D: 8:30 am-9:30 am Gym Setup  
Block C: 9:45 am-10:15 am Grade 8 Assembly (30 minutes)

Lunch

Block B: 11:30 am-12:00 pm Grade 9-10 Assembly (30 minutes)

Block A: 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm Grade 11 -12 Assembly (30 minutes)

Poppies will be distributed during the student assemblies, and monies collected during Block D on Friday to ensure that all students have a poppy when they enter the gymnasium. Remind your student to bring a poppy donation. Students need to remember to model appropriate conduct for this assembly, which is a solemn occasion, by removing their hats, remaining quiet, refraining from applause and turning off cell phones.



NUMERACY AND LITERACY ASSESSMENTS

\*Please note that we will be having a change to our assessment schedule within our school district and at NDSS for the 2019/2020 School year. All high schools in Nanaimo are developing a plan to accommodate the new assessments.

The Big Changes:

There will be Numeracy and Literacy Assessments in November, January, and April this year. (This is a major change from our typical January and June Assessments.)

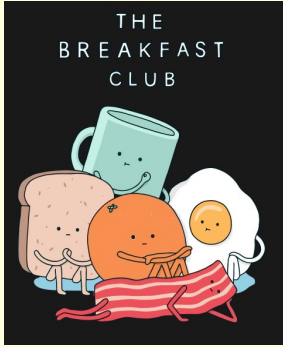
Double Blocks - We will likely be running a double block schedule for two days in November (5th and 6th), April (14th, 15th and 16th) and potentially in January for one or two days.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT & DOUBLE BLOCKS

Tues., Nov. 5– Morning Block C/Afternoon Block A  
Wed., Nov. 6 – Morning Block B/Afternoon Block D

The Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program began on Monday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Don't go to class hungry! We are in the cafeteria Mondays-Fridays from 8:00am-8:30am.



FLASH FOOD MOB

Every Thursday @ 1:50pm-2:10pm in Rm. 164

This service is provided by Loaves and Fishes for our youth in need to shop for groceries prior to the weekend. For new clients, they can sign up when they arrive at the room with their student card/number. Students should be excused from their classrooms after A block has started to access this service, place their groceries in their lockers and return back to class.

**Please note: Students should only be arriving at the start time of 1:50pm. Please remind students that are accessing this service to check in with**



SHAD PRESENTATION

Shad is a month long STEAM and entrepreneurship program at one of nineteen Canadian universities for anyone entering grades 11 and 12. During this 27 day program you learn about countless topics, hear from phenomenal speakers and make life long friends.

Applications are open for students in grades 10 and 11. The application deadline is November 18, 2019. Shad runs from July 5 - 31, 2020.

Applications may be found on the SHAD website:

<https://www.shad.ca/>

**“Shad is an ingenious program that more Canadians need to know about. I wouldn't start a university today without experiential learning for every student. The reason is, it combines theory and practice.”**

**- The Right Honourable David Johnston, 28th Governor General of Canada**

NDSS CALENDAR FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Nov. 8 (Fri)     | Term 1 Last Day  |
| Nov. 11 (Mon)    | Remembrance Day  |
| Nov. 12 (Tue)    | Term 2 First Day   |
| Nov. 21 (Thu)    | Report Card Available on MYEDBC,<br>Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)     |
| Nov. 28 (Thu)    | Parent-Teacher Interviews/Gr 8/9 SLC's<br>Dismissal 1:46pm (3-6pm Lg. Gymnasium) |
| Nov. 29 - Dec. 6 | Grad Photos  |
| Dec. 4 (Wed)     | Midway Term Two  |
| Dec. 12 (Thu)    | Winter Concert   |
| Dec. 20 (Fri)    | Last Day of School before Christmas Break  |

