



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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the calendar ticked forward into the New Year last week, many of us took the time to celebrate with friends and family to mark the occasion. The turning of a new year often results in discussions and reflections upon the past year and resolutions for the New Year. When I hear 2020, I instantly associate that with vision and since I have been wearing glasses from the age of 16, I know that 20/20 vision for me will never happen. I was a student at Woodlands Junior High School when I turned 16 and I would have had a vision of what the future would entail. At a technological level, I would have predicted that in 2020 we would have flying cars, a moon base and we may have a cure for cancer. I would not have predicted that we would have the internet, cell phones, Netflix, and drinking straw bans. On a global level, the concern was that we were trending toward a nuclear war, which was terrifying to us, and we needed to find a solution to the famine that was ravaging the "third world" particularly Africa. At no point as a teenager, would it have entered my mind that in 2020 we would be struggling with a global climate crisis that was threatening our very existence.

My son turns 20 in 2020 and he is currently exploring Australia. My wife and I have been excited for him, but are concernedly tracking his progress as he and his caravan of friends navigate a cross continent adventure. It is hard to see how he can find his way across Australia, when the fire map shows the nation surrounded, literally engulfed by fire. They have had major delays on the highways as the fire crews set backfires to battle the blazes. He has had to endure 50+ degree Celsius temperatures and an air advisory that is often unhealthy to hazardous. Although this trip appears to be somewhat treacherous, I think it is a good thing for him to see. Growing up in Nanaimo, with its climate and natural environment, is a privilege. With our coastal location and favorable latitude, we escape the extremes that our northern, southern and equatorial regions are faced with. Living here, it may be easier to turn a blind eye to what is really happening on a global level. Upon his return, my son will be making his way to BCIT to seek a diploma in Forest and Natural Areas Management, perhaps what he sees in Australia will further fuel his interest in protecting our environment from ourselves.

Ultimately, our salvation will always lie with education and our youth. On a daily basis I am amazed at the global awareness that our students show. The amount of positive initiatives around our holiday season, to bring joy and necessities to those less fortunate was truly heartwarming. Locally, and Globally our youth can make a difference, and they are becoming empowered to do so. Time Magazine's person of the year is climate activist Greta Thunberg. At sixteen she is the youngest individual to receive this distinction. Regardless of your perception of Greta, the effect of someone so young having such an impact on the world stage will have an astonishing ripple effect on our youth.

Our ability to see and react to the challenges that our rapidly changing climate creates is one thing, but to seek solutions to them is another beast entirely. Australian fire fighters are among the best in the world at suppressing fires, but the help they truly need is to lessen the number of yearly fires. The solution lies with all of us, and our youth will be the key. As adults, we need to support our children to have a voice. This may mean that the older generation needs to get out of the way and allow change to happen more rapidly. Time is of the essence; youth in the 1980's would have prioritized famine and nuclear war, but did not foresee the rapid approach of climate change. We need to wake up and make progress on our climate, so we have the ability to deal with what is next.

G. Steel

Principal, NDSS



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

NDSS staff welcomes incoming principal Liana Appelt who will begin February 3, 2020, coming to us from George P. Vanier School in Calgary. Ms. Appelt received her Bachelor of Education, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from University of Calgary.

NDSS ASSESSMENT WEEK

Classes will not be in session on Thursday, Jan 23rd or Friday, January 24th. More information on page 3.

IMPORTANT

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Mr. L. Hackwood	Automotive
Mr. J. Le	PE/Social Studies
Ms. E. Kemp	Careers/Work Experience
Ms. J. Moxam	French
Ms. T. Walker	Creative Writing/Composition



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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 Francophone, Human Services
Mr. Kral: Crocker—Krepps
Ms.Tomiyama: Krickan—Pike
Ms. Smith: Piket—Z
Ms. Pyne: International Students Scholarships



Well NDSS, you are finally getting rid of me. Yes, its official, I am retiring from regular teaching. After 39 years of teaching I will be retiring on January 30th. I would like to thank all my colleagues and friends for the support they gave me during all those years. I would also like to thank all the parents that trusted me with the education of their children. A very special thank you to all the students I have had the honour of teaching and had the opportunity of learning from. I will miss all of you. All of you made my career go by so fast.

