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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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL. **DR. LIANA APPELT!**

Message from the Principal

It is an honour for me to be the next Principal of NDSS and continue to foster the positive and inclusive culture that Mr. Steel and the staff have built here. I bring 20 years of experience as an educator in Alberta and have been a School Principal with the Calgary Board of Education since 2013. This is an exciting change for me as I am energized by the opportunity to work with the new BC Curriculum and support our teachers in addressing the needs of 21st Century Learners. I have been looking forward to joining Nanaimo Ladysmith Public School District for the last several weeks and will spend the next while getting to know the staff, students and parents who com- hours. prise the NDSS community.

From my first visit to the School last December, it was clear that diversity is one of our strengths and that staff take pride in ensuring that all members of the NDSS thanks to the staff at NDSS for the warm welcome I relearning community are valued and belong. Student success is at the core of all we do and a culture of inclusivity is the first step in this journey. I am committed to supporting all learners and providing opportunities for each student to achieve success. Regardless of which program our students are enrolled in, and where they hope to go, we are committed to supporting each and every one!

Mr. Steel and I have had the opportunity to discuss various initiatives underway for the second semester. He also shared with me how the School Vision and Mission align with the district's goals. Mr. Steel's strong working relationships have been foundational in how his leadership cultivated such as welcoming feeling in the school. It will be my goal to sustain and maintain what the leadership team at NDSS has begun as well as begin to explore with teachers how their PLC work connects to formative and summative assessment practices.

I was born in Montreal in the late 70's to a French Canadian Mother and a Danish Father who immigrated to Canada in his late teens. French is my mother tongue so feel free to speak to me in French if you like. I am determined learn a few words in the Hul'gumi'num Language by



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Mr. A. Barron Ms. M. Jorgensen Ms. B. Punter Ms. B. Washburn

Social Studies **Education Assistant** Careers/English Records (Temp)



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him updated. Henri is pursuing a career as a Journeyman Millwright and is working for a company in Lloydminster, Alberta as part of the requirements for his apprenticeship I hope to have the opportunity to connect, in person, with

parents at our upcoming PAC meeting, which is Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm in the NDSS Library. Finally, sincere ceived since the announcement of my appointment was made in late November. I wish Mr. Steel all the best as the next Principal of Dover Bay and it is reassuring to know he is only a phone call away if I have any questions.

the end of June as well as continue to build on my Span-

ish speaking skills, which have atrophied since leaving a Spanish Bilingual School where I was the Principal for

three years. Language acquisition and heritage language preservation are fascinating topics to me. In fact, so much

so, that I devoted both my Master thesis and Doctoral dissertation to explore aspects of bilingual and immersion

In my spare time, I enjoy riding my bike (Road & X-

country), swimming lengths, trail running, hiking and read-

ing 'The New Yorker' as well as fashion magazines. Ser-

endipitously, my 20-year-old son Henri also moved to a

new community earlier this year and he has been giving

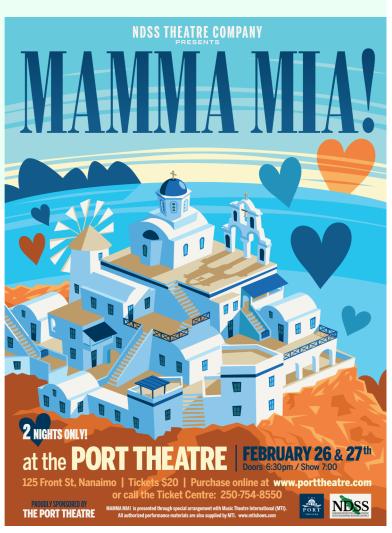
me tips on how to make friends and fit in! I'll have to keep

programs within K-12 settings in Canada.

Sincerely,

Dr. Liana Appelt Principal, NDSS

velcome !



GOODBYE MR. STEEL

NDSS staff and students wish to thank Mr. Steel for his years of hard work and dedication to making NDSS a better place. You will be greatly missed!



ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Liana Appelt Mr. Shawn Shahi Ms. Ricki Bartlett

Principal, Grade 12s Vice-Principal, Grades 8-11, A-K Vice-Principal, Grades 8-11, L-Z

COUNSELLOR STUDENT ALLOCATION

Ms. Al-Hajj/Mr. Giske: Mr. Kral: Ms.Tomiyama: Ms. Smith: Ms. Pyne:

A- Cristobal Francophone, Human Services Crocker—Krepps Krickan—Pike Piket-Z International Students Scholarships

RETURNING ACADEMY STUDENTS

Do not lose your spot!