2020

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Jan. 6 (Mon)      | School Re-Opens   |
| Jan. 20 (Mon)     | Evaluation de Numeratie 10 (French Immersion Numeracy Assessment)                       |
| Jan. 21 (Tue)     | Evaluation de litteratie 10 (French Immersion Literacy Assessment)                      |
| Jan. 21 (Tue)     | Grad Retakes  |
| Jan. 20-24        | Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments   |
| Jan. 22 (Wed)     | Last Day of Classes for Grades 8-12   |
| Jan. 22 (Wed)     | English 12 Provincial Exam (8:30-11:30am)*Student missing exam, or re-write.            |
| Jan. 23 (Thu)     | Comm. 12 (8:30-11:30am) *Students missing exam, or re-write                             |
| Jan. 23 (Thu)     | Francais Langue 12 (12:00-3:00pm)*Student missing exam, or re-write.                    |
| Jan. 27 (Mon)     | Semester 2 Term 1 First Day   |
| Feb. 6 (Thu)      | Semester 1 Report Card Available on MYEDBC<br>Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)  |
| Feb. 17 (Mon)     | BC Family Day   |
| Feb. 24 (Mon)     | Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D)  |
| Feb. 25 (Tue)     | Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro-D Day)  |
| Mar. 2-5          | *OCSL (Grade 8-9) / Interim (10-12) Update Week   |
| Mar. 2 (Mon)      | Midway Term One   |
| Mar. 4 (Wed)      | Early Dismissal 1:46 pm   |
| Mar. 5 (Thu)      | Parent Teacher Contact: 3:00-4:00 pm (Classroom meetings)                               |
| Mar. 13 (Fri)     | Last day of classes before Spring Break   |
| Mar. 30 (Mon)     | School re-opens after Spring Break  |
| April 10 (Friday) | Good Friday   |
| April 13 (Monday) | Easter Monday   |
| April 14– 20      | Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments   |
| Apr. 14 (Tue)     | Evaluation de Numeratie 10 (French Immersion Numeracy Assessment)                       |
| Apr. 15 (Wed)     | Evaluation de litteratie 10 (French Immersion Literacy assesment)                       |
| Apr. 20 (Mon)     | Term 2 First Day  |
| May 6 (Wed)       | Report Card Available on MYEDBC<br>Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)             |
| May 7 (Thu)       | Parent-Teacher Interviews/ Gr. 8/9 SLC's<br>Dismissal 1:46pm 3-6 pm Lg. Gymnasium       |
| May 18 (Mon)      | Victoria Day  |
| May 20 (Wed)      | Midway Term Two   |
| May 21 (Thu)      | Aboriginal Graduation, John Barsby (tentative)  |
| May 28 (Thu)      | Fine Arts Night   |
| May 29 (Fri)      | Non-Instructional Day   |
| Jun. 3 (Wed)      | Grade 10-11 Awards Assemblies, in school<br>Grade 12 Evening Awards 6:00 pm Lg. Gym     |
| Jun. 4 (Thu)      | Athletics Awards Recognition  |
| Jun. 19 (Fri)     | Last Day of Regular Classes for Grades 8-12 (Tentative)                                 |
| Jun. 22 (Mon)     | English 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am*students missing, or re-write                       |
| Jun. 23 (Tue)     | Francais Langue 12 Prov. Exam 12-3pm*students missing, or re-write                      |
| Jun. 23 (Tue)     | Comm. 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am*students missing, or re-write                         |
| Jun. 24 (Wed)     | Commencement Rehearsal<br>(Nanaimo Conference Centre) - TENTATIVE                       |
| Jun. 25 (Thu)     | NDSS Commencement 9:00am<br>(Nanaimo Conference Centre) - TENTATIVE                     |
| Jun. 26 (Fri)     | Year End Administrative Day   |
| Jul. 3 (Fri)      | Semester 1 Report Cards Available on MYEDBC<br>Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution) |

\*OCSL = Ongoing Communication of Student Learning

SPORTS ACADEMY STUDENTS

Reminder that academy fees are now due. Please remit fees to ensure your student maintains their spot.



CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

Parent and community volunteers are advised that all criminal record checks must be done online if you wish to volunteer at the school. Volunteer forms must be filled out and submitted to the NDSS main office every year.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

One of the goals of the PAC is to help create a friendly school environment that is comfortable for both parents and children. Getting to know the parents of the school enriches the learning environment for both the parent and the child, and helps create invaluable connections with each other. Your input and creative ideas are welcomed! We hope to see you at the school.

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

**Our PAC does NOT fundraise.**

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

PAC MEETING DATES:

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| November 5   | March 3rd |
| December 3   | April 7th |
| January 7th  | May 5th   |
| February 4th | June 2nd  |





POST SECONDARY BC NIGHT

Thursday, November 7, 2019  
Nanaimo District Secondary School  
6:00-8:00 pm



NDSS, Barsby Secondary, and Cedar Secondary students and families are welcome to attend an evening about post-secondary institutes and transition beyond high school. This is an important event that helps both students and parents to learn about admissions, programs, scholarships, housing, and an opportunity to establish a contact for future questions. We encourage Grade 10-12 age students to attend as this helps for course planning in the senior years.

The format of the evening is that 15 universities and colleges listed below will be at NDSS and students can choose TWO 35 minute sessions to hear an in depth talk by a recruiter from two institutes of their choice. Then we will have a mini-fair in our large cafeteria afterwards to ensure you can talk to any of the other recruiters that interest you.