Thank you,
Luc Begin
Soon to be retired Math teacher



MOVIE NIGHT

The NDSS Leadership class is holding a movie afternoon Friday, January 10th. The movie playing will be Monsters Inc.!! This will be an opportunity for students to meet others and enjoy a fun afternoon. A concession will be available with popcorn and hot chocolate. Tickets will be available at lunch outside the office during the week for \$2. All proceeds will go to supporting our Student Council activities.



GRAD PHOTO RETAKES

January 21, 2020
Book at: “bookmygrad.ca” and use school code ‘DPV’



SCHOOL CLOSURE—DUE TO WEATHER

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM,WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure.
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. Families may also receive a message through the School Messenger notification system via phone, email or text. 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 CALENDAR FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Jan. 6 (Mon) School Re-Opens
Jan. 20 (Mon) Evaluation de Numeratie 10(French Immersion Numeracy Assessment)
Jan. 21-22(Tue-Wed) Numeracy Assessments
Jan. 21 (Tue) Grad Photo Retakes
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. 23-24(Th-F) School not in session, Assessment Week
Jan. 27 (Mon) Semester 2 Term 1 First Day
Feb. 6 (Thu) Semester 1 Report Card Available on MYEDBC
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
Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)
May 7 (Thu) Parent-Teacher Interviews/ Gr. 8/9 SLC's
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
May 28 (Thu) Fine Arts Night
May 29 (Fri) Non-Instructional Day
Jun. 3 (Wed) Grade 10-11 Awards Assemblies, in school
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
Jun. 22 (Mon) English 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am ***students missing exam, or re-write**
Jun. 23 (Tue) Francais Langue 12 Prov. Exam 12-3pm***students missing exam, or re-write**
Jun. 23 (Tue) Comm. 12 Prov. Exam 8:30-11:30 am ***students missing exam, or re-write**
Jun. 24 (Wed) Commencement Rehearsal (Nanaimo Conference Centre)
Jun. 25 (Thu) NDSS Commencement 9:00am (Nanaimo Conference Centre)
Jun. 26 (Fri) Year End Administrative Day
Jul. 3 (Fri) Semester 2 Report Cards Available on MYEDBC
Parent -Portal (Electronic Distribution)

*OCSL = Ongoing Communication of Student Learning



NANAIMO AQUATIC CENTRE ACCESS HOUR CHANGES

IMPORTANT

NEW ACCESS HOURS FOR STUDENTS AT NANAIMO AQUATIC CENTRE

On behalf of the City of Nanaimo and with the support of NDSS, we are informing students and parents of changes to student access to the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (NAC) during school hours.

Students who are not using the recreation facility for its intended purpose (swimming, fitness centres, Wellness Centre or other facility businesses) during school hours will be asked to return to the school. This change is taking place in order to give our patrons the most enjoyable experience while participating in recreation activities.

The changes will commence on Monday, January 6 during the following days and times:

- MONDAY AND FRIDAY: There will be no access to NAC from 8:30 am-1:45 pm with the exception of lunchtime from 10:55-11:15 am.
- TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: There will be no access to NAC from 8:30 am-3 pm with the exception of lunchtime from 11:23 am-12:02 pm.

Staff will be on hand for the month of January to direct students back to the school.

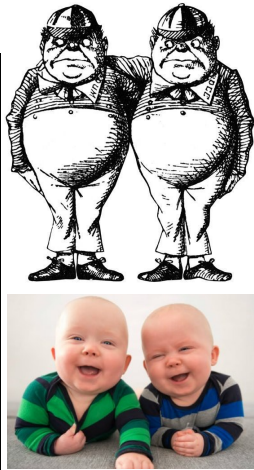


REMINDER: Smoking and vaping are not permitted on any City property, including the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre.



