

Dear Parents and Guardians of NDSS Students - Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, December 8, 2021:

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). Below are some resources for students and families to access if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact our school counsellors for any additional support.

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](#)

### GRAD PHOTOS

- **Grad Photos are now done. Retakes will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**
- 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 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.

### WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION

- The district will send out communication should schools be closed or if busses are not operating. Announcements can be found on the district website, Facebook, Twitter, local radio stations, or by School Messenger via email, phone, or text. [Weather Update](#)

### STUDENT INITIATIVES

- NDSS Student Leadership has extended the date and is collecting extra coats or unused shampoo/conditioner/soap or body wash donations until Dec 9. Please bring items to room 207.
- Donations to [Everybody Deserves a Smile](#) of \$2, \$5, or \$10 are still be accepted and can be made via your [SchoolCashOnline](#) account.

### HOLIDAY SEASON EVENTS

- NDSS will be serving all students a pancake breakfast next week! Grade 12s will eat on Monday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and grades 8-11 will eat on Tuesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to bring a can or money donation that will be given to the local food bank.
- **'Holiday Spirit Week'** Mr. Clause Monday – wear a Santa hat, Tacky Tuesday – Wear your tackiest holiday clothing, Winter Wonderland Wednesday – Wear blue and white, Red vs Green Thursday – wear all red or green, Fuzzy Friday – wear your coziest holiday clothing or PJs.

### OTHER INFORMATION

- AAAA Sr. Girls Volleyball Championships will be held at Dover Bay, John Barsby and NDSS from Thursday Dec 9 – Saturday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to our players and coaches!
- Last week, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- 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.

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