**FORMAT – Please arrive by 5:50 pm to find the location of your presenter. We have 15 colleges/universities we will use many different classrooms to host our event. Hosts will be at the front doors to guide families to their chosen presentations.**

- Presentation #1** 6:00 pm - 6:35 pm
- Presentation #2** 6:40 pm - 7:15 pm
- Mini-Fair** 7:25 pm - 8:00 pm

*Feel free to contact any institute directly through the contacts they have provided listed below.*

- Janice Pontes [janice\\_pontes@bcit.ca](mailto:janice_pontes@bcit.ca)  
**British Columbia Institute of Technology**
- Gabi Scollon [gscollon@tru.ca](mailto:gscollon@tru.ca)  
**Thompson Rivers University**
- Jessica Scafe [jscafe@coastmountaincollege.ca](mailto:jscafe@coastmountaincollege.ca)  
**Coast Mountain College**
- Danielle Hoogland [danielle.hoogland@nic.bc.ca](mailto:danielle.hoogland@nic.bc.ca)  
**North Island College**
- Mason Geddes [mason.geddes@twu.ca](mailto:mason.geddes@twu.ca)  
**Trinity Western University**
- Mary Hendrixson [hendrixsonm@camosun.ca](mailto:hendrixsonm@camosun.ca)  
**Camosun College**
- Heather Smolinski [heather.smolinski@forces.gc.ca](mailto:heather.smolinski@forces.gc.ca)  
**Canadian Armed Forces - Royal Military College**
- Stephanie Parker [stephanieparker@uvic.ca](mailto:stephanieparker@uvic.ca)  
**University of Victoria**
- Forrest Rynearson [forrest.rynearson@questu.ca](mailto:forrest.rynearson@questu.ca)  
**Quest University Canada**
- Christine Dyson [cdyson@sfu.ca](mailto:cdyson@sfu.ca)  
**Simon Fraser University**
- Ashley Pleadwell [ashleykilroepleadwel@capilanou.ca](mailto:ashleykilroepleadwel@capilanou.ca)  
**Capilano University**
- Lesley Manuel [lmanuel@nvit.bc.ca](mailto:lmanuel@nvit.bc.ca)  
**Nicola Valley Institute of Technology**
- Chiara Mason [chira.mason@ubc.ca](mailto:chira.mason@ubc.ca)  
**University of British Columbia**
- Andrea van Rossum [andrea.vanrossum@viu.ca](mailto:andrea.vanrossum@viu.ca)  
**Vancouver Island University**
- Leigh Wall [lwall@vcc.ca](mailto:lwall@vcc.ca)  
**Vancouver Community College**



ROOM SCHEDULE FOR  
POST SECONDARY BC NIGHT

| Name of University/College  | Room              |
|---|-------------------|
| UBC – University of British Columbia  | Cafeteria (Small) |
| Quest   | 130               |
| BCIT  | 134               |
| Camosun   | 128               |
| Capilano University   | 133               |
| Coast Mountain College  | 135               |
| SFU – Simon Fraser University   | 129               |
| VIU – Vancouver Island University   | Library           |
| UVIC – University of Victoria   | Cafeteria (Large) |
| Nicola Valley Institute of Technology   | 137               |
| NIC – North Island College (campuses in Comox, Campbell River, Port Alberni, Port Hardy and Ucluelet) | 131               |
| CAF-RMC Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Military College   | 132               |
| Thompson Rivers University  | 139               |
| Trinity Western University  | 141               |
| Vancouver Community College   | 140               |

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AT NDSS

Thursday November 14, 2019  
3:10-4:10 at NDSS  
Room 128



We are pleased to welcome the University of Alberta to NDSS. This is an information session targeted to Grade 11/12 age students. They will overview their various programs, admissions, scholarship information, housing, deadlines and help to apply!

Parents and students welcome.  
More information at [uab.ca/recruitmentevents](http://uab.ca/recruitmentevents)

HOUSE OF COMMONS PAGE PROGRAM

Join the House of Commons Page Program and work at the heart of Canada's democracy with students from across the country.

To be a page, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Be bilingual
- Be enrolled in first year studies at one of the four universities in the National Capital Region
- Have a school average of 80%

Visit the website: [ourcommons.ca/page](http://ourcommons.ca/page)



Someone posted they had just baked some synonym buns. I replied, you mean just like the ones grammar use to make? Now I'm blocked.

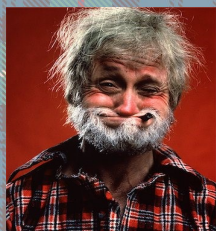


## UPCOMING STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT DAYS

**Nov. 1st - NDSS Day/Game Day**

**Nov. 7th - Colourless day (black/white/grey)**

**Nov. 15th - Flannel Friday**



## TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Take Our Kids to Work Day, taking place on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019, is an annual event where students step into their future for a day and get a glimpse into the working world. The day involves students in grade 9, spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.

This event is voluntary but will benefit grade 9 students in their Careers 9 education.

Interested parents/guardians/volunteers can register their workplace and find out more information at this website:

<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day>

Please ask your child to get a permission form in room 257.

Please email Mr. Giske [graham.giske@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:graham.giske@sd68.bc.ca) or Mrs. Kemp [kari.kemp@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:kari.kemp@sd68.bc.ca) for more information.

## Career Life Connections 11 and 12

Grade 11 and 12 students are enrolled in Career Life Connections 11 and 12, which is completed outside their daily school timetable.