UPCOMING STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT DAYS

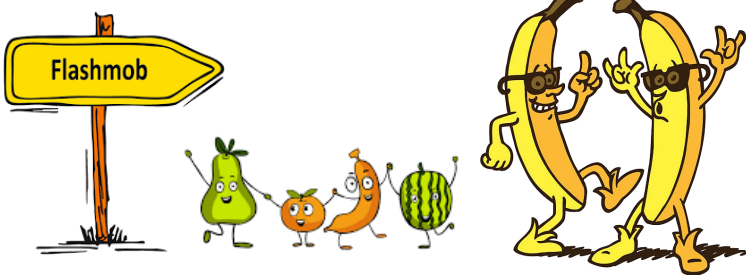
Jan. 10th - TWIN DAY



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.



COURSE SELECTION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

It's that time of year already! Students will be participating in course selection starting the second week of January. Here is the following course selection schedule. Grade 8 students will be walked through the completion of the course selection process on Wednesday, January 22 during their D double-block class. Grade 9-11 students will be called down and given the course selection information. Students will then complete course selection on their own. If you have any questions please contact your counsellor.

GRADE 9-11 COURSE SELECTION IN THE SMALL CAFETERIA – GRADE 8 COURSE SELECTION IN THE LIBRARY			
Tuesday, January 14 th Grade 9 Course Selection	C Block	9:15am-9:50am Counsellors: Tomiyama and Giske	Students last names A-K
	D block	10:05am-10:40am Counsellors: Smith and Kral	Students last names L-Z
Wednesday, January 15 th Grade 10 course selection	B Block	9:15am-9:50am Counsellors: Smith and Kral	Students last names A-K
	A block	10:05am-10:40am Counsellors: Tomiyama and Giske	Students last names L-Z
Thursday, January 16 th Grade 11 course selection	D Block	9:15am-9:50am Counsellors: Smith and Kral	Students last names A-K
	C block	10:05am-10:40am Counsellors: Smith and Giske	Students last names L-Z
Wednesday, January 22 nd Grade 8 Course Selection *library with CB from 311	D Block	12:15-1:00pm: Barnum, Lowry, Richardson, Bruce 1:15-1:45pm: Becker, Smith, Cox 1:45-2:15pm: Cox, Hall, Hughes 2:15-2:45pm: Kloppenburg, Long, Noble	

ASSESSMENT WEEK / PROVINCIAL EXAM REWRITES

Students and families should be aware that classes will not be in session on Thursday, January 23 and Friday, January 24th. There will be double block rotations on Tuesday, January 21st and Wednesday, January 22nd to accommodate the time requirement for these assessments.

Numeracy Assessments for Grade 10 students:

Date	AM/PM	Double Block
Tues. Jan 21, 2020	AM	C
	PM	A
Wed Jan 22, 2020	AM	B
	PM	D

Monday, January 20: French Numeracy Assessment.

Tuesday, January 21: Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment.

Wednesday, January 22: Re-write English 12 Provincial Exam (AM) and Grade 10 Numeracy/ Literacy Exams.

Thursday, January 23: Re-write Communications 12 (AM) and Fra 12 (PM) Provincial Exam.



Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that helps create affordable homeownership for people in the community. Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island is looking for youth to volunteer 40 hours to the ReStore. They will be trained in a number of areas including cashier, merchandising, swamping, and receiving. This program will provide them valuable training and experience for future opportunities. Students are able to divide their volunteer hours across the different departments according to their interest.

You will receive a certificate of experience upon completion of the 40 hours

What experience will you get:

- Cashier – learning to receive payments, issues receipts, refunds and credits, close cash machine at end of night
- Swamping – accompany truck drivers to assist in the pickup and delivery of merchandise
- Merchandising – filling shelves with stock, ensuring the space looks presentable
- Warehouse receiving – receive donations, sort stock in back room before it hits shelves

Requirements:

- Youth ages 15+
- A commitment of 40 hours over 3 months
- Professional and positive attitude

Most information and application forms are available at www.habitatmvi.org , in the counselling area or at the NDSS main office.

