

Dear Parents and Guardians of NDSS Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, October 27, 2021:

HALLOWEEN

- This coming Friday, students can wear a costume to school that aligns with our [School Attire Expectations](#). No weapons or full-face masks. At lunch there is a '[Halloween Costume Contest](#)' on the small gym stage for participants only.
- Students who decide to dress up this Friday are asked *to arrive at school fully dressed in their costume* of choice. Regular classroom instruction is planned all day and students will not be excused from class to change or apply make-up.
- We are excited to see what creative costumes are worn on Friday and expect all students to make positive behavior choices. To ensure a safe & fun day, our School Liaison Officer will be on-site, and NDSS Administration will be highly visible.

STUDENT SPORTS

- NDSS student athletes from several of our school sports team have recently participated in a variety of events and done very well. Read all about it here: <https://sites.google.com/learn68.ca/ndssathletics/newsletter/october-19th-26th>
- NLPS Athletic Directors are in the process of working with District Leadership so that spectators can gradually, and safely, be invited to watch games and tournaments inside our school gymnasiums.
- All Secondary Schools are working on a common letter to share the first phase of welcoming spectators. It will be sent with next week's email and will detail the NLPS '[One Athlete: One Adult](#)' as *our beginning step* to future full audiences.

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

- By Friday Oct 29th, NDSS Teachers will have provided Ongoing Communication of Student Learning (OCSL) reports to those parents/guardians who were unable to schedule a parent/teacher conference phone call earlier this month.
- During double block classes next Tues, Wed & Thurs., (Nov 2 - 4) students currently taking [Gr. 10 English](#), [Gr. 10 Math](#) and [Gr. 12 English](#) will complete Literacy & Numeracy Assessments which are part of [Graduation Requirements](#) in BC.
- Gr. 10 & 12 Lit. & Num. results can be viewed in [MyEd](#) within 3-4 months from the time of writing and will appear on [Student Transcripts](#). If needed, students have 2 opportunities to rewrite these assessments during their graduation year.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Our Breakfast Program is now up and running each morning from 8:00-8:30am. Students who are hungry and in need of food can go to the sm. cafeteria via the single entrance door off the back compound where they will be greeted by staff.
- The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, November 3 from 7:00-8:30pm in our NDSS Learning Commons Library and the Agenda is posted on our [school website](#). All parents/guardians of NDSS students are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Those in the market to buy new/used outdoor sporting gear (*i.e., Fishing, Camping, etc.,*) are invited to attend the NDSS West Coast Wilderness Course Fundraising Event on Saturday Nov 6th from 8:30-2:00pm in our large and small gyms.

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