Grade 12s will need to complete a Capstone project to graduate. Students will have an opportunity to present their Capstone to parents, mentors and teachers on January 23rd or April 15th.

Please remind your child to join the Career Life Connections Google Classroom (Grade 11 code is: zmbzeg7) or (Grade 12 code is: dx6vsz7) to get the necessary information to proceed with the course.

They can also check in with Mr. Giske and Mrs. Pyne anytime in room 257 for guidance.



**BRING YOUR KID TO WORK DAY**

"BUT DAD I WANT TO BE A REBEL"

## 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:

**Discovery Day February 27, 2020 @ VIU's Nanaimo Campus**

Discovery Days is VIU's largest on campus recruitment event for high school students. Discovery Day is organized to provide an opportunity for high school students (Grades 10, 11 and 12) to connect with VIU, our programs and services. Faculty and service areas host sessions to engage students in a variety of discipline specific or post-secondary oriented topics.

**Discovery Night for Parents (Nanaimo) March 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

If you're a parent or guardian of a high school student considering post-secondary, or a parent of a first-year university student, this event is for you! At VIU, we recognize that when it comes to university, your child looks to you for guidance. We want to ensure you have the resources and knowledge you need at your fingertips to support and empower your child in their decisions.

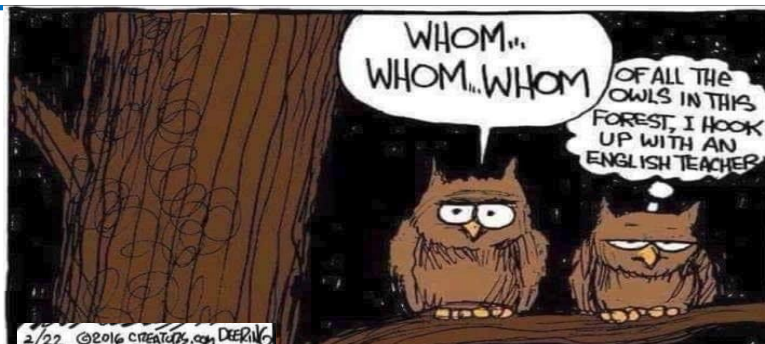
## How to connect with VIU:

a. General inquiries connect with a Recruitment Officer at 250.740-6672 or [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)

c. Students ready to plan for September 2020 connect with Advising at 250-740-6410 or contact Educational Advisor [jamie.wood@viu.ca](mailto:jamie.wood@viu.ca)

d. Application status and documentation questions connect with the Registration 250.740.6400 or [registration@viu.ca](mailto:registration@viu.ca)



## BC-Quebec Exchange Program

[www.gov.bc.ca/QuebecExchange](http://www.gov.bc.ca/QuebecExchange)

**Spend 3 MONTHS living in Quebec!**

**LIVE • LEARN • DISCOVER**

**Grade 10 and 11 Students**

- Host a student from Quebec for three months in the fall.
- Live in Quebec with the same student's family later that year.
- Apply through your school in grade 9 or 10 to go on exchange the following year.
- No application fee.

**ALL TRAVEL COSTS ARE COVERED.**

**DISCOVER ANOTHER CULTURE  
IMPROVE YOUR FLUENCY IN FRENCH  
BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT  
GAIN SELF CONFIDENCE  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
VISIT NEW PLACES**



School registration deadline: **Dec 15**

Student application deadline: **Feb 28**





**NIC/NAC - GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

The Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (NAC) and the Nanaimo Ice Centre (NIC) *are community recreation facilities that are not configured to supervise our students.*

The NIC is to be accessed only by students that are participating in the NDSS Hockey Academy, Silvertips, or a supervised Physical Education Class

NAC Access:

**Before School** – Students may access the NAC before school hours.

**During Class time** – Only Grade 12 students with a study block should be at the NAC during class time.

**Lunchtime** – Students may access the NAC during lunch hours.

**After School** – Students may access the NAC after school hours.

**NDSS Students Without Access** – Students that are in **Grade 8, 9, 10, and 11** should **NOT** be in the aquatic center during class time, or between their morning or afternoon classes. Students in Grade 8-11 should only be at the NAC before school, at lunch, and after hours. Please help us stay in good standing with our neighbours at the NIC and NAC!