YOUTH JOB BLAST

JANUARY 2020



CONTACT

Michelle Munro (she/her)
Youth Employment
Outreach Coordinator

Call/Text: 250-797-7935
m.munro@gthiringsolutions.ca

Come say hey!
101-155 Skinner Street
Nanaimo

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday 8:30-4:30PM
Tuesday 8:30-4:30PM
Wednesday 8:30-6:00PM
Thursday 8:30-3:00PM
Friday 8:30-4:30PM

FIND US ON SOCIAL!

WorkBCNanaimo
 @NanaimoWorkBC
 @NanaimoWorkBC

HOT EMPLOYMENT TIPS



Was 2019 a bit foggy? GET 2020 VISION!

Did you know that the WorkBC website offers Career Exploration tools? If you're unsure about what you want to do in the future, or if you're looking to make some changes from your current education and career path, check out the WorkBC website for resources and guidance. (workbc.ca)

Featured Tools:

Career Compass

Take a career quiz, visit BC regions or browse careers to explore your options.

WorkBC's Career Trek

Watch real life videos of 137 jobs throughout BC.

What Are You Made Of?

Click on words that best describe you and discover what careers suit you. You'll also find videos and profiles of trades careers.

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Cook

Country Club Dairy Queen

Drywall Installer

Noor Construction Inc.

Line Cook

Ricky's Grill

Companion

Origin at Longwood

Early Morning Facilities Associate

Old Navy

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Jan 7 Employer Forum: Careers at SE Health

Jan 15 Employer Forum: Careers at BC Ferries

Jan 15 Indigenous Recruiting Fair

Jan 22 Workplace Tours for Youth

Feb 25 CAREER PRO FOR YOUTH

Register at

youthcareerpro.eventbrite.ca



YOUTH JOB BLAST

JANVIER 2020



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de proximité

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m.munro@gthiringsolutions.ca

Viens dire bonjour!
101-155 rue Skinner
Nanaimo

HEURES D'OUVERTURE

Lundi 8h30 -16h30

Mardi 8h30 -16h30

Mercredi 8h30 -15h00

Jeudi 8h30 -18h00

Vendredi 8h30 -16h30

TROUVEZ-NOUS SUR LES RESEAUX SOCIAUX!

WorkBCNanaimo
 @NanaimoWorkBC
 @NanaimoWorkBC

HOT TIPS SUR L'EMPLOI



2019 fut une année embrouillée?
Gagnez une vision claire en 2020!

Saviez-vous que le site internet de WorkBC – www.workbc.ca – comprend des outils d'exploration de carrière? Si vous n'êtes pas certain de la direction professionnelle que vous souhaitez prendre, ou si vous songez à une reorientation de carrière, consultez le site internet de WorkBC pour obtenir des informations et conseils.

Outils Disponibles:

Career Compass

Faites un quiz carrière, visitez les régions de la C.-B. ou utilisez l'onglet "trouver des emplois" pour explorer vos options.

WorkBC's Career Trek

Regardez des vidéos sur 137 profils d'emploi à travers la Colombie-Britannique.

What Are You Made Of?

Cliquez sur les mots qui vous décrivent le mieux et trouvez votre carrière de rêve. Vous trouverez aussi des vidéos et profils portant sur divers métiers.

OPPORTUNITÉS D'EMPLOIS LOCALES

Cook

Country Club Dairy Queen

Drywall Installer

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ÉVÉNEMENTS ET ATELIERS À VENIR

7 janv. Forum des employeurs: SE Health

15 janv. Forum des employeurs: BC Ferries

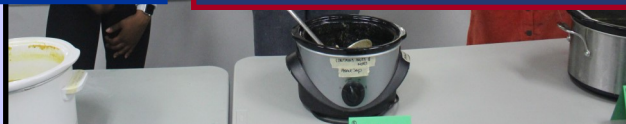
22 janv. Salon du recrutement Indigène

22 janv. Visites au travail pour les jeunes

25 février CAREER PRO FOR YOUTH

Inscrivez-vous à

youthcareerpro.eventbrite.ca



MAMA MIA!

