

Dear Parents and Guardians of NDSS Students - Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday November 24, 2021:

### GRAD PHOTO SIGN-UP

- **URGENT REMINDER FOR G. 12's:** As of today, only 140 of 301 gr. 12's signed up for a 2022 Grad Photo Sitting Session. Grad Photos will take place next week from 9:00-4:00pm in our sm. cafeteria. **Drop in spots will not be available.**
- To confirm a spot, students must sign up online via the Edge Imaging NDSS [Grad Photo Website](#) by Fri, Nov 26 @ 5pm.
- There is a step-by-step document on the [Grad Page](#) of our NDSS website showing how to sign up for a grad photo session. The site asks for 'Student Number' which refers to the **7- or 8-digit Pupil #** (not their PEN) found in your [MyEd account](#).

### STUDENT INITIATIVES

- Does your family have extra coats or unused *shampoo/conditioner/soap or body wash* lying around the house that aren't needed? If yes, NDSS Student Leadership is collecting these items for donation until Dec 3. Bring items to room 207.
- [Everybody Deserves a Smile](#) (EDAS) is a non-profit organization that partners with schools in support of people experiencing homelessness. The NDSS Global Committee is currently raising funds for the [EDAS Nanaimo initiative](#).
- Donations to EDAS of \$2, \$5, or \$10 can be made via your [SchoolCashOnline](#) account. Any donation is appreciated.

### HOLIDAY SEASON EVENTS

- There are several special days and events planned for students throughout the month of Dec leading up to the Winter Break which starts on Sat, Dec 18 and ends Mon, Jan 3, 22. The first day back for staff/students is Tues, Jan 4th, 2022.
- Spirit Days are on Wednesday & students/staff are encouraged to wear items of clothing that go with the theme of the week as determined by Student Leadership. Today was 'solid color clothing' and Wed, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> is **NDSS Logo Wear day**.
- Details about '*Holiday Spirit Week*' can be found on p. 3 of the [Term 2 Newsletter](#) which is posted on our NDSS website.

### DEC PAC MEETING

- The next NDSS PAC meeting is on Wed Dec 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm and the [agenda](#) is now uploaded on our website.
- Given the current fuel restrictions on Vancouver Island, this meeting will take place virtually via **TEAMS** videoconference.
- If you would like to attend this meeting, please email our NDSS PAC Chair, Jenn Therriault @ [ndsspacchair@gmail.com](mailto:ndsspacchair@gmail.com)

### NDSS ADMIN UPDATE

- Fri Nov 26<sup>th</sup> is my last day at NDSS until after winter break as I need to be off work for surgery and subsequent recovery.
- I am pleased to share that Mr. Shahi has accepted the position of Acting Principal of NDSS and that the District arranged to have Ms. Gvojich provide additional support as an Acting Vice Principal until my anticipated return on Tues, Jan 4, 22.
- Ms. Gvojich is a familiar to our teaching staff, as she has been actively participating in our PLCs since Sept. This week, she spent 2 days with us to start the transition from her current role as a Learning Coordinator to Acting VP @ NDSS.

### OTHER INFORMATION

- The AV club has produced and posted their 1<sup>st</sup> NDSS News Show' via a link in the '[Student Life](#)' page of the NDSS site.
- This week's [Athletic Newsletter](#) is now posted online and shares how our NDSS sports teams did at recent tournaments.
- Earlier this week, information was sent to NLPS families regarding the [BC fuel shortage](#) & guidelines from the Minister of Education for k-12. Updates to what was initially communicated will come directly from our coaches/teachers as required.