**LOOKING FOR AN ACTIVITY TO JOIN? WHY NOT TRY ONE OF THESE CLUBS?**

**Dark Photography** - Ms. Kloppenburg in room 164

**Student Council** - Tuesdays at lunch in room 207

**Games Room** - Mr. Jackson Tuesdays at lunch in room 238

**Yearbook Club** - See office to sign up

**Homework Club** - After school in room 165

Cross-stitch - Mrs. Bell Thursdays or Fridays in room 132

**Environment Club** - Mr. Grey and Ms. Johnston Wednesdays at lunch in room 135

**SAGA** - Wednesdays at lunch in room 139

**Model UN** - Mr. Laforest Wednesdays at lunch in room 205

**Diplomacy Club** - Mr. Boudreau Wednesdays at lunch in room 222

**Fishing Club** - Mr. Crnkovic first Thursday of every month in room 258

**Art Club** - Mrs. Long at lunch in room 154

**Musical Theater Production** - Mrs. Parker after school in room 203

**Reconciliation Club** - Mrs. Recalma in room 146 times TBD

**D&D Club** - Mr. Parker Fridays after school in the library

**Dance Club** - Ms. Barnum Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch in room 203

**YOUTH WELLNESS CENTRE**

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre  
741 Third St  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 7B2  
Phone: 250-755-3333  
Cell: 250-619-0651



**Youth Wellness Centre**

**Tuesdays:**

Public Health Nurse: 9-4pm

Counsellor: 9-12pm

Doctor: 1-4pm

**Thursdays:**

Public Health Nurse: 9-3pm

Counsellor: 9-11am

Doctor: 12-3:30pm

- Mental Health Support
  - Birth Control
  - Emergency contraception (Plan B)
  - STI testing and treatment
  - Pregnancy testing and referrals
- Gender Identity Support
  - Relationship support
- Substance Use
- Physical Health
  - Healthy lifestyle

**SWIM TEAM**

NDSS' swim team, comprised of a record 31 students, competed against 30 other Vancouver Island schools in the Zone championship meet on Sunday, October 20 at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. NDSS came in 2nd! 28 swimmers qualified to advance to Provincials in Richmond on November 15, 2019. Special thanks to Mr. Johnson and community coaches Lee Vanden Ham, Finn Bodnar and Sophia Schellinck.



Photos courtesy of Gregory Lavery

**CANADA SOCCER NATIONALS, EDMONTON**

**Vancouver Island Wave U15 boys team are BC provincial champions, and sixth overall in Canada!**

The VI Wave U15 team, coached by Victor da Costa Ferreira, became the BC provincial champions in June/2019 for Tier-1 soccer, the highest level of youth soccer in BC. The team went on to represent BC at the Soccer Canada Edmonton Nationals, held October 9-14, 2019, under coaches Victor da Costa Ferreira and Riley O'Neill.

NDSS had four grade 10 students playing on the VI Wave U15 team, James Rideout#19, Declan Brown#7, Patrick Osakabe-Green#6, and Spencer Brown#13. All of the players are not only great athletes but also showed the great spirit of NDSS. BC Soccer director, Don Moslin, said they were great ambassadors for both BC Soccer and the province, and congratulated players for their exceptional performances both on and off the field.

Games played in the grass field #1-3 were livestreamed and are now archived. You may watch their games at:

<https://sportscanada.tv/2019-canada-soccer-u15-cup>

**Congratulations to all!**





There were technical issues with the hyperlink in the last newsletter, which have now been corrected. Please check out Zoe's amazing videos.

### CLIMATE CHANGE and OUR YOUTH

"Hi, my name is Zoe Cripps and I am 13 years old and for the past three years I have been sailing across the Pacific Ocean with my family. I am learning that climate change is happening all around the world and I actually witnessed it in French Polynesia as the coral was dying right in front of me.

Greta Thunberg's speech about climate change and the need to do something now is encouraging me to resend my video about coral bleaching. I am glad that thousands of young people around the world are taking action through the "Global Climate Strikes" this week. It's too important not to.

Please share my coral bleaching video and Greta Thunberg's speech on climate change to everyone you know. It's good to help people be aware that we all need to act now and not later. The future for my sister and I depend on that."

Thank you. Here is a link to my video:

[Coral Bleaching French Polynesia](#)

Zoe Cripps is a Gabriola student who is circumnavigating the Pacific Ocean with her family. She is currently in the Kingdom of Tonga.

Please take a look at Zoe's other videos:

[Almost everything you need to know about Sharks](#)

[Manta Ray - Plankton Biology Field Trip with Sailing Kids](#)



### YCAN (YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK) MEETS AT NDSS

Did you know that over the period 1948 to 2013, the average annual temperature in Canada has warmed by 1.6 °C (relative to the 1961-1990 average), a higher rate of warming than in most other regions of the world?

Our environment students have heard the news and are keen to do something about it! On October 23, 2019 student leaders from all seven district schools came together to discuss solutions to the climate crisis. Together with teachers, district support staff and city council members, district students have come together to create YCAN (Youth Climate Action Network).

YCAN's goals for direct action in 2019 include:

- 1) District Schools going Zero-Waste
- 2) Nanaimo/Ladysmith becoming a "Bee-District"
- 3) Improved access to Public transportation within and between cities
- 4) increasing student awareness and community awareness of environmental issues and climate change

Our first YCAN meeting was buzzing with talk of what schools in SD68 are currently doing to combat climate change such as: promoting active transportation, the Energy Cup, school gardens, and recycling and composting programs. Now, student leaders are looking towards the future and planning to work together to secure positive change in the school district. I hope we will do all we can to support YCAN and their new environmental goals.