Nanaimo District Secondary School’s The Company, together with The Port Theatre, presents *Mama Mia!* Directed by Martha Parker with Musical Direction by Doug Roszmann. This season’s 2020 musical is sure to be a delight!

Show Dates: February 26 & 27

Tickets: \$20.00

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Show at 7:00 PM

Purchase tickets online at <https://www.porttheatre.com/tickets>; in person at The Port Theatre at 125 Front St, Nanaimo; or by phone 250-754-8550.

Mamma Mia!, with a book by Catherine Johnson and music and lyrics from Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, is a musical based around the music from the band, AB-BA, of which, Andersson and Ulvaeus were both members. This popular, well-known musical comedy, filled with catchy melody lines, is set on a colourful island in Greece. The plot revolves around a self-sufficient, independent woman, Donna Sheridan, and her soon to be wed daughter, Sophie. Events are hurled into motion when Sophie actively seeks to know who her father is. When Sophie finds Donna’s diary documenting her free spirited 1970’s lifestyle and discovers, from reading between the lines, that her father is one of three men from her mother’s past, without Donna’s consent or knowledge, she invites these strangers to her wedding. Will it be Harry, Sam, or Bill? Well, you’ll just have to wait and see the show to find out!



WorkBC Centre Nanaimo

WORKPLACE TOURS FOR YOUTH JANUARY 22, 2020 2:00-3:30PM

NETWORK WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS, LEARN ABOUT HIRING OPPORTUNITIES, AND FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO GET THE JOB!



OPEN FOR YOUTH AGES 16-30
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: CALL/TEXT 250-797-7935
OR EMAIL: M.MUNRO@GTHIRINGSOLUTIONS.CA



This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
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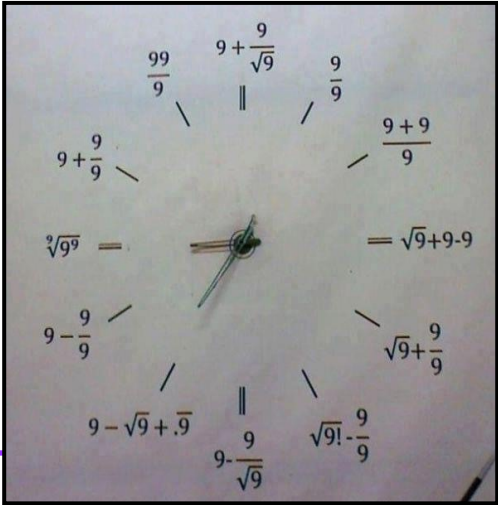
PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

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, January 7th. 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

PAC MEETING DATES:
January 7th April 7th
February 4th May 5th
March 3rd June 2nd



Math Help

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

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:

- General inquiries connect with a Recruitment Officer at 250.740-6672 or viuconnect@viu.ca
- 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
- Students ready to plan for September 2020 connect with Advising at 250-740-6410 or contact Educational Advisor jamie.wood@viu.ca
- Application status and documentation questions connect with the Registration 250.740.6400 or registra-

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY EVENTS, SPRING 2020

February 4th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Science at VIU – your students are invited to come to VIU's Nanaimo campus, in the new Ralph Nilson Centre for Health and Science (Bldg. 210) to learn a bit more about the science programs offered at VIU. Students can meet the faculty, chat with current students, participate in hands-on activities and find out if Science at VIU is right for them.

March 2nd, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Discovery Night for Parents – your students' parents and guardians are invited to participate in an opportunity to get their questions about post-secondary answered. There will be several VIU representatives to share their expertise with parents. The event will be offered at Oliver Woods Community Center (Monarch Room 1 and 2) in Nanaimo.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at viuconnect@viu.ca or call Lillian at 250.740.6672.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation online scholarship application opens January 13th. Join Ms Pyne for support in room 311 at lunch Mondays and Thursdays until the applications close on February 14th.

GRADE 11 STUDENTS

Support will be provided for CLC 11 and myblueprint. Join Ms. Pyne on Wednesdays at lunch in room 311. Every grade 11 student should show up at least once.

