



Dear NDSS Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, February 16, 2022

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

- Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation is accepting on-line [Student Scholarship Applications](#) until next Thurs., Feb 24th.
- Gr. 12's considering attending [VIU](#) next year are encouraged to explore their many [scholarships, awards, and bursaries](#).
- BC School Sports also has [scholarship information](#) available online as well as [awards](#) for school, staff and coaches.
- Additional grants, scholarships and other financial supports for post-secondary are available through [Student Aid BC](#).
- For regular updates about Canadian scholarships, sent right to your inbox, sign up at: <https://studentawards.com/>

2022/2023 PLANNING

- NDSS is wrapping up student course selection this week, which is the first step required for planning next school year.
- Elective Courses (*i.e., Art, Drama, Robotics, etc...*) are offered from year to year based on student preference and number who request a particular course in each grade. Some courses also require special teacher training or locations to run.
- This means that NDSS may not be able to run all the electives listed in the MyEd course selection options student saw.
- The [2022/2023 NLPS Schools Calendar](#) is posted on the district website. As this is a general "k-12 School" calendar, NDSS will be planning specific dates (*i.e., semester turn around*) with our sister secondary schools in the coming months.

PLEE FOR PARENTS

- Our next PAC is March 2nd at 7:00pm. I encourage parents to consider attending to experience how awesomely efficient and positive these Parents & Principal meetings are. PAC allocates funds to support extra-programming at NDSS.
- A few longstanding PAC parents will be 'graduating' from NDSS along with their grade 12 child this coming June. There are funds provided on an annual basis to School PAC's if there are parents on the executive who [apply for them each year](#).
- The fund for NDSS is based on enrollment from year to year a [minimum of \\$20 per student](#). Teachers apply to PAC to access these dollars which is a big part of how NDSS can offer extra-curricular clubs and student wide initiatives.

ACADEMY DEADLINES

RETURNING ACADEMY STUDENTS	NEW ACADEMY STUDENTS
Intent to return form email by deadline of March 1 to: academiesndss@sd68.bc.ca	Lottery registration deadline March 1 via the district site: https://www.sd68.bc.ca/programs/secondary-academies/
Full Payment of Fees, online only, due March 1 via: https://nlps.schoolcashionline.com/	Full Payment of Fees, online only, due April 1 via: https://nlps.schoolcashionline.com/

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- There is **No School** next Monday, Feb 21st for Family Day.
- Students will be dismissed at 1:50pm on Tuesday, March 1st as there are parent/teacher interviews that same week on Thursday, March 3rd from 3:30-6:30pm. Format of these mid-term communication conferences TBD by next Wednesday.
- Gr. 12's who want to submit a 'quote' for the Yearbook have until next Thurs., Feb 24th via the Grad Google Classroom.
- Gr. 11's interested in starting a Trade or taking a first-year course at [VIU are encouraged to apply ASAP](#). This program allows students to take advantage of [Dual Credit opportunities](#) at VIU and start Post-Secondary training early!

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