Student Council and the Pottery Program at NDSS present:

## The Empty Bowl Project



All proceeds will be donated to  
Loaves and Fishes in Nanaimo

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Doors and Silent Auction open at 5:30pm

Tickets: Students \$15 / Adults \$20

Tickets are available for purchase from the  
NDSS office

*Come and enjoy a delicious bowl of soup and take home a handmade pottery bowl! There will be wonderful Silent Auction items available as well!*

Questions? Email [lisa.cunnian@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:lisa.cunnian@sd68.bc.ca)

Politicians discussing global warming



*"Follow the leaders", Berlin, Germany  
By Spanish sculptor, Isaac Cordal*



MOVEMBER



NOV 1<sup>ST</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup>  
MOVEMBER  
FUNDRAISER

Grow your Mo

This November, the NDSS Student Council would like to raise money to support the Nanaimo Hospice Society and our community members. Grow a mustache that compliments you (or not) and if you can't, show support in your own way.



SUPPORT OUR  
COMMUNITY

ALL FUNDS RAISED  
WILL BE DONATED  
TO THE NANAIMO  
HOSPICE SOCIETY

EVERYONE  
WELCOME


STUDENT  
PARTICIPATION IS  
ENCOURAGED

DONATIONS CAN BE  
GIVEN TO  
EADIE WHITFORD  
OR  
SHAWN SHAHI

WorkBC Centre

Nanaimo

Port Connect



Presented in partnership with Port of Nanaimo

Thursday, November 7 2019 | 4:30pm to 7:30pm


Port of Nanaimo (Passenger / Cruise Ship / Helijet Terminal) 100 Port Drive, Nanaimo

Ready to Connect for a Marine Industry Career?


The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Port Connect Event brings together key companies and associations from the local Marine Sector including:

- Seaspan
- Island Ferries
- Tetra Tech
- Western Maritime Institute
- WCMRC
- Search & Rescue
- Port of Nanaimo
- BC Ferries
- Gowland Towing Ltd.

- Vancouver Pile Driving
- Herold Engineering
- Western Stevedoring
- BC Vehicle Processing Centre
- Helijet
- Canadian Coast Guard
- DP World
- Pacific Pilotage Authority
- Work BC Centre



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This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

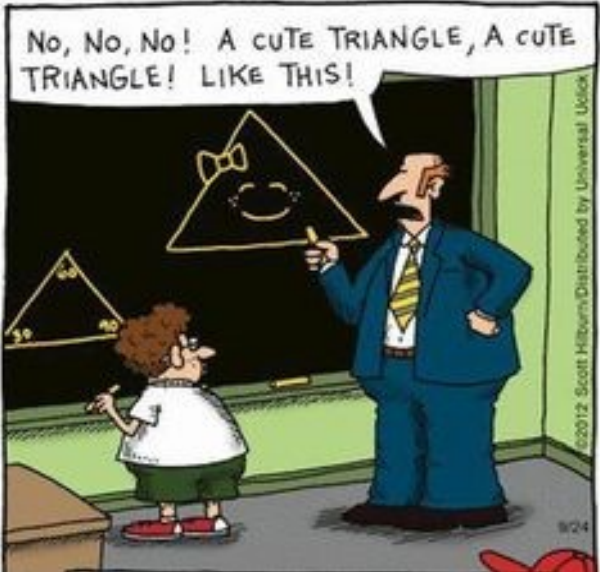
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**BRECHIN ANNUAL SKI & SPORT SKI SWAP  
NOVEMBER 22 - 24TH**


It's that time of year again! Come drop off your sport, ski, and snow consignment items on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:00 am-2:00 pm, or come shop on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-5:00 pm and Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

**We also take donations!** Lacrosse, hockey, ski, snowboards, skates, soccer cleats, boots, toques, gloves, jackets... you name it, you can find it, consign it, or donate it!

Contact: [brechinpac@gmail.com](mailto:brechinpac@gmail.com) or call the school 250-754-7523 for more information. Donations can be dropped off at any time between now and the sport swap.