Students currently in an NDSS sports academy program, should be aware that they need to fill out a 'Player Intent' form (available from their coaches and the main office) and return it to the main office before March 1st, 2020 if they intend to reserve a spot in their academy for the 2020-2021 school year.

Failure to indicate intent before this date will result in students needing to re-apply for their academy online, and once again being a part of the lottery process.



SCHOOL CLOSURE—DUE TO WEATHER

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weatherrelated 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 lis-

ten 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

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 As		
,	sessment)		
Apr. 15 (Wed)	Evaluation de litteratie 10 (French Immersion Literacy assessment		
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		
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Jun. 25 (Thu)	NDSS Commencement 9:00am		
oani 20 (11a)	(Nanaimo Conference Centre)		
Jun. 26 (Fri)	Year End Administrative Day		
Jul. 3 (Fri)	Semester 2 Report Cards Available on MYEDBC		
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The Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program began is in the cafeteria Mondays-Fridays from 8:00am-8:30am. Don't go to class hungry!









THE MAPLE MAN

The Maple Man is coming to NDSS Feb. 27th to do presentations with our French Immersion and Core French students!

Canadian Parents for French (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Chapter wishes to acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Education, and the Government of Canada, Canadian Heritage/ Patrimoine canadien. We also wish to thank Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon Branch for its support.

UPCOMING STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT DAYS

Feb. 7th - Comfy Day Feb 12th- Mamma Mia Y2K Day Feb. 27th - Pink Shirt Day March 13th - Denim Day





SR. GIRLS BASKETBALL LINK

Watch NDSS' senior girls basketball team in action! Totem is BC's longest-running high school basketball tournament. Saturday Feature girls game Alberni District Secondary School Armada vs Nanaimo District Secondary School Islanders.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fc4HZTrNICc





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.

nent 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.
- 3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
- 4. 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 alread on some accurate. placed as space permits.

5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? Lottery

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Volleyball	Jazz	

Applications will be received until March 1, 2020, at which time student selec be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2020. ection will

- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2020.**



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 groce in their lockers and return back to class.



The Habitat for Humanity®

Mid-Vancouver Island

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.



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 achiev 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.

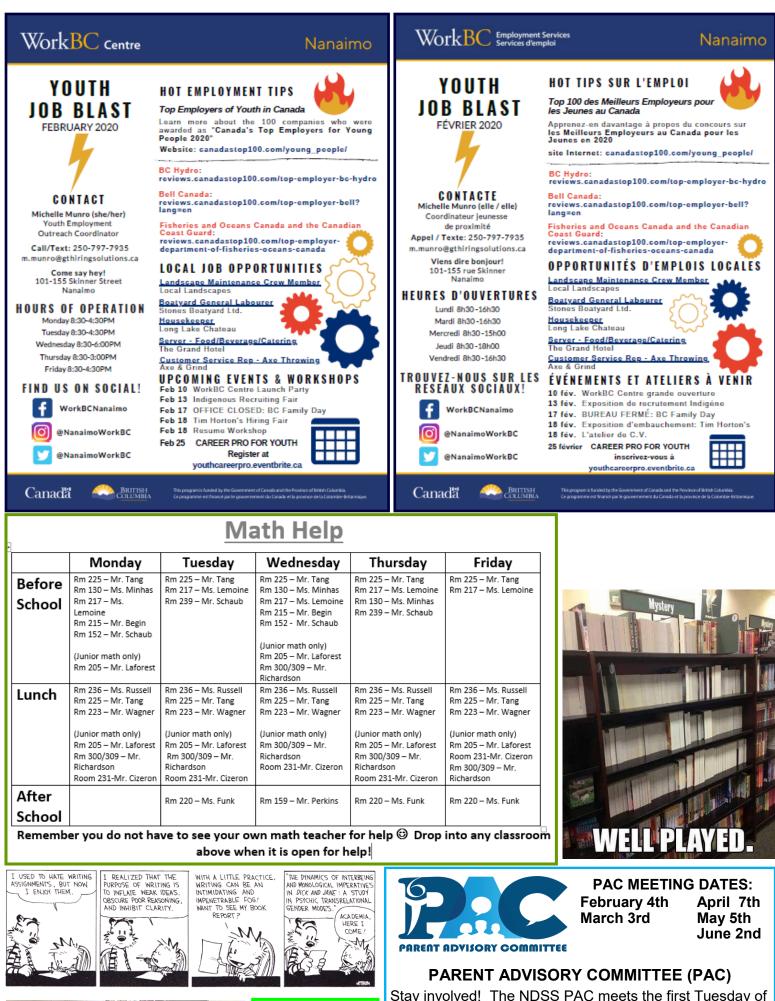
If your child is entering Grade 6 in September 2020, they are eligible to enroll in Late French Immersion (LFI) and join those graduating from secondary school with bilingual Dogwood certificates. LFI is a fully funded, 2-year public education program with no additional costs.