GOOD LUCK, MR HUGHES

Good luck and best wishes to Mr. Brett Hughes as he heads off into retirement. Mr. Hughes has had a terrific teaching career and taught at NDSS in the past and most recently stepped back out of retirement to take over as our auto-tech teacher. We wish Mr. Hughes all the best as he heads off on his next chapter of his life, which currently includes travelling. Mr. Lucas Hackwood will be taking over for Mr. Hughes as our new Auto-Tech teacher.

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School Registration 2020-2021

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on January 8, 2020 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, 2020 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2020 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, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2020. 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
- Applications will be received until March 1, 2020, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2020.**
- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2020.**

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



Dear Parents/Caregivers of Students in Grade 5,

Bonjour! Have you ever wished your child were fluent in both official languages? Over half a million Canadians have achieved functional bilingualism through French Immersion. In our school district, one student in 10 is enrolled in French Immersion and will graduate ready to pursue a bilingual career or post-secondary studies in French.

Over the past 40 years, thousands of students in our district have had great success in Early French Immersion (EFI), which starts in Kindergarten or Grade 1.

If your child is entering Grade 6 in September 2020, they are eligible to enroll in Late French Immersion (LFI) and join those graduating from secondary school with bilingual Dogwood certificates. LFI is a fully funded, 2-year public education program with no additional costs.

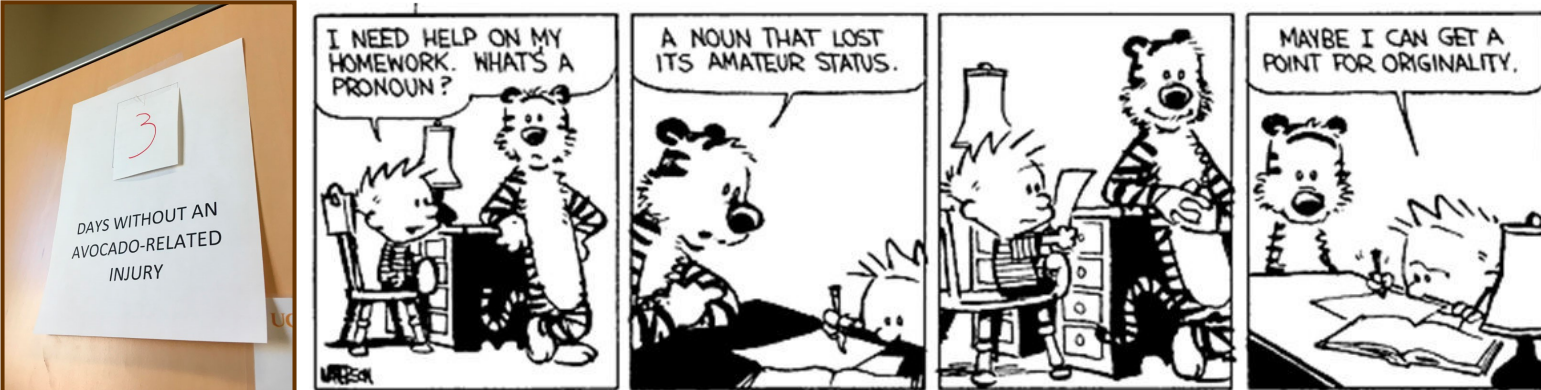
Please discuss the LFI option with your child and with other parents. Pending sufficient enrolment, LFI will continue this September at École Quarterway Elementary School (www.quarterway.ca). Ideally there will be a class of 29 new Grade 6 students.

Please contact École Quarterway Principal, Arlette Begoum-Kake for more information about Late Immersion entry - 250 754-6845



EVERYBODY DESERVES A SMILE

A huge thank you to the whole NDSS community for helping the Global Committee fill 450 bags of warm winter wear for our local homeless. This project was led by Elise Therrien, one of our Grade 12 students, who coordinated the project for our whole city!



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All students are welcome to apply. Applications must be completed and received by central Registration by March 1, 2020

Acceptance into an Academy will be determined either by Lottery or Try-Out/Audition. www.sd68.bc.ca/programs/secondary-academies/

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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