**Math Help**

|               | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Before School | Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas<br>Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine<br>Rm 215 – Mr. Begin<br><br>(Junior math only)<br>Rm 205 – Mr. Laforest                                  | Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine  | Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas<br>Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine<br>Rm 215 – Mr. Begin<br><br>(Junior math only)<br>Rm 205 – Mr. Laforest<br>Rm 300/309 – Mr. Richardson | Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine<br>Rm 130 – Ms. Minhas   | Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 217 – Ms. Lemoine<br>   |
| Lunch         | Rm 236 – Ms. Russell<br>Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 223 – Mr. Wagner<br><br>(Junior math only)<br>Rm 205 – Mr. Laforest<br>Rm 300/309 – Mr. Richardson<br>Room 231-Mr. Cizeron | Rm 236 – Ms. Russell<br>Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 223 – Mr. Wagner<br><br>(Junior math only)<br>Rm 205 – Mr. Laforest<br>Rm 300/309 – Mr. Richardson<br>Room 231-Mr. Cizeron | Rm 236 – Ms. Russell<br>Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 223 – Mr. Wagner<br><br>(Junior math only)<br>Rm 300/309 – Mr. Richardson<br>Room 231-Mr. Cizeron                        | Rm 236 – Ms. Russell<br>Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 223 – Mr. Wagner<br><br>(Junior math only)<br>Rm 205 – Mr. Laforest<br>Rm 300/309 – Mr. Richardson<br>Room 231-Mr. Cizeron | Rm 236 – Ms. Russell<br>Rm 225 – Mr. Tang<br>Rm 223 – Mr. Wagner<br><br>(Junior math only)<br>Rm 205 – Mr. Laforest<br>Room 231-Mr. Cizeron<br>Rm 300/309 – Mr. Richardson |
| After School  |  | Rm 220 – Ms. Funk  | Rm 159 – Mr. Perkins   | Rm 220 – Ms. Funk  | Rm 220 – Ms. Funk  |



# YOUTH DROP-IN at Fairview School

# SPARE BLOX

FREE!

The ultimate place to have some fun on a week night! We offer regular gymnasium activities for youth in Nanaimo. Program is FREE!

## SPARE BLOX JR

(11-14 YRS)

Mondays,

September 9-May 25

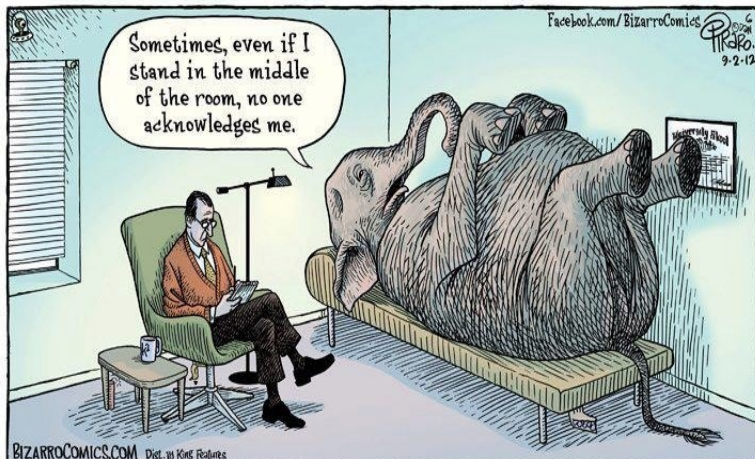
7-8:30 pm

Fairview Community School

Please Note: Fairview SpareBlox is cancelled on pro-d days, statutory holidays, and other school closures (ie: snow days). Check our YOUTH Nanaimo Facebook page for other updates, changes or cancellations.

recreation.nanaimo.ca  
250-756-5200

CITY OF NANAIMO  
THE HARBOR CITY



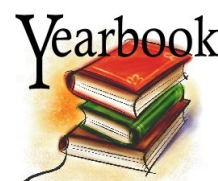
## LITERACY NANAIMO YOUTH PROGRAMS

Literacy Nanaimo provides tutoring opportunities for students at no cost. If your student could use a little extra help, this may be a good opportunity.

<https://www.literacycentralvi.org/learnmore.php?s=6>

## 2018-2019 YEARBOOKS

We have a few extra yearbooks from last school year. If you missed your chance to get one last year, they are available at the office, while supplies last.



VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY

Trades & Applied Technology  
— Skills for life

## Open the Door to New Opportunities

Are you interested in a career in the rapidly growing trades and applied technology industry?

## Free Information Sessions 2019/2020

### Applied Business Technology

Nov. 13 | 6-7 pm | Cowichan Campus | B700 R125

Jan. 22 | 6-7 pm | Cowichan Campus | B700 R125

Apr. 21 | 6-7 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B180 R134

### Automotive

May. 11 | 6:30-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B150 Automotive

### Culinary

Mar. 12 | 6-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B300 R128

Jun. 11 | 6-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B300 R128

### Electrical

Jan. 13 | 6:30-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B180 R134

### Esthetics

Feb. 25 | 6:30-8 pm | Parksville Campus

Apr. 7 | 6:30-8 pm | Parksville Campus

### Fundamentals of Forest and Heavy Equipment Operator

Oct. 29 | 6:30-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B180 R134

Jan. 8 | 6:30-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B180 R134

### Fundamentals of Forest Harvesting

Oct. 29 | 6:30 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B180 R134

Nov. 4 | 6:30 pm | Cowichan Campus | R250

Nov. 5 | 6:30 pm | Port Alberni  
Echo Centre | Hemlock Room

Nov. 6 | 6:30 pm | Courtenay  
Lewis Park | Tsolum Building

### Hairdressing

Mar. 2 | 6:30-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B164 R110

### Horticulture

Jan. 29 | 6:30-8 pm | GR Paine Centre

Jun. 3 | 6:30-8 pm | GR Paine Centre

### Heavy Mechanical Trades

Mar. 2 | 6:30-8 pm  
Nanaimo Campus | B110 R100 (shop)