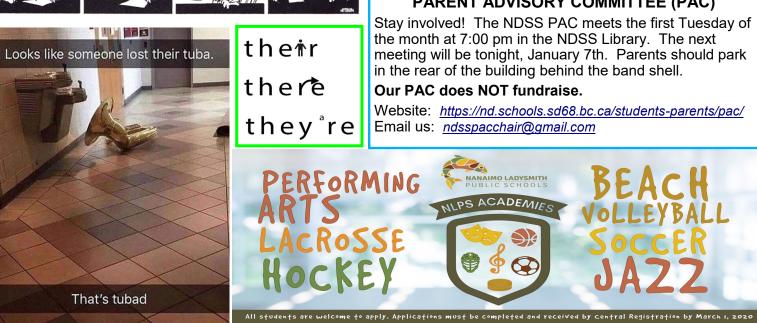
Please discuss the LFI option with your child and with other parents. Pending sufficient enrolment, LFI will continue this September at École Quarterway Elementary School (www.quarterway.ca). Ideally there will be a class of 29 new Grade 6 students.

Please contact École Quarterway Principal,

Arlette Begoum-Kake for more information about Late Immersion entry - 250 754-6845







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

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: Mark your calendar... Science and Tech at VIU

When: Tuesday, Feb 4, 2020, 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Where: Nanaimo Campus Building 210, 2nd floor

Interested in studying science? Join us to explore all the programs that are offered in the Science and Technology faculty at Vancouver Island University. Come out and explore your options, meet with faculty and try hands-on activities in a variety of different science disciplines. This event is open to all learners and their families. For questions or more information, email <u>viuconnect@viu.ca</u>

2020 Dual Credit Information Session

When: Monday, February 10, 2020, 6:30PM - 7:30PM Where: Nanaimo Campus, Building 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 courses will receive dual credits: elective courses towards their Dogwood Diploma, as well as university credit courses with Vancouver Island University.

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

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

c. Students ready to plan for September 2020 connect with Advising at 250-740-6410 or contact Educational Advisor Jamie Wood. Email <u>Jamie.Wood@viu.ca</u>

d. Application status and documentation questions connect with the Registration 250.740.6400 or <u>registra-</u> tion@viu.ca

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PROGRAM AT VIU

For grade 12 students interested in the Child and Youth Care (CYC) Program at Vancouver Island University (VIU).

We offer both a degree and diploma program that are ideal for people who want to work with children, youth and families in a helping role. Our graduates are employed in a range of settings such as schools, youth justice programs and mental health services. In addition, we offer a Child Protection Specialization that prepares students to work the Ministry for Child and Family Development and new this year are international opportunities in Australia and Norway.

The deadline to apply to the program is March 31, 2020, although applicants are encouraged to apply by the early consideration deadline of January 31, 2020. The program fills quickly and early applicants are given priority. Information on the program and how to apply can be found here <u>https://programs.viu.ca/human-services/bachelor-arts-child-and-youth-care</u>.

Please take a moment to look at this short and entertaining video developed by some of our students that highlights the field of CYC and our program here at VIU. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQwuikldrfl&feature=youtu.be</u>.

See http://www2.viu.ca/cyc/ for information on the Child and Youth Care Program at VIU, or email Teri.derksen@viu.ca .



2020 DUAL CREDIT ENRICHMENT INFORMATION SESSION

When: Monday, February 10, 2020, 6:30PM - 7:30PM Where: Nanaimo Campus, Building 356 Room 109 Who: Students that are maintaining three A' s and a B

in their academic course work. **What**: Up to four VIU Courses (two per semester) that are required courses leading to your Specific Career

Goal. 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 offered **Tuition Free** to current secondary students. Students successfully completing courses will receive dual credits: 4 elective coursesper course towards their Dogwood Diploma, as well as university credit courses with Vancouver Island University.

The information session will take place on **Monday, February 10**, **2020** between 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Building 356 Room 109.

Please call the CTC @ **250-154-2247** with any questions or email **ctc@sd68.bc.ca**

DRY GRAD 2020 T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

ARE YOU A CREATIVE STUDENT IN GRADE 10, 11 OR 12? DESIGN THIS YEAR'S DRY GRAD T-SHIRT!

SPECIFICATIONS



Grad 2020" by deadline. Ensure your Name and Grade is written on the back of entry

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

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

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