

Dear Parents and Guardians of NDSS Students - Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, December 15, 2021:

LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENTS

January 24th – 28th- Literacy and Numeracy assessments will be held for students who missed the November Assessments. Also these assessments are for those in grade 11 or 12 who have not previously completed the Literacy 10 or Math 10. A schedule will be posted on our website in January.

GRAD PHOTOS

- **Grad Photos retakes will be on January 20th and 21st**

STUDENT PHOTO ID

- Students requesting Photo ID cards can access a digital ID through Edge Imaging. Students can now download their electronic ID with three simple taps by following the secure link that will be emailed to their learn68 account.

JANUARY PAC MEETING

- The next NDSS PAC meeting is January 5 from 7:00-8:00pm in the library. If you would like to attend this meeting, please email our NDSS PAC Chair, Jenn Therriault: ndsspacchair@gmail.com

STUDENT INITIATIVES

- January 7th- Cozy Day, January 21st - ND Day

HOLIDAY SEASON EVENTS & FUNDRAISING TOTAL

- Our Foods classes and staff made over 3000 pancakes for our students this week. Thank you to the PAC and community members for your kind donations and a **BIG** thank you to our staff and students for preparing breakfast for our school community.
- Approximately 100 coats were collected by Leadership and donated to the Hope Centre in partnership with Youth2020Can
- Approximately 200 shower products were collected by Leadership and donated to the Caledonia Shower Program to help the homeless in our community
- \$135 and 100 non-perishable food items were collected by Leadership at our pancake breakfast and donated to Loaves and Fishes
- **'Holiday Spirit Week'** - Thursday- Red vs Green – wear all red or green, Fuzzy Friday – wear your coziest holiday clothing or PJs.

OTHER INFORMATION

- AAAA Sr. Girls Volleyball Team came in 4th place this past weekend. Congratulations to our players and coaches on a successful season!
- The AV club has produced and posted their 1st' NDSS News Show via a link in the ['Student Life' page](#) of the NDSS website.
- Check out our new [NDSS Sports Podcast](#) by clicking the link.
- This week's [Athletic Newsletter](#) is now posted online and shares how our NDSS sports teams did at recent tournaments.

On behalf of our staff, we would like our families to know that we strive to foster a learning environment that is safe and inclusive of all students. We know that the approaching holiday season can be challenging for many students (and families) and have provided resources for students and families to access if needed. If you require any additional support, please do not hesitate to contact our school counsellors.

If your child is struggling with mental health concerns. Please click on the following links: [24 Hour Crisis line](#): 1-888-494-3888 [Brooks Landing Crisis Counselling](#): 250-739-5710

'If your child or someone they know is being bullied: Report your concerns to administration and/or [ERASE Bullying](#) If your student needs support with SOGI, please click the following links for support: [SOGI123](#) [Kelty Mental health](#) [Qmunity](#) [Trans Care BC](#)

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing winter break. Stay safe.

Mr. Shawn Shahi

Acting Principal – NDSS