### Information Technology and Applied Systems

Mar. 11 | 7-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B180 R134

### 4th Class Power Engineering

Dec. 3 | 6:30-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B180 R316

### Refrigeration

Jan. 13 | 4:30-5:30 pm  
Cowichan Trades Centre | B760 R12

### Welding

Cowichan Trades Centre | B765 R24D

Mar. 11 | 6:30-8 pm | Nanaimo Campus | B130 R105

### Motorcycle and Marine Technician

Jan. 29 | 6:30-8 pm | B110 MMT Shop

**Call 250.740.6227**

These are open events, registration not required.

For more information, visit our website at:  
[campusevents.viu.ca](http://campusevents.viu.ca)





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## FALL 2019 FOODSAFE LEVEL 1 CASHIER TRAINING

NEXT TRAINING DATES FOR NANAIMO ~  
November and December 2019

| CLASS            | DATE   | TIME                               | COST                      |
|------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Foodsafe Level 1 | Sat November 2<br>Sat November 16                          | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm                  | \$ 75.00 +<br>GST 78.75   |
| Cashier Training | 2 Day Program<br>Saturday Nov 23<br>Sunday Nov 24          | 9:00 am to<br>4:00 pm<br>both days | \$ 150.00 +<br>GST 157.50 |
| NEXT TRAINING    |  |                                    |                           |
| Foodsafe Level 1 | Sat November 30<br>Sat December 14<br>Sat January 11, 2020 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm                  | \$ 75.00 +<br>GST 78.75   |
| Cashier Training | 2 Day Program<br>Saturday Dec 7<br>Sunday Dec 8            | 9:00 am to<br>4:00 pm<br>both days | \$ 150.00 +<br>GST 157.50 |

### ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO PRE-REGISTER @ [forefront@telus.net](mailto:forefront@telus.net)

Training sessions are held downtown at the  
Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society  
319 Selby St, Nanaimo (next to the old train station)

PRE-REGISTER YOUR SEAT TODAY - THEY ARE LIMITED



Contact Charlayne  
By email at

[forefront@telus.net](mailto:forefront@telus.net)

By phone at

**250. 729.1510 talk or text**

Forefront Training Services welcomes requests for FoodSafe, customized hospitality  
customer services, and cashier training, for groups and individuals.  
*Serving Vancouver Island since 1999*

Foodsafe level one on DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Training is held at Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society  
319 Selby St, Nanaimo (next to the old train station).  
The training room is located at the back of the building. Follow the signs, and map below.

**YOU ARE NOW PRE-REGISTERED-**

- Cost is \$75.00 plus \$3.75 GST- Total \$78.75

SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

- Class is from 9 am to 5 pm
- We ask that you come **fifteen minutes early** to register at 8:45
- Bring lunch** as we only take a 1/2-hour lunch break
- PARKING-** is at the right side of the building,
- If for any reason you cannot attend the course please contact us and cancel

Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society 319 Selby St, Nanaimo  
Training is at back of the building. Follow the signs on day of training.



#### What the participants need to know

The course can be completed in *about* 8 hours. The time mentioned includes class, breaks and testing time for most individuals. Seventy percent (70%) is the passing mark. Most participants find this achievable. Results and temporary certificates are provided on the training day. Certificates will take 4-6 weeks to be produced by the Vancouver Island Health Authorities (VIHA) and will be mailed to you. The certificate does expire and a re-certification after five-years will be necessary.

If you have any other questions please  
contact Charlayne at  
[email forefront@telus.net](mailto:forefront@telus.net) or call and text 250 729-1510

#### 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.*

## 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

If you have any other questions please contact  
**Charlayne** at  
[email forefront@telus.net](mailto:forefront@telus.net) or talk or text 250 729-1510

Cashier Training DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOU ARE NOW PRE-REGISTERED-**

- Cost is \$150 plus \$7.50 GST- Total \$157.50

SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

- Class is from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- We ask that you come **fifteen minutes early** to register at 8:45 am
- Bring lunch** as we only take a 1/2-hour lunch break
- PARKING- is limited** at the right hand side of the building
- We will call or email to remind you a few days before
- If for any reason you cannot attend the course please contact us and cancel at [Forefront@telus.net](mailto:Forefront@telus.net) or call or text 250 729 1510

Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society 319 Selby St, Nanaimo  
Training is at back of the building. Follow the signs on day of training.



Teacher contact is the first step. If you have received notification that your student has missed a class, and you would like to check, please email the teacher first, before calling the office.

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