

Dear Parents and Guardians of NDSS Students - Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, December 1, 2021:

NDSS ADMIN UPDATE

- This is a reminder from last week that Ms. Appelt will be off until the new year. During that time, I have accepted the position as Acting Principal of NDSS and Ms. Gvojich has taken on my portfolio as Acting Vice-Principal until Ms. Appelt's anticipated return on Tues, Jan 4, 22.

GRAD PHOTO SIGN-UP

- **URGENT REMINDER FOR G. 12's:** Photos are taking place this week from 9:00am-4:00pm in our sm. cafeteria. **Drop in spots will not be available.**
- 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

- Grads – Please fill out the survey posted on your Grad Google Classroom regarding your commencement ceremony.
- 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

- Due to the extended fuel restrictions, our **Winter Band Concert** scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 7 has sadly been canceled.
- Winter Break starts on Sat, Dec 18 and ends Mon, Jan 3, 22. The first day back for staff/students is Tues, Jan 4, 2022.
- This Friday is ND Day! Please wear your spirit wear or school colours to participate and enter the draw in room 207 at lunch.
- Details about '*Holiday Spirit Week*' can be found on p3 of the [Term 2 Newsletter](#) which is posted on our NDSS website.

DEC PAC MEETING

- The next NDSS PAC meeting is tonight, Wed, Dec. 1st 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** video conference.
- If you would like to attend this meeting, please email our NDSS PAC Chair, Jenn Therriault @ ndsspacchair@gmail.com

OTHER INFORMATION

- Today, information was sent to NLPS families regarding the [BC fuel shortage](#) & guidelines from the Minister of Education for K-12. Provincial emergency orders have been extended to December 14th, 2021
- The AV club has produced and posted their 1st' 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.

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