



## Nanaimo District Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians of NDSS Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, September 22, 2021

### PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

- NDSS fees for field trips, sporting events and activities are **now due**. NLPS has an online system called [School Cash Online](#) accessed via the district website or via this direct link: <https://nlps.schoolcashonline.com/>
- The number and types of fees in each '[School Cash Online](#)' account vary depending on factors such as: type of program, team sports, grade, etc., Additional fees may be added during the year (*i.e.*, *overdue library books, math workbooks, etc.*).
- To receive automated emails if additional fees are uploaded, [log into your account](#), select 'My Account' from the option menu and then click 'Manage Email Notifications' as this is not automatically activated and the only way to receive notice.

### NDSS FEES 2021/2022

- Payment deadlines in your online fee account are default dates as late as June 2022. *This is not accurate. Fees that appear now are due by Nov 12, 2021.* The default dates must remain or our ability to add new fees throughout the year is lost.
- Our Student Activity Fee of \$20 covers lock rental, consumables to enhance school spirit events and snacks/drinks for all student at various occasions. This \$20 replaces the need to request small amounts from you throughout the year.
- Grad Fee for gr. 12's is \$85 and does not include the yearbook or student activity fee. More details about grad will be provided throughout the year to grade 12's only. The \$60 yearbook fee is uploaded as an optional fee for all our students.

### RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

- NDSS has experienced a significant increase in vandalism and theft related to a concerning [global phenomenon on Tik Tok](#) encouraging students to engage in illegal activities. To date, those caught have faced in-school restorative justice.
- Going forward, NDSS students who steal school property or are involved with vandalism of the building will face criminal charges. Our School Liaison Officer (RCMP) is on site daily and is assisting us in closely monitoring this on-going situation.
- To ensure that none of our students face the potentially serious consequences of impulsive behavior related to social media, please speak to your teen so they understand responsible [digital citizenship](#) and the importance of their [digital reputation](#).

### STUDENT MASK MANDATE

- Our clerical staff in the front office are providing between 100-200 disposable medical masks to students each day. Given the [current PHO K-12 guidelines](#) free masks are given to students who forget theirs or lose them during the school day.
- To reduce landfill waste and mask purchase costs to the school, students are asked to bring a mask each day. [Reusable NDSS logoed masks are available for purchase](#) and the description and cost are uploaded in your [online fee account](#).

### OTHER ITEMS:

- Tomorrow, there is a scheduled Fire Drill @ 10:30am. Futured dates of school emergency procedures drills are listed in our NDSS app. It is a fee download via the 'App Store' by searching '[My School Day](#)' and has many features for students.
- The [NDSS Term 1 newsletter](#) is posted on our school website and the next issue will be at the start of term 2 on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Chair of our [Parent Association Committee \(PAC\)](#) would like to invite all NDSS parents to the first meeting of the 2021/2022 school year on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in our library (*mandatory masks & social distancing required*).
- The [Track & Field Rotary Bowl](#) located near NDSS School is closed for construction. Students are asked to avoid this area.

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Principal - NDSS